

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship – Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> May

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Collect:** God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 David Commander

**10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
led by Rickie Bishop

**Bible Readings:**  
Acts 16.9-15  
John 14.23-29

HYMNS	
356	All nations of the world
503	Send, O God, your Holy Spirit
236	Breathe on me, breath of God
498	Lord, thy church on earth is seeking

2.00 pm Wedding of Robert Hardman & Kathryn Lewis

### The Week Ahead

*No Tuesday or Wednesday Home Groups this week*

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	7.00 pm	Benenden PCC meeting & Communion at St George's
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	2.00 pm	Kent Young Bellringers at St George's
	7.30 pm	Wellbeing Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Service led by Revd David Commander <i>Psalm 47. Readings: Acts 1.1-11, Luke 24.44-end</i>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	11.30 am	Churchwardens' meeting
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (tbc)
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 am-12 noon	Churchyard Working Party

### Sunday Next: 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 16.16-34, John 17.20-26*

**8.00 am Holy Communion** led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen  
**10.00 am All Age Communion & Sunday School** led by Revd David Commander  
4.00 pm Choir Practice  
**5.00 pm Choral Evensong** led by David Harmsworth.  
*Psalm 68.1-13. Readings: Isaiah 44.1-8, Ephesians 4.7-16*

## Readings: - 26<sup>th</sup> May

### **Acts 16.9-15**

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

### **The Conversion of Lydia**

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district\* of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

### **John 14.23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate,\* the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

**Home Groups:** The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. **(NB No meetings this week due to the half term holidays).** All are welcome to both Home Groups.

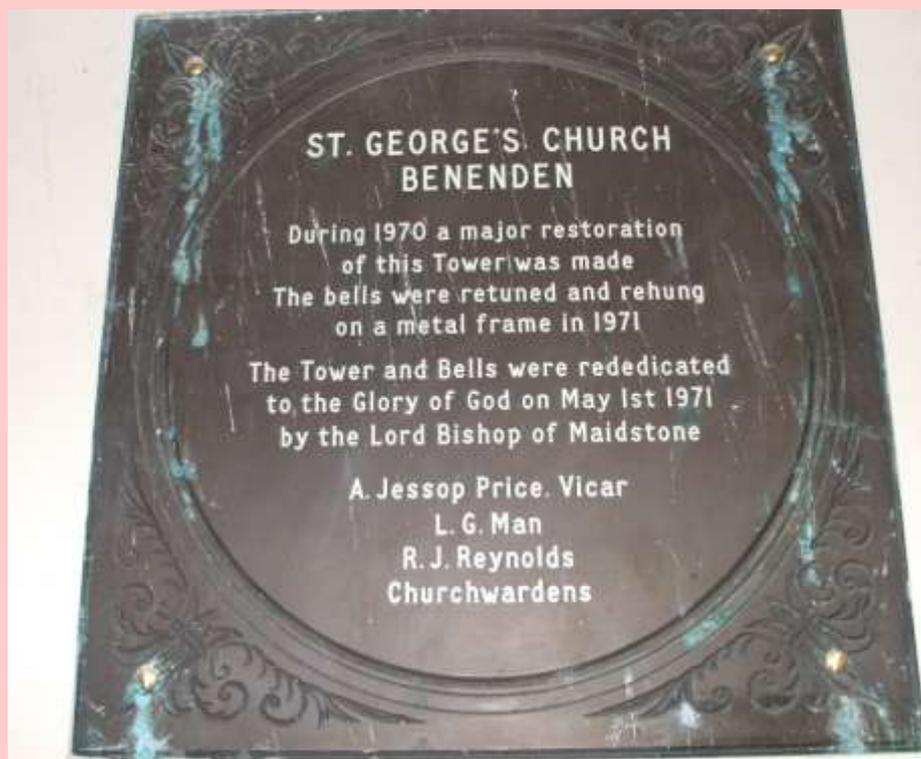
**Churchwardens:** On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Tracy Claridge and David Collard were admitted to the office of Churchwarden for St George's Church for a period of twelve months at the Archdeacons' Visitation service at St. Mildred's Tenterden. Thank you to them both for standing for this role and serving us in this way.

**Huge thanks** go to Julia Collard who has stepped down after six years of working tirelessly for us as one of our Churchwardens. Julia will continue to support David, of course, and will be doing many other things behind the scenes so I don't expect she'll be putting her feet up! Thank you, Julia, for all your hard work for us and for your support. Revd David

**Hymns with "starred verses":** Having been caught out a little one Sunday, when three of the hymns were quite long and had several starred verses, it has been decided that our default will be that we omit starred verses unless the service leader particularly wants to

include one or more of the starred verses - in which case, this will be announced when the hymn is introduced. After a few months, I trust that we will all get used to naturally omitting the starred verses. Revd David.

### Proposed Relocation of Memorial Plaque



The above plaque is on the wall at the west end of St George's Church. The PCC are discussing with the Archdeacon the possibility of having this plaque moved to the north wall of the bellringing chamber as it concerns the rehanging of the bells in 1971. In order to do this we have been asked to contact any known descendants of the Vicar and Churchwardens as shown on the plaque. Obviously, we know about Robert Reynolds' family, but does anyone in the village know of any family members of Lionel Man and Revd Jessop Price? We do have some information but no contact details. If anyone can help us please contact Julia Collard on 01580 241944.

**Would you like to join a new Sandhurst group to support mental health?** To gauge interest Kelly Clark and Margaret Sargent are holding a meeting in Sandhurst Mission Church on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm to 9pm**. If you would like to join them, whether you have had mental health problems, or perhaps care for someone who has, please do. Further information from Kelly Tel 851181, Email [kelsandpaul@btinternet.com](mailto:kelsandpaul@btinternet.com) or Margaret Tel 850311, Email [margaretsargent48@gmail.com](mailto:margaretsargent48@gmail.com).

A **Raising Faith conference** is being held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 9.30am to 4.15pm** at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst for parents, carers and all those involved in the faith formation of our young people. Raising Faith will equip you as church and parents to help children discover their faith for themselves. We have experts in this field coming along to talk and lead seminars throughout the day. Tickets for this event are £20 each, including lunch and refreshments, subsidies are available. See <http://bit.ly/raisingfaith> for details or please see the booklets and posters at the back of church.

**Open Gardens at Charlotte Molesworth's, Balmoral Cottage in aid of Hospice in the Weald.** Saturday and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> June from 11am to 5pm. Exhibition of pottery, sculpture and paintings on sale. Tea, coffee and delicious cakes too.

**Benenden Village Fete: in support of St George's Church  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
12 noon to 4 pm on The Green**

There is a gazebo erected in the front garden of the Rectory ready to receive all the pre-loved things you want to pass on so that others might benefit from them!

Please bring any toys, bric-a-brac, or tools etc to be sold at the fete and store them in the gazebo. Please be considerate of our neighbours...and watch out for the mad dog! Books are to be dropped off in the church porch please - on the right hand side; "Catching Lives" donations are on the left hand side.

Thank you for your support. Revd David

**Cakes & Chaos**

**Baby and Toddler Group  
meets in St George's**

**every Friday in term time from 9 to 11 am**

**All welcome!**

**Boot Fair and Dog Show  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June on St Nicholas Church Field.**

**Boot fair from 10 am**

**(Set up from 9am. Call Alex 07979 497804 to book)**

**Fun Dog Show: Entries from 11am  
(12 classes. Best in Show at approx 3.30pm)**

*Agility Displays and 'Have a go Dog Agility'*

**Please see the posters in Church for full details**

*Proceeds to St Nicholas Church and Woodchurch Carriage Driving for the Disabled*

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