

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship - Sunday: 1st April Easter Day

Collect: Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

6.15 am SUNRISE SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST

led by Lyn Hayes.

Readings: Romans 6.3-11, Matthew 28.1-10

followed by Breakfast at the Mission Church

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:

Acts 10.34-43

John 20.1-18

HYMNS	
205	Jesus Christ is risen today
194	Alleluia, Alleluia
219	This joyful Eastertide
Communion anthem	Lead me Lord
Communion hymn 422	Alleluia sing to Jesus
218	Thine be the Glory

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Ezekiel 37-1-14, Luke 24.13-35. Psalm 105

HYMNS & CANTICLES & ANTHEM	
Magnificat	Stanford in G
Nunc Dimittis	Stanford in B flat
Responses	Ferial
Anthem	Blessed be the God and Father - Wesley
216	The day of resurrection
207	Jesus lives
208	Light's glittering morn

THE WEEK AHEAD EASTER WEEK

Monday 2nd

Easter Monday Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd

8.00 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

9.30 am

Bell Ringing (Oxford University Society of Change Ringers)

10.00 am

Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

11.00 am

Funeral of Annette Kelly at St Nicholas Church

Wednesday 4th

No Morning Prayer today – Revd David on holiday

10.00 am

Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall

7.45 pm

Bell Ringing Practice at St George's

Thursday 5 th	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for High Sheriff Service
Friday 6 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	5.00 pm	Church Wardens' meeting at the Mission Church
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Saturday 7 th	9.30 am -12 noon	Churchyard Working Party
	2.30 pm	Peter Davies' Thanksgiving Service at St George's

Sunday Next: 8th April – Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am	1662 BCP Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander
10.00 am	Morning Worship led by Richard & Sue Fisher
3.00 pm	High Sheriff of Kent Declaration Service at St George's led by Revd David Commander, Bishop Trevor & Bishop James
5.00 pm	Taize Service at the Mission Church led by Lyn Hayes

Readings: Sunday 1st April – Easter Day – 8am and 10am Services

Acts 10.34-43 Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

John 20.1-18 The Resurrection of Jesus

²⁰Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me

where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets on 2nd April back at David & Julia Collard's at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden at 8pm. **The Wednesday Home Group** next meets on Wednesday 11th April at Sandhurst Mission Church at 7.30pm.

Prayer Request: Peter Davies: Please continue to hold Jane, William, Sarah and Richard in your prayers at this time following Peter's rapid decline and passing on the 4th March. A private funeral service will take place at Charing Crematorium on Tuesday 3rd April. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at St George's Church **at 2:30pm on Saturday 7th April** (*please note revised time*); this will be preceded by a private interment in the churchyard at St George's.

Sadly, **Annette Kelly** (who worked in Ashley's Farm Shop in Sandhurst) passed away, after illness. Please continue to hold Annette, her sons Darren and Daniel, and Ashley in your prayers. A funeral service, with thanksgiving for Annette's life, is on **Tuesday 3rd April, at 11am** at St Nicholas Church (*please note revised time*).

There is a St George's Churchyard Working Party on Saturday 7th April from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do join us if you are able.

The Electoral Roll is now open until Sunday 8th April. If any one would like to join the electoral roll, application forms are at the back of the church. These should be filled in and left in church for the attention of David Collard. This year is just a revision so no action is required if you are already on the roll.

The Learning and Sharing the Faith Group will meet on Monday 9th April.

High Sheriff of Kent - Declaration service at St George's: 3pm on Sunday 8th April.



Taizé Service

5pm

**Sunday 8th April
at the Mission Church,
Back Road, Sandhurst**



A different way of *being* church,
of *doing* church.

**Come along on
SUNDAY 15th APRIL
4pm – 6pm
at St George's Church**

20-20 Project: A Faculty has been applied for regarding the reordering of the back of the church and the work previously undertaken by Archdeacon's Licence. A public notice has gone on display inside and outside of the Church for 28 days, as required. You are encouraged to read the Notice.

Confirmation: Are you interested in being Confirmed? Do you want to know what Confirmation is about? Would you like to take part fully in the Eucharist and receive Communion? If so, please speak to Revd David. Also put this advance date in your diary now: Sunday 23rd September 2018. We may have a few people interested in being Confirmed this year, so there will also be safety in numbers! And it doesn't matter what your age is. Just let me know if you are interested. Revd David.

The St George's Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Monday 30th April at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. There are four vacancies on the PCC this year.

St George's Church has a new website: <http://benendenchurch.org>. Please take a look!


Friends of St George's Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd April at 7.00pm - FoSG AGM in St George's

Friday 12th October at 7.30pm - Concert in St George's by

The Music Scholars of Benenden School

Friday 16th November at 7.30pm - FoSG Quiz Night in Benenden Village Hall

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All items for the weekly notices should be sent to benendenchurch@gmail.com by 10am the preceding Wednesday please.