

The Parish of St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Sunday 3rd February

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Collect: Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; 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.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Bible Readings:
1 Corinthians 13
Luke 2.22-40

HYMNS	
366	O God our help in ages past
325	Loving shepherd of they sheep
63	Blest are the pure in heart
380	O Lord, my God (How great thou art)

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S led by David Harmsworth
Psalm 34. Readings: 1 Chronicles 29.6-19, Acts 7.44-50.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
Tuesday 5 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	12.30 pm	Interment at St Nicholas t/l Jane Eckersley
Wednesday 6 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9.00 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Mission Church
Friday 8 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	12.15 pm	Committal at St Nicholas t/l Richard Phillips
Saturday 9 th	7.00 pm	Canterbury Choristers Concert at St Nicholas

Sunday Next: 10th February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11

8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Eucharist led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

5.00 pm Evening Prayer at the Mission Church led by Revd David Commander

Psalm 2. Readings: Hosea 1, Colossians 3.1-22.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's home in Benenden. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. All are welcome.

Sidespeople: A Plea! We are in need of recruiting more people to act as Sidespeople for our Sunday services. If you can smile at people and make them feel welcome as they walk into church - whether you know them or not - then you would make a good sides-person! Please speak to me, or to a Churchwarden, about this if you think you could serve in this way. (The more volunteers we have, the less often everyone has to do it!) Revd David.

Sandhurst Church Website: This is now under construction; we hope to go live at the beginning of April. If you have any photos of the church, churchyard and any services (baptisms, weddings, or other services) that you would like to share, please email them to me at revdavidcommander@gmail.com. And be on the lookout for opportunities to take photos, particularly of the church family. Thank you! Revd David.

The Canterbury Choristers

are

In Concert

at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst TN18 5NS

on Saturday 9th February 2019

at 7pm

Tickets £15. Available from Bob Tel 01580 850 278



AT ST GEORGE'S

4-6pm

SUNDAY 17th February

Cranbrook Choral Society Community Concert
in aid of
Hospice in the Weald
And The Friends of St George's Church

Saturday 23rd February 2019
at 7.30pm in
St George's Church, Benenden

Tickets £12 (£6 for students)
from: Benenden's Community Shop or
Jenny Stevens: Tel 07720 006244
Email: jenny.tenterden@gmail.com or at the door
www.cranbrookchoral.org.uk

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Readings: Sunday 3rd February

1 Corinthians 13_The Gift of Love

¹³If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 2.22-40 Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.