

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 31st May Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday

Collect: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10am PENTECOST – ON-LINE COMMUNION SERVICE

led by Revd David Commander at the Rectory

Service available On-line on Sunday morning via the church website:

<http://www.benendenchurch.org/> or via the following links:

Service video (available from 8am Sunday): https://youtu.be/vvFD7RDW_3s

Service booklet: https://1drv.ms/b/s!Agkc8nXuU17kgvEsM2i6M9OaUi_BUA?e=gq9KAx

Readings: https://1drv.ms/b/s!Agkc8nXuU17kgvEt750D4wt_cbFx5g?e=yeXN33

10.45am Zoom Virtual Coffee Morning, 10:45am:

Time to share some fellowship together, with a cup of something, as we usually do at the back of church. To join the meeting click the link on the Church website or Facebook pages. Or type in:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75925517393?pwd=VFN3eXFEM0VhMUNuRHhTVUx4NIJrdz09>
(Meeting ID: 746 9637 3479 Password: 0grNpZ)

6pm EVENING PRAYER

conducted by Revd David Commander at the Rectory

THE WEEK AHEAD

8am Morning Prayer – every day

6pm Evening Prayer – every day

Daily prayer services are conducted Monday to Saturday by Revd David at the Rectory - unless conducted by Revd Rosemary at her home on behalf of the Benefice.

Daily Scripture and Reflection is posted on the St Nicholas & St George's church websites and Facebook pages every day of the week. Please take a look.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITES AND / OR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING SERVICES HELD ON-LINE. PLEASE DO JOIN REVD DAVID FOR THESE SERVICES 'IN SPIRIT'.

Church Websites: <http://www.benendenchurch.org/>
<https://stnicholassandhurst.org/>

Church Facebook Pages: @StGeorgesBenenden
@StNicholasSandhurst

A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

Sunday Next: Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday

Readings: 2 Cor. 13:11-end & Matthew 28:16-20

10am COMMUNION SERVICE

led by Revd David Commander at the Rectory

Service available on-line Sunday morning via the church website.

6pm EVENING PRAYER

Readings: Sunday 31st May

Acts 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and

Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 20:19-23

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Partial re-opening of our churches!

St George's Church, St Nicholas Church and the Mission Church are now open for the following:

- All key-holders can now go into church if it is essential to do so. (If more than one key-holder is in church at the same time then social distancing will be observed. Those entering church must hand-sanitise on entry.)
- For Morning Prayer: Revd David will conduct Morning Prayer from St George's church (or from his study) at 8am – when it is expedient to do so. (This will, regrettably, be *behind closed-doors*.) When restrictions are lifted further, then Revd David's Tuesday and Wednesday Morning Prayer will resume from the Mission Church.
- Worship will continue as recorded services streamed on YouTube until at least the end of June. David and Helen will start recording these services in the sanctuary of St George's church.

Full re-opening of our churches: At the very earliest this will be early July; but we await further guidance from the Diocese nearer the time.

Sunday Cash Collections (*From our Treasurer*)

Since the lockdown there have been no cash plate/bag collections and, as expected, our collection income has dropped dramatically. If you are usually a cash contributor or a one-off white envelope donor and would like to continue your donations then please consider making a BACs transfer. The St George's Church PCC bank account details are as follows:

Benenden PCC Planned Giving
Sort Code 60 06 18
A/c No 59034742

White Envelope (Gift Aid) donors can complete a downloadable form and return it to Clive Turner clive_turner@btinternet.com

Your continued support of our church and the work we do is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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