

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

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

Our Worship: 30th 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 30th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2.42-end, John 10.1-10

8 am BENEFICE 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS

led by Revd David Commander

10 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

*Hymns: 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
794 The king of love
807 Thine for ever (omit v4)
653 Happy are they*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 1st

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 am

Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church

led by Revd David Commander

8 pm

Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's

Wednesday 3rd

8 am

Morning Prayer at St George's

9 – 11 am

Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 – 11.30 am

Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall

7 pm

Learning & Sharing the Faith group meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church

Thursday 4th

7 pm

Choir Practice at St George's

Friday 5th

8 am

Morning Prayer at St George's

9 – 11 am

Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

Saturday 6th

10 am

Coronation Bellringing at St George's

Coronation Day

2 pm

Coronation Quarter Peal at St George's

Sunday Next: 7th May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: (8am Services): Acts 7.55-end, John 14.1-14

8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS led by Revd David Commander

10 am CORONATION COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

11 am CORONATION COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS

led by Lyn Hayes & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST GEORGE'S led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Psalm 147.1-12. Zechariah 4.1-10, Revelation 21.1-14

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Acts 2.42-end

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10.1-10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

¹⁰'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Benenden Prayers:

Peggy Chapman: Please pray for Peggy, her family and friends. Peggy sadly died on 16th April. Her funeral will be at Iden Green Congregational Church at 1.30pm on Wednesday 17th May.

Benenden and Sandhurst Home Groups NEW MEMBERS WANTED

Would you like to join and contribute to a group of diverse people at different stages of their faith journey? Are you keen to learn more about the scripture and deepen your faith in a safe environment? Would you like to study the bible, reflect and participate in a non-judgemental discussion?

If you would like to join a safe and welcoming environment, the Benenden group meets on Tuesday evenings at 8p.m. from May 2nd at the home of David and Julia Collard and the Sandhurst group meets on Monday evenings at the Mission Church at 7.30p.m.

For more information, contact David Collard at d.collard49@btinternet.com or, for Sandhurst, Revd David Commander at revdavidcommander@gmail.com.

Post General Synod update - Prayers of Love & Faith: All warmly welcomed to our next **Weald Deanery "open" Synod on Wednesday 17th May, 7.30pm at St Mary's Frittenden**. Come and listen to thoughtful feedback from Diocesan representatives who were at the General Synod in February: Revd Barney de Berry, Vicar St Mary, Bredin and Revd Joel Love, Vicar St Peter with St Margaret's, Rochester. Find out more from your Deanery Synod reps (reps tbc after APCM) and please pass them any questions you would like to be put to our speakers. (Deadline for submission of questions to Revd David Commander: 26th April). We hope to see you there. Revd David

Christian Aid Week 14th-20th May 2023

SANDHURST - If you would like to give to this very worthy cause, envelopes are available in church and have been delivered with the village magazine. Please put your donation in an envelope and bring it to the Mission Church's Hunger Lunch on 16th May. Or please place it in the Mission Church letter box or in the letter box in the black garage at Barefield, Church Road, Sandhurst. Thank you. ATW



ST GEORGE'S CHRISTIAN AID CAMPAIGN - 2023

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/st-georges-church>

Please consider donating and sharing the above weblink and QR code.
Our St George's target again this year is £3,000.

Coronation Celebrations:

There are village celebrations in both Benenden and Sandhurst after our special Commemorative Services on Sunday 7th May. Please see posters in church or on the church Facebook pages for full information.

Thinking of Confirmation?

We are arranging a Confirmation Service, led by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, in the Weald Deanery. This will be on Sunday 2nd July at St Michael & All Angels Church, Marden. It would be lovely to have some candidates from our benefice to be confirmed at the service. The Confirmation service is, as an adult, teenager or child, an opportunity to make a public declaration 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 then organise an appropriate form of Confirmation preparation. Revd David

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