

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 28th November The First Sunday of Advent

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Readings: 1 Thess. 3.9-end. Luke 21.25-36

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	<i>Hymns 30 Come, thou long expected Jesus</i>
	<i>38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding</i>
	<i>45 O come, O come, Emmanuel</i>
	<i>264 The Spirit lives to set us free</i>
5 pm	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 29 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 30 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	3 pm	MLT meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
	8 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 1 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 2 nd	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 3 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	3.30 – 7 pm	Christmas Market at Benenden Primary School
Saturday 4 th	10.30 am	Benenden Girls' School Carol Service at St George's

Sunday Next: 5th December - The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Philippians 1.3-11. Luke 3.1-6

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander
10 am	ALL-AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander
2 pm	Baptism of Noah Oliver at St George's led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

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1 Thess 3.9-end

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Exhortation to Watch

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Prayers: It is with sadness that we pass on the news that dear Lesley Attwood passed away, at home, on Tuesday 23rd November. Please hold Tracy and Deborah and the family in your prayers. Details of the funeral service and a memorial service will be made available once they have been arranged.

Weald Deanery: We are hosting an "open" Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday 1st December, 2021 at Sandhurst Mission Church. (7.30pm start, with refreshments available beforehand.) The subject of the meeting is "Developing Relationships with Schools". The Guest Speakers are Nicky Patterson and Rebecca Swansbury from the Diocese. (Synod will then conduct its normal business after this session and visitors may wish to leave at this point. You are welcome to stay but will not be able to take part in the meeting.)

Royal British Legion collection in Benenden - Remembrance 2021: The total raised in the village this year for the Royal British Legion is £5019.50. This includes £661.46 raised by the St George's collection in church on Remembrance Sunday. A wonderful amount! THANK YOU to everyone who has so generously donated. Revd David

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

Lessons & Carols

AT ST GEORGE'S

TONIGHT - SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER - 5pm

Nourish Community Foodbank: Our Harvest service took place some seven weeks ago; the need for food and other basic necessities continues the whole year round. We have registered and set up a collection point for Nourish. There is a "donations pod" at the back of St. George's Church, and another is being put into the Community Shop. Please make use of these. If you come to a service, why not drop off something? If we all did this, we would collect a lot of food to help local families very quickly.

Nourish desperately need: tinned potatoes, tinned hotdogs, 'pasta n sauce' sachets (eg Batchelor's mug shots), soap, antibacterial handwash, laundry tablets (not pods) They also need: tinned soup, and sugar.

They have pretty much everything else due to the wonderful food and money donations.

Please help Nourish to help local families in need. Thank you. Revd David.



News from Benenden Primary School

Benenden Village Fete 2021
We would love to share an update on how the funds were spent that we raised at the village fete.

The success from our activity stalls has given us the opportunity to give each of our seven classes at school £200 to spend on enriching class projects. What an achievement. Some classes will spend money on school trips, some on gardening resources and a bug hotel, while others have decided on a drama workshop. Every class was very excited to be able to receive this extra financial support to enrich the children's learning and experiences at school.

Thank you again for this opportunity and for your support.

May we also take the opportunity to share that we are holding an **Outdoor Christmas Market at our school on Friday 3rd December from 3.30-7pm.** There is a Vintage 1912 Carousel for children, hot chocolate and mulled wine, games, crafts, food and of course some pre Christmas shopping stalls.

We are also delighted to share **that the Children School Choir will be singing at 4.30pm.** We will have Santa Storytime every hour and **The Benenden Bell Ringers will be sharing their skill and sounds with bell ringing.** It would be wonderful to welcome everyone and is a great opportunity for the community to enjoy some festive spirit together.

Christmas Services at St George's 2021

DECEMBER		
Saturday 4th	10.30am	Benenden Girls' School carol service
Sunday 5th	8am 10am 2pm	Holy Communion All-Age Communion Baptism service
Sunday 12th	8am 10am	1662 BCP Communion Morning Worship
Friday 17th	2.15pm	Benenden Primary School Christmas service
Sunday 19th	8am 10am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 21st	7.30pm	Parish candle-lit carol service
Christmas Eve Friday 24th	3pm 11.30pm	Crib service First Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day Saturday 25th	8am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Worship, followed by Communion for those who wish to stay
Sunday 26th	9am	Benefice Holy Communion
JANUARY		
Sunday 2nd	8am 10am 5pm	Holy Communion All-Age Communion Choral Evensong

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