

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 21st April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 21st April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4.5-12, John 10.11-18

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander & Victoria Bray

*Hymns: 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
794 The King of love my shepherd is
671 I will sing the wondrous story
507 We have a gospel to proclaim*

1.30 pm Interment of t/l Jean Paige at St George's

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	ST GEORGE'S APCM AT THE MEMORIAL HALL
Tuesday 23 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 – 9 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 pm	St George's Fete Meeting at The Bull
Wednesday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice - at St NICHOLAS
Thursday 25 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 27 th	4 pm	CONNECT FOUR AT SANDHURST MISSION CHURCH

Sunday Next: 28th April: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8.26-end, John 15.1-8

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Sunday 21st April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

John 10.11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Prayers: It is with sadness that we pass on the news of dear **Jean Patterson's** passing. We hold Jean and the whole family in our prayers. It is too early for any details of a funeral to have been arranged yet, we will pass on the details in due course.

A memorial service for **t/l Christopher Neve** will be held at St George's on Tuesday 7th May at 2pm. All will be welcome. Christopher died on 8th March unexpectedly in London.

St George's Annual Church Parochial Meeting

7.30pm on Monday 22nd April 2024

Memorial Hall, Benenden

Coffee and biscuits will be served before the meeting.

The various reports have been published as a booklet and are available for you to collect from church. The meeting will also include, as usual, the election of Churchwardens and PCC members for the coming year. If you would like more details of the work of any of these, please ask me or the current churchwardens. Julia Collard

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St George's

is on Monday 29th April at 7pm in the church.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments and a time to socialise, then at 7.30pm John Bailey, our architect, will give an illustrated talk on the development of St George's, both past and future.

Home Group meetings in Benenden: Our Tuesday meetings now commence at 7.30 pm and aim to close by 9pm. *There will no meeting on April 30th due the service with the Bishop at Marden.*

BELLRINGING PRACTICE – PLEASE NOTE – On Wednesday 24th April bell ringing practice is being held at St Nicholas, Sandhurst, rather than St George's Church (from 7.30 to 9pm).

St George's Churchyard working party - Saturday 4th May from 9.30 am to noon.

Project 20/20: update meeting - Sunday 12th May, 2pm (tbc) at St George's

'CONNECT FOUR'

Our informal family service

4pm - Saturday 27th April

at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU



Come along and connect with:

- family and friends - tea, coffee, cake***
 - the Bible - worship - and God!***
- Refreshments throughout.***

Bishop Rose & The Weald Deanery

Bishop Rose will be leading and preaching at a service in the Weald Deanery on the evening of Tuesday 30th April.

The service will be at St Michael & All Angels in Marden at 7:30pm.

The newly re-hung bells at the church will be rung before the service and blessed during the service. Refreshments will be available after the service with an opportunity to talk to the Bishop. *Everyone is warmly invited to attend*

Summer Teas in St George's Church: Following the success of this initiative last year we would like to do it again this summer. It was lovely to be able to offer refreshments to visitors in the Sunday afternoons throughout summer and to catch up with one another too.

If you would like to help with this, either by making cakes or actually being there on the day and serving our guests then please contact me to have a chat.

We are looking to do this each Sunday from July 7th – August 25th. Between 2 and 4pm.

There will always be 2 people each week and of course the more people who sign up the better.

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Weald Deanery Confirmation Service



**led by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Sunday 23rd June
at a church in the Deanery.**

It would be lovely to have some candidates from our Benefice to be confirmed at this service. Confirmation is an opportunity to make a public declaration - as an adult, teenager or child - for yourself to follow Christ and his teachings in your life.

If you, or a member of your family, would like to be confirmed, please let me know; we will organise an appropriate form of Confirmation preparation.

Revd David T: 01580 240658 E: revdavidcommander@gmail.com

Bereavement Support: Saturday 18th May 10am - 1pm at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU

Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.

We are offering a morning to explore how grief can affect us, acknowledging that it is a unique experience for all. We will share some of the models of grief that we may be able to identify with and so know we are not alone or out of kilter with our feelings. It will also be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.

For more information and to book this free workshop please contact
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