

# The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

## Our Worship – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

**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.

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10.00 am ALL AGE COMMUNION & SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
led by Revd David Commander

**Bible Readings:**

*Acts 16.16-34*  
*John 17.20-26*

HYMNS	
27	Colours of Day
800	The Lord's my shepherd
785	Such love
557	Communion hymn - Beauty for brokenness
638	Communion hymn - Give me joy
769	Rejoice the Lord is King

4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** led by David Harmsworth.  
*Psalm 68.1-13. Readings: Isaiah 44.1-8, Ephesians 4.7-16*

HYMNS & MUSIC	
Canticles	Brewer in Bflat
Anthem	Shaw with a voice of singing
Responses	Tallis Festival
228	Hail the day
754	O worship the King
14ii	Eternal Light

#### The Week Ahead

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	9.30-11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	1.00 pm	Wedding of Michelle Hinkley & Neil Levett
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	5.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal

	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (tbc)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Musicians' Rehearsal
	1.30 pm	Wedding of Cameron Johnstone-Browne & Harriet Gough

### **Sunday Next: 9<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost**

*Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 14.8-17*

**8.00 am 1662 BCP Holy Communion** led by Revd David Commander

**10.00 am Eucharist** led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church** led by Revd David

Commander. *Psalm 33.12-22. Readings: Exodus 33.7-20, 2 Corinthians 3.4-end*

### **Readings: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

#### **Acts 16.16-34**

##### **Paul and Silas in Prison**

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' <sup>31</sup>They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

#### **John 17.20-26**

<sup>20</sup> 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

**Home Groups:** The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. All are welcome to both Home Groups.

**Churchwardens:** On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Tracy Claridge and David Collard were admitted to the office of Churchwarden for St George's Church for a period of twelve months at the Archdeacons' Visitation service at St. Mildred's Tenterden. Thank you to them both for standing for this role and serving us in this way.

**Huge thanks** go to Julia Collard who has stepped down after six years of working tirelessly for us as one of our Churchwardens. Julia will continue to support David, of course, and will be doing many other things behind the scenes so I don't expect she'll be putting her feet up! Thank you, Julia, for all your hard work for us and for your support. Revd David

**Hymns with "starred verses":** Having been caught out a little one Sunday, when three of the hymns were quite long and had several starred verses, it has been decided that our default will be that we omit starred verses unless the service leader particularly wants to include one or more of the starred verses - in which case, this will be announced when the hymn is introduced. After a few months, I trust that we will all get used to naturally omitting the starred verses. Revd David.

### Proposed Relocation of Memorial Plaque



The above plaque is on the wall at the west end of St George's Church. The PCC are discussing with the Archdeacon the possibility of having this plaque moved to the north wall of the bellringing chamber as it concerns the rehung of the bells in 1971. In order to do this we have been asked to contact any known descendants of the Vicar and Churchwardens as shown on the plaque. Obviously, we know about Robert Reynolds' family, but does anyone in the village know of any family members of Lionel Man and Revd Jessop Price? We do have some information but no contact details. If anyone can help us please contact Julia Collard on 01580 241944.

### **Benefice Services: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**8am Benefice Communion at St Nicholas, Sandhurst**  
**10am All Age Communion at St George's, Benenden**

**'Raising Faith' – Conference at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 9.30am to 4.15pm**

This conference is aimed at church leaders, youth workers, parents, grandparents, teachers - everyone with a concern for the future faith of our children and young people.

Speakers include Ali Campbell, from The Resource,  
Jo Squires from Youth for Christ and Gareth Hillier from Care for the Family.

Tickets are £20 each, including lunch and refreshments.

See <http://bit.ly/raisingfaith> for details and to book. Booklets & posters in church.

**Open Gardens at Charlotte Molesworth's, Balmoral Cottage in aid of Hospice in the Weald.** Today, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and next Saturday and Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. From 11am to 5pm. Exhibition of pottery, sculpture and paintings on sale. Tea, coffee and delicious cakes too.

**Benenden Village Fete: in support of St George's Church  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – from 12 noon to 4 pm on The Green**

There is a gazebo erected in the front garden of the Rectory ready to receive all the pre-loved things you want to pass on so that others might benefit from them! Please bring any toys, bric-a-brac, or tools etc to be sold at the fete and store them in the gazebo. Please be considerate of our neighbours...and watch out for the mad dog! Books are to be dropped off in the church porch please - on the right hand side; "Catching Lives" donations are on the left hand side.

Thank you for your support. Revd David

**Cakes & Chaos *Baby and Toddler Group* meets in St George's  
every Friday in term time from 9 to 11 am. All welcome!**

**Boot Fair and Dog Show  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June on St Nicholas Church Field.  
Boot fair from 10 am - Set up from 9am. Call Alex 07979 497804 to book**

**Fun Dog Show: Entries from 11am (12 classes. Best in Show at approx 3.30pm)**

*Agility Displays and 'Have a go Dog Agility'. Churchyard Trail & Treasure Hunt*

***Please see posters in Church for full details***

*Proceeds to St Nicholas Church and Woodchurch Carriage Driving for the Disabled*

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