

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

### - Sunday after Ascension Day

**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 16<sup>th</sup> May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 1.15-17 & 21-end, John 17.6-19*

**8 am**            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**  
led by Revd David Commander & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10 am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen  
& Revd David Commander

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.45 am	Funeral of t/l Shirley Foss at Charing Crematorium: details below
	12 noon	Burial of t/l David Post at St George's
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	2.30 pm	Funeral and burial of t/l June King at St George's
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	7 pm	Deanery Synod meeting via Zoom
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom

#### Zoom link to Morning Prayer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3971102878?pwd=UkpkY2R2Z1lXbmJqNUdzdzB2RVZUUT09>

Meeting ID: 397 110 2878 Passcode: 658989

#### Sunday Next: 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pentecost

*Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 15.26-27 & 16.4b-15*

**8 am**            **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**  
led by Revd David Commander & Lyn Hayes

**10 am**           **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**  
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander

## Readings: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

### **Acts 1.15-17 & Acts 1.21-end**

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, <sup>16</sup>'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### **John 17.6-19**

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**Communion at St. George's:** I will, with the agreement of the PCC, be distributing Communion by "simultaneous administration" (ie intincting a wafer with wine immediately before distributing the wafer to each person. I am aware of a few people not being comfortable with this, but many more are. If you would prefer not to receive an intincted wafer, then please indicate this as you step forward to receive. (A simple gentle shake of the head will suffice.) I hope that one day, soon, we may receive a revised roadmap from the CoE with guidance on when we may return to the administration of the bread and the wine to all who wish to receive. Revd David.



## **Christian Aid week 2021 ending today - 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Our target this year is £3,000.

The JustGiving link set up by Tracy Claridge is available via the St George's Church website and Facebook pages.

**Or access the page from your mobile phone using  
this QR code**

## Prayers:

**Shirley Foss's** funeral is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10:45am at Charing Crematorium. The crematorium is sticking to its COVID congregational limit on numbers, so the event remains by invitation only. However, the cortege will be starting from outside The Old Vicarage (Robin and Jane's house) on The Green at 9.45am.

The family are aware that there are some people who may have wished to be at the service and regret that this is not possible. You may however wish to pay your respects to Shirley as the family leave Benenden for Charing. The service, led by Revd Christopher Smith, is being streamed live at 10:45am (and will be available to view for 28 days after the service) please follow this link....

<https://www.obitus.com/>

Username: pefi2843

Password: 827256

*The following notes regarding the live webcast have been provided by the Funeral Directors:*

*You can login to our website at any time to view a test connection (and we strongly recommend you do this) but you'll only be able to view the Live Webcast approx. 5 mins before the service start time. Please be aware this is a public building and the timing of the Live webcast is semi-automated to allow for services running early or late – please use your discretion if you can see activities not applicable to the service you are here to watch. Once the service has finished, it will take us up to 3 working days to get the 28-day Watch Again onto the website.*

### **Forthcoming funerals at St George's**

Please pray for David, June, Trevor and Christopher and their families and friends.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May - 12pm, burial of t/l David Post.** Conducted by Fr. Kevin Mepham

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - 2:30pm, funeral and burial of t/l June King.** Conducted by Revd Ylva

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1pm, funeral of t/l Trevor Greenstreet.** Conducted by Revd David; followed by a committal service at the K&S Crematorium

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May - 12pm, interment of t/l Christopher Lowe.** Conducted by Revd David

**A little bit more normality returns!** Assuming there are no further restrictions imposed and the four-stage Government road-map out of Covid continues, we are planning on:

### **Recommencing the midweek Communion service on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

(10am on Tuesdays at the Mission Church) and

### **Recommencing the Toddler Groups in both parishes: these will restart the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

The Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church in Sandhurst will restart on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 9-11am.

"Cakes & Chaos" in Benenden will restart on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 9-11am, at St George's.

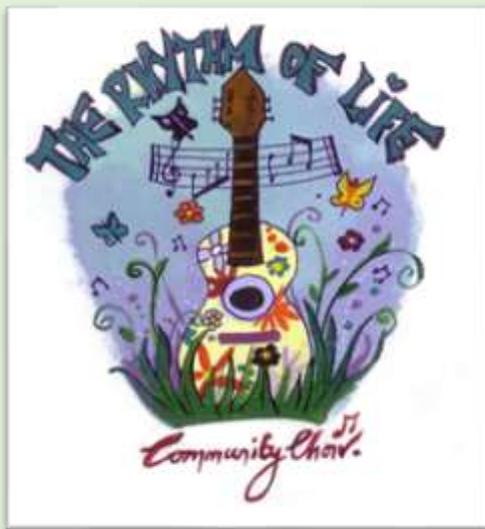
***The fourth stage of the Government Covid recovery road-map, with all restrictions lifted, does not come into effect until the 21<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest. So, until the end of June numbers at the toddler groups will have to be restricted. Please contact Helen for more details. (T: 01580 240658 E: [helenjcommander@gmail.com](mailto:helenjcommander@gmail.com))***

**St. George's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm in the church**

Before then nominations are needed for new PCC members. There are four vacancies for a three-year term and one vacancy for a one-year term. There are also elections for two Churchwardens and two Deanery Synod Representatives for two years. If you know anyone who might like to take up one of these vacancies, please give them encouragement. A folder has been left at the back of the church with some information and application forms. Advice can be obtained from Revd David Commander, David Collard or myself.

I will be leaving invitation letters to the APCM to all church members on the Electoral Roll at the back of church and I would be grateful if you could collect your letter and perhaps deliver any to those who live near you.

Julia Collard, PCC Secretary



**The Rhythm of Life Choir  
BENENDEN**

Thursday mornings  
10-11:30am

**at St George's Church  
Starting 24<sup>th</sup> June!**

**Anybody, Any ability, ALL WELCOME!**

£45 per term

**To book your place now call  
Carla on 07743430797**

**St George's Church Choir**

Dates for the diary:

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Choir practice in church 7-8pm**  
for Sundays 30<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Choir practice in church 7-8pm**  
for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Richard Fisher

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