

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 1st June The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 1st June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.16-34, John 17.20-end

8 am HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 6 *Lord, as the day begins*
416 *Glory to God, glory to God (Peruvian Gloria)*
691 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*
453 *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*
(HC) 460 *O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray*
612 *Christ triumphant, ever reigning*

2 – 5 pm TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD AT ST NICHOLAS

3.30 – 4.30 pm Choir Practice at St George's

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG led by David Harmsworth

Readings: Isaiah 44.1-8, Ephesians 4.7-16. Psalm 68 vv1-13, 18-19

212 *Now the green blade rises from the buried grain*
Choir *Come, Holy Ghost (Thomas Attwood)*
245 *Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost*
216 *The day of resurrection*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 2 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group – <i>at the Rectory</i>
Tuesday 3 rd	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 tonight</i>
	8 pm	Fete meeting
Wednesday 4 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 5 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 6 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	4 – 6 pm	20:20 Project meeting at St George's
Saturday 7 th	8.30 – 10.30 am	PAT testing of Fete items – at St George's
	9.30 am to 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's

Sunday Next: 8th June – PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 14.8-17 [25-27]

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd David Commander

10 am PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

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Acts 16.16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17.20-end

²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Pentecost Services: Sunday 8th June

10 am – Holy Communion at St George's led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am – Holy Communion at St Nicholas led by Revd David Commander

**TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD
AT ST NICHOLAS
Sunday 1st June
2 – 5 pm**



**Churchyard trail. Delicious cakes.
Please come along to enjoy the spectacular views, the lovely
wildflowers and the buzzing wildlife
of our beautiful churchyard.**

Home Groups:

Sandhurst Home Group will meet *at the Rectory* this coming Monday, 1st June.

Benenden Home Group next meets on Tuesday 10th June at Julia and David Collard's. - The next meeting thereafter will be Tuesday 1st July.

Churchyard Working Party at St George's: Saturday, 7th June, from 9.30 am to 12 noon. Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

Coffee volunteers needed at St George's! David and Clare Harmsworth are stepping back (after many years) from organising the coffee rota. Many thanks to them for all the time and effort they have put in to ensuring we have a ready supply of NICE coffee!

I am now happy to take on the role BUT we are need of a few more people to go on the weekly rota. Refreshments and fellowship after the services are really important...but there are no coffee fairies!!! Do come and speak with me about it or any of the people already on the rota. The list is kept at the back of church by the font. Helen



**BENENDEN
FETE**
Saturday 14 June
12-4pm
St George's Church

FETE DONATION DATES

We are ready to receive your bric-a-brac, tools, clothes, jewellery, books & toys
In good condition please. Many thanks

WHEN: between 8.30-9.30am
on 4, 7 & 11 June

WHERE:
Our cars will be waiting for you in the car park area
outside the public toilets, adjacent to
The Bull

IMPORTANT:
Please don't leave donations outside these times
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Stall contacts:

Bric-a-Brac & Tools: Amanda Garratt 07766 000064
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Vicki Young's Ordination: Saturday 28th June 2025: You may recall that our Vicki Young was ordained as a Deacon last June. She is currently enjoying her first year as Curate at St Michael and All Angels, Marden.

This June, on Saturday the 28th, Vicki is to be ordained as a Priest. This means that she will be able to undertake the sacramental ministry of baptisms and the Eucharist. If you would like to be at the service to support her, and see the completion of this stage of her ordination journey, the service is at Canterbury Cathedral and starts at 2.30pm. Please hold Vicki in your prayers.

Revd David

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