

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: 25<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS DAY

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 25<sup>th</sup> December – **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander

**10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

*followed by Holy Communion for those who wish to stay*

26 *v5 Advent candles tell their story on this Christmas Day*

61 *Christians awake! salute the happy morn (omit v 3 & 4)*

64 *God rest you merry, gentlemen (omit v3)*

86 *The first Nowell the angel did say*

81 *Once in royal David's city (omit v3 & ;4; v6 U/D)*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Revd David will be on holiday from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December

Should you require the services of a priest during this time please contact your  
Churchwardens: Sue Fisher Tel 241 907, David Collard Tel 241 944

No Home Groups or services during the week.

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

Warm Space opens at the Memorial Hall every Friday & Sunday from 1-3 pm from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

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

### Sunday Next: 1<sup>st</sup> January – The Second Sunday of Christmas – The Naming & circumcision of Jesus

*Readings: Galatians 4.4-, Luke 2.15-21*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

***No Evening Service this Sunday***

## **Bible Readings – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

### **Titus 2.11-14**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

### **Luke 2.1-14 [15-20]**

#### **The Birth of Jesus**

<sup>2.1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

#### **The Shepherds and the Angels**

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]



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**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)**

## Christmas Services at St George's 2022



<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas
<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Worship, <i>followed by Communion for those who wish to stay</i>
<b>NB: No midweek Communion service on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
<b>Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	8am 10am	Holy Communion All-Age Communion <i>No Choral Evensong tonight</i>

**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*

Attendance to be confirmed by 21st January

If you wish to be part of a team of 6 please email Cathy at

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