

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April The Third Sunday of Easter

**Collect:** Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – The Third Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41, Luke 24.13-35*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd David Commander

**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

led by Revd David Commander

*Hymns:*

197	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord</i>
598	<i>Before the throne of God above</i>
712	<i>Lord Jesus Christ</i>
212	<i>Now the green blade rises from the buried grain (HC)</i>
216	<i>The day of resurrection!</i>

### The Week Ahead

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Friends of St George's AGM at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	12 noon	Funeral of t/l Hazel Eastwood at St Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe ME17 2BD
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10 am – 12 noon	'Grief Talks' – Grief workshop at Sandhurst Mission Church
	4 pm	'Connect Four' – Family service at Sandhurst Mission Church

### Sunday Next: 26<sup>th</sup> April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 2.42-end, John 10.1-10*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

led by David Harmsworth

## **Readings: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – The Third Sunday of Easter**

### **Acts 2.14a, 36-41**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: <sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

### **Luke 24.13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup>He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Prayers:** The funeral of t/l Hazel Eastwood is confirmed and will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 12 noon at St Nicholas Church, Church Road, Boughton Malherbe ME17 2BD. Revd Rosemary will be conducting the service, which all are invited to attend. Hazel, together with husband Rob and son Nick, were faithful members of St George's and much valued members of the choir for many years. Please hold them in your prayers. Revd Rosemary

**St George's Church Electoral Roll: The revision of the Electoral Roll is underway and closes next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April,** If you wish to be added to the roll, or if you wish to be removed, please contact David Collard asap either at a 10 am service or on Tel 01580 241044, or via email to [d.collard49@btinternet.com](mailto:d.collard49@btinternet.com)

**Home Groups:**

**Sandhurst:** Meets on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 pm, at the Mission Church, Sandhurst.

**Benenden:** Meets at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at David and Julia Collard's.

**PCC Secretary:** Julia Collard is stepping down as our PCC Secretary at this year's APCM on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Julia has carried out this role with dedication for many years; for which we are very grateful. With Julia stepping down, it means that we need to think about who might take up this role. Is this a way that you might serve our church? If you are wondering what is involved, then please speak to Julia, or to David Collard (David has served as PCC Secretary in the past), or to one of the Churchwardens or myself. Please give this some prayer and thought. Thank you. Revd David.

**'CONNECT FOUR'**  
**Our informal family  
service**

**4pm - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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***

**Dingleden Open Gardens**  
TN17 4JU

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**10 am - 4 pm each day**  
**Entry £5. Parking available**

in aid of

**St George's Church, Benenden:**  
**'Restore: Renew: Rejoice' project**  
**& the deaf health charity SignHealth**

Judy Williams, Peter & Sylvia Kellett & Steve & Angie Lambert will be opening their gardens.

A unique opportunity to visit these private gardens on the High Weald Landscape Trail.

**The Laurels Nursery & private garden:**  
**A stunning collection of standard wisteria will be in bloom.**

**Barnhill Cottage, garden & vegetable patch:**  
**Light refreshments here.**

**No 3 New Buildings:**  
**The hidden treasure.**

Fundraising in aid of:

<https://signhealth.org.uk/>

<https://stgeorgeschurchbenenden.co.uk/>

**Dingleden Open Gardens 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - in aid of the RRR Project and the deaf health charity SignHealth. If anybody could bake a cake for Judy - or help at all over this weekend - Judy would be most grateful. Please either speak to Judy or email [benendenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:benendenchurch@gmail.com). Thank you very much to those who have already offered to help.

**Grief Talks**  
**~ Time to share & reflect**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10am – 12noon**  
**at the Mission Church**  
**Back Road**  
**Sandhurst 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 our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will 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 Lyn Hayes on 07792 332904 or email: [Lindapin@aol.com](mailto:Lindapin@aol.com)

**Spring Pilgrimage Walk – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

We are happy to announce our Spring local pilgrimage walk, this time taking in the beautiful woodland with all of its wonderful trees, plants and animals at Hemsted Forest, Benenden, stopping for reflection and having the time to connect with nature, each other and the Spirit.

This will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, starting from the Goddard's Green Road Car Park at 9.45am for a 10am start. The walk will be around 3.5 miles long and will be a circular route finishing back at the car park.

Please bring a flask of your favourite beverage. We will also have our traditional offering of cake! Please be aware that there are NO toilet facilities at the forest.

We would love to walk with you – if you have further questions please get in touch with

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