

The Benefice of St George's, Benenden & St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Our Worship - Sunday 29th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00 am **BENEFICE FAMILY COMMUNION
AT ST GEORGE'S, BENENDEN**
led by Revd David Commander

(**Bible Readings:**)

Acts 8.26-40
John 15.1-8

10.00 am **BENEFICE ALL AGE COMMUNION
"PRAISE" AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**
led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young.
The worship will be led by the Praise Service music group.

7.30 pm **Beer & Hymns at the Swan, Sandhurst**

THE WEEK AHEAD

*Revd David will be on holiday from Wednesday 2nd May to Tuesday 8th May inclusive.
Should you need the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens:
Julia Collard Tel: 241 944 or Mr Tracy Claridge Tel: 240 454 (Benenden)
and Anne Tylden-Wright Tel: 850 281 (Sandhurst)*

Monday 30 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly at St George's
	2.30 pm	Funeral of Maureen Bather at St Nicholas
	7.30 pm	St George's APCM at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 1 st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 2 nd	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
		No Morning Prayer today
	9.00 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 3 rd	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St George's
	9.30 - 11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons at St George's
Friday 4 th		No Morning Prayer today
	9.00 – 11.00 am	Cakes & Chaos – at Benenden Memorial Hall
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly at St Georges
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Saturday 5 th	9.30 am to noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 6th May: 6th Sunday of Easter. Rogation Sunday

Services at St George's

8.00 am **Holy Communion** led by Revd Adie McCall

10.00 am **All Age Communion & Sunday School**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm **Choral Evensong** led by David Harmsworth

Services at St Nicholas

8.00 am **Holy Communion** led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am **Rogation Sunday Service** led by Lyn Hayes

Bible Readings: Sunday 22nd April - St George's 8am Service

Acts 8.26-end

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south* to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?*' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip* baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

John 15.1-8

Jesus the True Vine

¹⁵ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes* to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed* by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become* my disciples.

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.

On Saturday 5th May from 9.30am to noon there is a churchyard Working Party at St George's. Do come along if you are able.

Christian Aid Week: 13th-19th May 2018: Sandhurst: Christian Aid envelopes will be delivered with the village magazine, or can be collected from the Mission Church or St Nicholas. There will be a hunger lunch at the Mission Church on Tuesday 15th May from 12.15 onwards. A frugal lunch will be served and the company will be good.

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.

St Nicholas Church - works to tower: Scaffolding has been erected around the tower for the masonry contractors to carry out repairs to the church tower. This work is expected to last until early July. As part of the contract there can be no access onto the scaffolding or the tower by anybody other than the contractors (except the belfry for bell ringing purposes). Bell ringing continues during the period of the contract but not during normal working hours other than for pre-agreed services. *It has been pointed out that failure to comply may have contractual and insurance consequences. Please ensure that you abide by this request.* BH

St George's 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.

St George's: Work at west end of church: As you will have seen, scaffolding has now been erected for the repair work and re-plastering on the west wall. This will probably be in place for six weeks. During this time Cakes and Chaos will be held in the Memorial Hall.

The St George's Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Monday 30th April at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Drop in Café & Toddler Group meets at Sandhurst Mission Church every Wednesday in term time from 9 to 11 am

Cakes & Chaos meets at Benenden Memorial Hall (until further notice) every Friday in term time from 9 to 11am

All welcome!



Beer & Hymns

@ The Swan Inn, Sandhurst

TONIGHT Sunday 29th April

7.30 pm

Rogation Sunday
Service at St Nicholas
10am Sunday May 6th



Join us for this outdoor
service in St Nicholas Church
Field as we celebrate the land

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