

# St George's Church, Benenden

*Our Mission: "To know and love Jesus and make his love known to all"*

## Our Worship: 18<sup>th</sup> December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Collect:** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Readings: Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-end*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
<b>10 am</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
26	<i>Mary's gift beyond all telling</i>
32	<i>Come, thou Redeemer of the earth (omit v4, v6U)</i>
35	<i>Fling wide the gates</i>
430	<i>Bread of heaven, on thee we feed</i>
45	<i>O come, Emmanuel (all v U; chorus H except v5U/D)</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	12.30 – 2 pm	Kent Young Ringers at St George's
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>PARISH CANDLE-LIT CAROL SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 – 9 pm	Bellringing at St George's
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	10 am	Funeral of t/l Roma Marshall at St George's
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>3 pm</b>	<b>CRIB SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd David Commander
	<b>11. 30 pm</b>	<b>THE FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS</b> led by Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

### Sunday Next: 25<sup>th</sup> December – **CHRISTMAS DAY**

*Readings: Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-14 [15-20]*

<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd David Commander
<b>10 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

## **Bible Readings – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **Romans 1.1-7**

#### **The Letter of Paul to the Romans Salutation**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Matthew 1.18-end The Birth of Jesus the Messiah**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Wednesday Coffee Mornings at the Memorial Hall** re-start on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**The Benenden Home Group next meets** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.



**Follow the Star App - now available**

*Please see the poster in church for a QR code and for Smart speaker or telephone access*

**The Follow the Star app features daily Advent reflections (1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December) and 12 days of Christmas reflections (24<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January). Together, each reflection takes you on a journey that will help you take fresh encouragement and hope from Advent and the Christmas story into the year ahead.**

**The app is available to download now for free, or you can sign up for a daily email reflection via: [cofe.io/FollowTheStar](https://cofe.io/FollowTheStar)**

### **Prayers:**

**Roma Marshall:** Please hold Cliff, Gary, John, Nigel and the family in your prayers. Roma's funeral is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am at St George's (followed by a family-only burial). Refreshments afterwards at the Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

**Iain Thomson:** Iain's Memorial Service will be at 2pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at St George's Church.

## Christmas Services at St George's 2022



### DECEMBER

<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Parish Candle-lit Carol Service
<b>Christmas Eve Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	3pm 11.30pm	Crib Service First Communion of Christmas
<b>Christmas Day Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Worship, <i>followed by Communion for those who wish to stay</i>

**NB: No midweek Communion service on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

### JANUARY

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	8am 10am	Holy Communion All-Age Communion <i>No Choral Evensong tonight</i>
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**Come in from the cold  
and keep warm this winter**



**Fridays and Sundays, 1-3pm**

(From Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January)

**The Memorial Hall, Benenden**

(N.B. There is also the Coffee Shop on a Wednesday, 10-11:30am)

Come to a warm community space; enjoy a warm drink; have a chat. Don't sit at home feeling alone, or being cold. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome. (Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.)

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# Weald Deanery

## Inter Parish Quiz night

When: **Saturday 28th January 2013**

Where: **St Laurence's Church Hawkhurst**

Time: **7.00pm**

Tickets **no charge**

Teams of **Six**

*Bring your own refreshments and drinks*

*Tea and Coffee provided*

Please confirm attendance by 21st January  
via email to: [grahamccodling@gmail.com](mailto:grahamccodling@gmail.com)

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