

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 19th May PENTECOST

Collect: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 19th May: PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 15.26-27 & 16.4b-15

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

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
led by Revd David Commander

*Hymns: 264 The Spirit lives to set us free
 236 Breathe on me breath of God
 258 O thou who camest
 238 Come down O love divine*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 20 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 PM	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 21 st	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 Tuesday Home Group this week (restarts on 28th May)</i>
	8 pm	Fete meeting – at the Bull, Benenden
Wednesday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7 pm	Project 20:20 – progress meeting
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 23 rd	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 25 th	4 pm	CONNECT FOUR at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 26th May: Trinity Sunday

Readings: Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

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

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Readings: Sunday 19th May: Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 15.26-27

²⁶ 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16.4b-15 The Work of the Spirit

^{4b} I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Prayers: t/l Peter Blockley: Many of you will remember Peter Blockley from the time he lived in the village and served on the Parish Council. Peter died on Saturday 4th May. Please hold Peter and his family in your prayers. A Memorial Service (followed by an interment) will take place at St George's Church on Tuesday 18th June; the church service beginning at 1:30pm.

Benenden Home Group – There will be no meeting on Tuesday 21st May. We meet again on Tuesday 28th May.

Project 20/20: an update meeting will take place after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday 2nd June. The meeting will be chaired by Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone; it will begin at 11:30am. Please come along if you are interested in the progress of the project and the future of St George's Church.

‘CONNECT FOUR’

Our informal family service

4pm Saturday 25th May

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.***

Sunday 9th June - Deanery Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral
by invitation of The Very Reverend Dr David Monteith

Everyone in the Weald Deanery is invited

4 pm Welcome Tea & Cake in the Community Studio

5.30 pm Choral Evensong in the Cathedral

For catering numbers, please confirm attendance to Julia Collard (Weald Deanery Secretary) by 27th May via Tel 01580 241944 or Email julia.collard@btinternet.com

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SATURDAY 15th JUNE – ST GEORGE’S FETE
12 noon – 4pm – on the Green

Vicki Young: Vicki's last service in the Benefice, with an opportunity for us to send her on her way with our love, will be a 10 o'clock service at St Nicholas, Sandhurst on Sunday 23rd June.

Vicki's ordination is at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29th June; the service starts at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Vicki will then take up her training curacy, the first year as a Deacon, at St Michael and All Angels in Marden.

St Nicholas Church

Teas in the Churchyard

Sunday 2nd June: 2 - 5pm



**Churchyard trail, raffle, delicious cakes.
Come and enjoy the spectacular views and wild flowers and listen to the birds.**

*It's nature at its best!
Wedding flowers in church too.*

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