

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April Second Sunday of Easter

**Collect:** Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 5.27-32, John 20.19-end*

**8 am HOLY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10 am MORNING WORSHIP**

led by David Harmsworth

*Hymns:* 223 All hail the power of Jesu's name  
218 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son  
655 Have faith in God, my heart  
624 Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining

3 – 4.30 pm Choir rehearsal at St George's

**5 pm PATRONAL CHORAL EVENSONG**

led by Revd David Commander

*Psalm 126 Readings: Revelation 12.7-12, 2 Timothy 2.3-13*

***followed by community social & 20:20 Project display***

*Hymns:* 589 Angel-voices ever singing  
209 Love's redeeming work is done  
666 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Friends of St George's AGM at St George's</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
		led by Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice <b>at St Nicholas</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 – noon	Churchyard Working Party at St George's
	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Invicta Wind Orchestra - VE80 Concert at St Nicholas</b>

### Sunday Next: 4<sup>th</sup> May – Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

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

**2 pm** Interment of t/l Angela Adams at St George's

**Readings: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 5.27-32**

<sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

<sup>28</sup>Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

<sup>29</sup>Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

<sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

<sup>31</sup>Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

<sup>32</sup>And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

**John 20.19-end**

<sup>19</sup>Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

<sup>20</sup>And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

<sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

<sup>23</sup>Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup>The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

<sup>26</sup>And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

<sup>27</sup>Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

<sup>28</sup>And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

<sup>29</sup>Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

<sup>30</sup>And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

<sup>31</sup>But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**Date for your diary: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May APM & APCM  
7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.**

# FRIENDS OF ST GEORGE'S



**Dr C Northcote Parkinson  
and Parkinson's Law**  
A talk by Chris Parkinson,  
his eldest son

Monday 28 April  
at 7.30pm  
in St George's Church

Preceded by the AGM of  
the Friends at 7pm followed  
by refreshments

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Churchyard Working Party at St George's, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** from 9.30 am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

## Pilgrimages 2025

We are very happy to announce that we are planning a couple of local pilgrimage walks this year, taking in the lanes, by-ways and footpaths around both Sandhurst and Benenden, stopping for reflection and having the time to connect with nature and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims whilst walking in our wonderful countryside.

**Our first outing of the year will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, starting from The Mission Church in Back Road, Sandhurst at 9.45am for a 10.00am start.**

The walk will be around 3.5 to 4 miles long, using as many of the offroad routes as possible and finishing back at The Mission Church for a well earned cup of tea and our traditional offering of cake!

We would love to walk with you.

If you have further questions, please get in touch with  
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Revd Ylva and Lyn Hayes

**Christian Aid Week is 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and St George's Church is fundraising.** The climate crisis is destroying many lives, lands and livelihoods. Please give generously to help those battling intense heat waves, deadly droughts and savage storms to adapt and build their resilience. Let's help make a difference. Many thanks for your support. Deborah Jenkins



Invicta Wind Orchestra  
presents...

# Music for VE80

An evening of music to celebrate and commemorate VE Day,  
including film music, popular songs from WWII and reflective music.

**Conductor:**  
Jeremy Cooper

**Dambusters March**  
Eric Coates

7pm  
Saturday 3rd May

**St Nicholas Church,  
Sandhurst Cross,  
TN18 5NS**

Music by  
Ivor Novello,  
Glenn Miller  
and Richard  
Rogers

Tickets £15  
(18s and under free)  
Refreshments available




**St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst (Kent)**

**Friday 30 May at 7pm**

Meet the Choir and have some light refreshments at 6pm

## Nordic choral sounds

Haga Motettkör from Sweden

**Conductor: Michael Dierks**

Church Road, Sandhurst, TN18 5NS

Tickets £10 on the door, or pay online via QR code



**Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 10 am – 12 noon  
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 Claire Roberts on 01580 754374 or [claireecr57@yahoo.com](mailto:claireecr57@yahoo.com)

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