

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Day

**Collect:** Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – EASTER DAY

*Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Mark 16.1-8*

**6.15 am SUNRISE SERVICE - IN THE CHURCHYARD - AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST**  
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander  
***followed by breakfast at the Mission Church***

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST FOR EASTER**  
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

*Hymns: 200 Christ the Lord is risen again  
203 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
205 Jesus Christ is risen today  
194 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

***Revd David is on holiday from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.***

***Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens:  
Sue Fisher Tel 241 907 David Collard Tel 241 944***

***No Morning Prayer or Tuesday Holy Communion in the Benefice this week.***

#### ***Easter Monday***

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 pm*

*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>*

*7 pm*

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>*

*9.30 am to 12 noon*

#### ***Bank Holiday***

*Bellringing Practice at St George's*

*No Community Choir today – restarts next week*

*Choir Practice at St George's*

*Churchyard Working Party at St George's*

### Sunday Next: 7<sup>th</sup> April: The Second Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 4.32-35, John 20.19-end*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen  
*Psalm 85. Readings: Genesis 3.8-15, Galatians 4.1-5*

## **Readings: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Easter Day**

### **Acts 10.34-43**

#### **Gentiles Hear the Good News**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **Mark 16.1-8**

#### **The Resurrection of Jesus**

<sup>16</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Revision of the St George's Church Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll is currently open for revision until 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you are already on the Roll you need to do nothing, but if you would like to join the Roll there are Application forms at the back of the church. Please fill out a form and either leave it at the back of the church for the attention of David Collard or post it to David Collard at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4EF.

**St George's Churchyard Working Party – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30 am to noon.** Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

**Learning & Sharing the Faith: next meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7pm** at Sandhurst Mission Church.

**Benenden Home Group will start up again on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 8 pm** at 7 Fuggles Court.

**The 2024 annual church meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall, Benenden at 7.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.** Coffee and biscuits will be served before the meeting. The various reports have been published as a booklet and are now available for you to collect from church from today, Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. 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

**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 7<sup>th</sup> – August 25<sup>th</sup>. Between 2 and 4pm.

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

If you would like to help but know of dates within this time frame that you can't do, then please indicate when you contact me...it helps with producing rotas.

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# Confirmation



**There is a Confirmation Service, led by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, being held in the Weald Deanery; this is on the afternoon of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, at a church in the Deanery.**


**It would be lovely to have some candidates from our Benefice to be confirmed at the service.**

**The Confirmation service 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**

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