

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May Third Sunday of Easter

**Collect:** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

### Sunday 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

<i>Hymns:</i>	769	<i>Rejoice! The Lord is King</i>
	416	<i>Glory to God, glory to God (Peruvian Gloria)</i>
	587 (omit v6)	<i>Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)</i>
	321	<i>Thou art the Christ, O Lord</i>
	(HC) 358	<i>Be still, for the presence of the Lord</i>
	667	<i>I danced in the morning when the world was begun</i>

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

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

**Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 am

Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

11,30 am

Funeral of t/l Laura Pavier at St George's

4 pm

MLT meeting at the Rectory

7.30 pm

Home Group at Julia & David Collard's

8 pm

Fete meeting at the Bull

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Prayer today*

7.30 pm

Bellringing Practice at St George's

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

10 – 11.30 am

Community Choir at St George's

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Prayer today*

9 – 11 am

Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

### Sunday Next: 11<sup>th</sup> May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 9.36-end, John 10.22-30*

**8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

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

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**Acts 9.1-6**

<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 traveling 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. 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**

<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 sea. <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 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.

<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."

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

### **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

**Intercession training is taking place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at the Mission Church.** Please contact Revd David for more information.

**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

### **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.

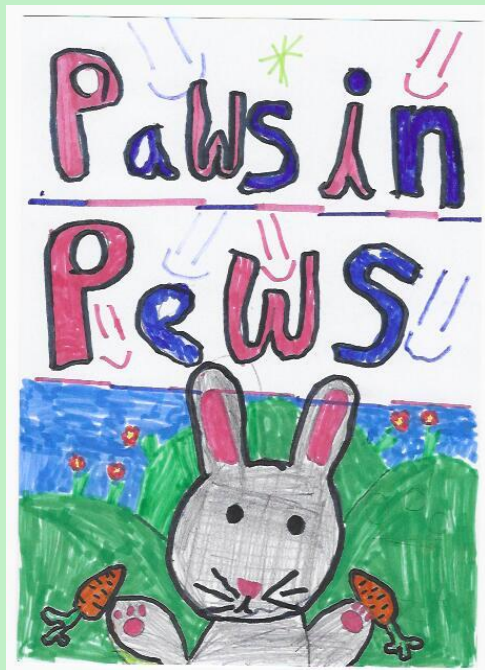
We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.

For more information and to book this free workshop please contact Claire Roberts on 01580 754374 or [claireecr57@yahoo.com](mailto:claireecr57@yahoo.com)

**The forthcoming Deanery Confirmation Service on 8<sup>th</sup> June.** If anyone is interested in Confirmation - for themselves or for a child - then please speak to Revd David.



**St Nicholas Church - Pet Service**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 10am**



Bring along your pets, large and small, to hear the creation story, sing well known hymns and have a special pet blessing.  
 Everybody Welcome!

**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

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