

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship - 8th April Second Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:

Acts 4.32-35

John 20.19-31

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Richard & Sue Fisher

At Morning Worship today the speaker will be Claire Milloy from 'The Hospice in the Weald', which is one of the charities support by St George's.

HYMNS	
197	Alleluia Alleluia, give thanks
209	Love's redeeming work is done
236	Breathe on me breath of God
194	Alleluia, Alleluia

3.00 pm HIGH SHERIFF OF KENT DECLARATION SERVICE

led by Revd David Commander, Bishop Trevor & Bishop James

5.00 pm TAIZE SERVICE AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH led by Lyn Hayes

Readings: Genesis 3.8-15, Galatians 4.1-5. Psalm 85

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 9 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith meeting
Tuesday 10 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	10.30 am	Ashford District Bell Ringers at St George's
Wednesday 11 th	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Home Group at the Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
Friday 13 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Saturday 14 th	9.30 - 11.00 am	Village Spring Clean
	12.00 noon	Interment at St George's

Sunday Next: 15th April – Third Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd David Commander

4.00 pm Messy Church led by Revd Iori Price

Readings: Sunday 8th April

Acts 4.32-35 -The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

John 20.19-end -Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'*

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,* the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at David & Julia Collard's at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden at 8pm. The Wednesday Home Group next meets on Wednesdays at Sandhurst Mission Church at 7.30pm.

The Electoral Roll is now open until today, 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 meets on Monday 9th April.

High Sheriff of Kent - Declaration service at St George's

3pm TODAY Sunday 8th April



Taizé Service
5pm TONIGHT
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.