

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 22<sup>nd</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 22<sup>nd</sup> December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Readings: Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]*

8 am

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am

#### **MORNING WORSHIP & Baptism of Archie Banfield**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

***We welcome Archie & his family & friends  
to St George's this morning.***

*Hymns:*

75	<i>Long ago, prophets knew</i>
85	<i>The Angel Gabriel from heaven came</i>
757	<i>One more step along the world we go</i>
394	<i>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST GEORGE'S

*Revd David has time off on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December.*

*Should you require the services of a priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens:*

*Sue Fisher Tel 241 907 and David Collard Tel 241 944*

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

8 am

Morning Prayer

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

8 am

Morning Prayer

*No Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church today*

**3 pm**

**CRIB SERVICE**

led by Revd David Commander

**11.30 pm**

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**

led by Revd David Commander

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

8 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am

**MORNING WORSHIP** followed by  
**HOLY COMMUNION** (for those who wish to stay)

led by Revd David Commander

*Hymns:* 26 *Advent candles tell their story (5<sup>th</sup> verse only)*

78 *O come, all ye faithful (omit v4&5)*

86 *The first Nowell*

66 *Hark! The herald angels sing glory*

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Prayer today*

### Sunday Next: 29<sup>th</sup> December – The First Sunday of Christmas

*Readings: Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-end*

10 am

**BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander

**Readings: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Hebrews 10.5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.')

**Benenden Home Group will meet again on 14<sup>th</sup> January**

# Crib Service at St George's



**3 pm on Christmas Eve**

**Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone**, retires on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025. A Choral Evensong service for Andrew is on 12<sup>th</sup> January at Canterbury Cathedral. There is an Archdeaconry retirement collection for Andrew via: <https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3302251>



## **12 'Foods' of Christmas**

During Advent, can you consider donating the most needed food items to support those in most need at this time of year?

**Long life milk - Pasta - Rice pudding - Tinned fruit – Noodles - Spreads: Jam, peanut butter, Marmite - Tins of fish - Tinned potatoes - Tinned pulses  
- Tinned baked beans & spaghetti - Soup**

Nourish would also greatly appreciate your Christmas non-perishable leftovers in the new year!

Collections can be arranged.

Contact: Gemma Coupland 07548 262509 [gemma.louhunter@gmail.com](mailto:gemma.louhunter@gmail.com)

<http://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

# Christmas Services at St George's

**Crib Service – Christmas Eve – 3 pm**

**First Communion of Christmas – Christmas Eve – 11.30 pm**

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**


**8 am Holy Communion**

**10 am Morning Worship followed by Holy Communion**

**NB Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – one service in the benefice:**

**10 am Holy Communion at St George's**

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