

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 21st January Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 21st January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Revelation 19.6-10, John 2.1-11

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Vicki Young & Revd David Commander

Hymns: 769 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*
 486 *Christ is the king*
 630 *Father, Lord of all creation*
 812 *Through all the changing scenes*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 23 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 25 th	10–11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9–11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 27 th	4 pm	CONNECT FOUR AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH

Sunday Next: 28th January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Readings: Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

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Revelation 19.6-10

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;

⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure'—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' ¹⁰Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2.1-11

The Wedding at Cana

²On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Ash Wednesday: 14th February

Ashing Service at St George's - at 7.30 pm

Please could we ask that any Palm Crosses be returned by Sunday 11th February in order to make the ashes for this service.

Collection baskets will be at the back in all three churches.

Prayers:

t/I Martyn Gregory, Aurea's son, died at Hawkhurst House on Tuesday 9th January. Aurea and Adrian arrived not long after Martyn passed away, and take comfort from the assurance that he died peacefully and from the time they had been able to spend together recently.

There will be a private family funeral service at Charing Crematorium on Tuesday 6th February. This will be followed by a Memorial Service at St George's Church at 12 noon on Friday 8th March. Please continue to hold dear Aurea in your prayers, and Martyn's brothers, Adrian and Clive, and their families

t/I John Byran: Jean Byran has been in touch to let us know that her husband John died on Saturday 30th December after a long illness. John and Jean enjoyed a happy Christmas together; he died peacefully with Jean at his side in the care home he was in. John's funeral takes place on Monday 22nd January. He will be buried in Urquhart Cemetery, after which there will be a service of celebration of John's life at their church, St Anne's in Strathpeffer. We remember John and Jean's time in the village, and pray for Jean at this time.

Revd David

Benenden Girls' School Centenary Event

As part of Benenden's School Centenary celebrations an exhibition is being held at St George's Church over two weeks, with a launch event, in church, on Wednesday 31st January at 6pm.

Members of the local community, staff and pupils will be attending and we would very much like to welcome members of the church family. The exhibition is themed around the people, places and history of the school in the village covering the last one hundred years, up to the present day, with refreshments and music to mark the occasion.

If you would like to attend please email Nick Rendall nmr@benenden.school

‘CONNECT FOUR’

Our informal family service

**4pm - Saturday 27th January
at Sandhurst Mission Church,
Back Road TN18 5JU**



Refreshments throughout.

Come along and connect with:

- family and friends***
- tea, coffee, cake***
- the Bible***
- worship***
- and God!***

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