

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 26th January The 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 26th January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a, Luke 4.14-21

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd David Commander

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by David Harmsworth

Hymns: 445 *God is here! As we his people*
 387 *Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking*
 648 *God of grace and God of glory*
 816 *Thy kingdom come, O God*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 27 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 28 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	3 pm	Discipleship & Mission Group prayer training at Sandhurst Mission Church <i>No Benenden Home Group this week</i>
Wednesday 29 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	2 pm	Memorial Hall AGM at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9.15 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Nicholas, Sandhurst <i>(fourth Wednesday of the month)</i>
Thursday 30 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 31 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

Sunday Next: 2nd February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Readings: Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION**
led by Revd David Commander

5 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** *Readings: Haggai 2.1-9, John 2.18-22*
led by David Harmsworth

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1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

Luke 4.14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Prayers: Please hold Jackie Liffen's son, David, in your prayers - and Jackie too - as David undergoes chemotherapy and radiotherapy, at the same time, for the treatment of his cancer. Pray for strength for David to get through his treatment; for a successful outcome of the treatment; and that Jackie can draw strength from her faith and her friends. Revd David

Benenden PCC meets on Monday 27th January at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

Sandhurst Calendars: Thank you to everyone both in Sandhurst and Benenden who has contributed to the amazing total of £865. This includes calendar sales as well as contributions from those who preferred to make a donation as they didn't need a calendar. Katherine O'Neil

**"Save the date"
Ash Wednesday
is on Wednesday 5th March**

There will be a service to mark Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent
at 7.30 pm at St George's Church

Memorial Hall Vacancies:

We are looking for a replacement for Jackie Liffen who has looked after the bookings for a very long time. The post is to take bookings and place them on website, send out invoices quarterly and act as Treasurer for the Memorial Hall.

In addition, we are looking for a replacement for Colin Hayman, who has done a good job over the last few years, to look after the maintenance of the Memorial Hall. This is will be an ad hoc job rather than being committed to hours every week. It will require having items which require action being carried out either personally or arranging a contractor to carry out the work in conjunction with the Treasurer.

Please speak to David Collard if you may be interested in either of these roles.

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