

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 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 1<sup>st</sup> May – The Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9.1-6 [7-20], John 21.1-19

**8 am**      **HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

**10 am**      **ALL AGE COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

Hymns:    486           *Christ is the King! O friends rejoice*  
              219           *This joyful Eastertide*  
              709           *Light of the minds that know him*  
              221           *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (omit v 3)*

**2.30 pm**      **Wedding of Katharine Alder & Paul McAneary at St George's**

**5 pm**      **CHORAL EVENSONG** led by Revd David Commander

Readings: *Psalm 86, Isaiah 38.9-20, John 11.[17-26] 27-44*

Hymns:    641           *Glorious things of thee are spoken (omit v 3)*  
              761           *Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him*  
              507           *We have a gospel to proclaim*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

8 am

10 am

#### **Bank holiday**

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church

led by Revd David Commander

#### **No Benenden Home Group tonight**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

8 am

10 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

10 am

Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

8 am

Morning Prayer at St George's

9 - 11 am

Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am - noon

St George's Churchyard Working Party

4 pm

'Connect Four' at Sandhurst Mission Church

### Sunday Next: 8<sup>th</sup> May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9.36.end, John 10.22-30

**8 am**      **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

**10 am**      **MORNING WORSHIP** led by David Harmsworth

## **Readings: The Third Sunday of Easter – 1<sup>st</sup> May**

### **Acts 9.1-6**

#### **The Conversion of Saul**

<sup>9</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ <sup>5</sup>He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’

### **Acts 9.7-20**

<sup>7</sup>The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.’ <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

#### **Saul Preaches in Damascus**

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’

### **John 21.1-19**

#### **Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples**

<sup>21</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ <sup>6</sup>He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the

Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

### **Jesus and Peter**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’ <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

**Benenden Home Group** – There will be no meeting this Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**St George's Churchyard Working Party – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30 am to noon.** Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

### **Prayers:**

**Tracy Claridge:** It is with great sadness that I have to let you know that dear Tracy passed away late in the evening on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. He died, peacefully, with Deborah at his side, in the cottage hospice at Five Ashes where he had moved to on the Wednesday. Please hold Deborah, Tracy's daughters Emily and Alice, and Deborah's daughters Harriet and Anna in your prayers. There will be a private Committal service the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. This will be followed, the same day, by a service at St George's Church at 1.30pm.

Everyone is invited to the church service, and the reception following the service. Revd David

### **Local Pilgrimages – a new way to connect with yourself and the landscape**

As spring is truly upon us – why not come and explore it with us on a Spring Pilgrimage? Pilgrimage is not just something for intrepid wanderers, willing to cross borders and endure hardship, but can be for just about anybody, willing to explore and discover something new about themselves, about the landscape, about the spirit and the earth. This year we are offering a series of guided walks of differing length and complexity through the beautiful and tranquil landscape of the surrounding countryside. All the walks will offer ample opportunities to stop, contemplate and connect with our deepest selves and with the natural world and the universe. We will do this via poetry, short readings, silence and other creative and imaginative invitations to discover something new or unexpected.

We will start with a **4.5-mile Spring Pilgrimage on 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2022**, starting from **St Nicholas Church at 9:45 for 10 am**, taking in babbling streams and ancient oaks, hopfields and vineyards, as well as a windmill, and finishing with coffee/tea, cake and our packed lunches in the churchyard at around 1pm. We will also look in at the Historic Exhibition of old Sandhurst photos and memorabilia in the Mission Church on our way. The walking pace will be leisurely, but some of the ground might be uneven. Stout foot wear, a good coat and a small folding chair/shooting stick, if you are in need of support while stopping for a rest, is all that is needed. Please bring a packed lunch.

We would love to walk with you!

Lyn Hayes and Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie (Mob. 07766-711957)

## **Benenden Fete – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**from 12 noon to 4 pm.**

**The donation drop-off is now open!**

**We would be extremely grateful - and pleased - for any of your spring clear outs to be donated to the fete! Please leave donations in the gazebo at the Scout hut (opposite Benenden's).**

**Items must be clean and intact please.**

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual RBD Sandhurst Memorial Musicals for Hospice in the Weald.**

Welcome to our 14<sup>th</sup> season, which has a distinctly French feeling.

The garden party in aid of Hospice in the Weald will be, as always – **the final Saturday in July, the 30<sup>th</sup>. at 3pm.** Hugo Philipeau will be making his English debut with a lovely selection of music, including Chopin, Debussy and Ravel.

The September Hospice recital will be **3pm on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Sasha Karpeyev will be playing with François Pineau-Benois, our first violinist who is coming over from Paris. Sasha tells me that they are exploring the 'Belaieff' composers, which thrills me – is that inspired by Richard's book, I wonder? They will be playing Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, Glazunov etc.

Tickets will only be sold in advance starting in May.

Please contact Gillian on 01580-850384 for reservations or

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