

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 17th May The Seventh Sunday of Easter *Sunday after Ascension Day*

Collect: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 17th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1.6-14, John 17.1-11

8 am **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**
led by Revd David Commander & David Harmsworth

Hymns: 612 *Christ triumphant*
 453 *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*
 227 *Crown him with many crowns*
 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert) (HC)
 690 *Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it*

The Week Ahead

Revd David will be on holiday from Wednesday 20th to Monday 25th May inclusive.

Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens:

Cathy Presgrave: Tel 07500 119 189, Sue Fisher: Tel 01580 241 907

Monday 18 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	St George's APM & APCM at the Memorial Hall
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 19 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>No Benenden Home Group – next meeting 26th May</i>
Wednesday 20 th		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 for 7.30 pm	Central Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 21 st	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice – at Iden Green Congregational Church
Friday 22 nd		<i>No Morning Prayer today</i>
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 23 rd		<i>No Connect Four this month – half term holidays</i>

Sunday Next: 24th May – Pentecost – Whit Sunday

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 20.19-23

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am **PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

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Acts 1.6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17.1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets on Monday 18th May, at 7.30 pm, at the Mission Church.

Benenden: Next meets **on Tuesday 26th May** at 7.30 pm at David & Julia Collard's.

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
& ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Monday 18th May at 7.30 pm
at Benenden Memorial Hall**

Copies of the 2025-2026 annual reports are available for collection
at the 8 am and 10 am services.

For an electronic copy, please email benendenchurch@gmail.com.

The Dingledean Open Gardens last weekend raised in excess of £1,800 for the St George's 'Restore Renew Rejoice' Project. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this fundraiser. Particular thanks to Judy Williams, Peter & Sylvia Kellett and Steve & Angie Lambert for opening their gardens. A huge thank you to Judy Williams for her very hard work organising such a very enjoyable event.

***Archdeacons' Visitation Service
Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral
5.30pm on Monday 15th June***

At this service your Churchwardens elected on 18th May will be sworn into office. Please consider supporting them and put this date in your diary.

**Benenden Village Fete in support of St George's Church
Saturday 13th June, 12 - 4 pm**

Help is required, please, on Friday 12th June, throughout the whole day, to set up, starting at 9 am. Revd David



“Teas in the Churchyard”

Join us at St Nicholas Church,
Sandhurst TN18 4NS
on Sunday 7th June 2026
from 2pm until 5pm




Tea and cakes for sale.
Plant spotting for children.
See the architecture through the years.
‘Cherish your Churchyard’ week.

Central Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School Wednesday 20th May 7 for 7.30 pm

*The speaker for May is area leader
James Nickols. It is always a blessing
and encouragement to have James
with us.*

*James is passionate about
encouraging and equipping us for
Christian life, helping us walk with
God, hear His voice more clearly and
have adventures with Him.*

*All are welcome.
Pizza is served from 7pm.*

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