

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 8th May The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 8th 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

Hymns: 664 *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*
 681 *In heavenly love abiding*
 807 *Thine for ever! God of love (omit v 4)*
 650 *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 9 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	8 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 11 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
Thursday 12 th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice
Friday 13 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 - 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 14 th	1 pm	Wedding of Becca Massey & Simon Andrews at St George's

Sunday Next: 15th May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 11.1-18, John 13.31-35

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

10 am **SUNG EUCHARIST** led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

12.30 pm Interment at St George's (to be confirmed)

Readings: The Fourth Sunday of Easter – 8th May

Acts 9.36-end

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10.22-30

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

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 22nd 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 27th 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

Benenden Fete 18th June: Raffle tickets are for sale at both The Bull, Benenden and Benenden's, the village shop. They are £1 each and sold in books of 5 tickets.

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 Saturday 21st 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 18th 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.**

14th Annual RBD Sandhurst Memorial Musicals for Hospice in the Weald.

Welcome to our 14th 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 30th. 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 6th.** 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

email: gillian@wimbourne.com

Bell-ringing Practice at St George's (usual weekly timetable)

Mondays: 3.30 to 4.30 pm - Learners' practice

Tuesdays: 6.30 to 7.30 pm - Simulator practice

Wednesdays: 7.30 to 9 pm - Weekly Bell-ringing Practice (shutters open)

Thursdays: 4.30 to 5.30 pm - Simulator practice

Fridays: 9 to 10.30 am - Simulator practice

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