

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 1st May The Third Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 1st May – The Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9.1-6 [7-20], John 21.1-19

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

10 am **ALL AGE COMMUNION** led by Revd David Commander

Hymns: 486 *Christ is the King! O friends rejoice*
 219 *This joyful Eastertide*
 709 *Light of the minds that know him*
 221 *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (omit v 3)*

2.30 pm **Wedding of Katharine Alder & Paul McAneary at St George's**

5 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Psalm 86, Isaiah 38.9-20, John 11.[17-26] 27-44

Hymns: 641 *Glorious things of thee are spoken (omit v 3)*
 761 *Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him*
 507 *We have a gospel to proclaim*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 2nd

Bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 am

Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church

led by Revd David Commander

No Benenden Home Group tonight

Wednesday 4th

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 am

Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall

Thursday 5th

10 am

Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's

Friday 6th

8 am

Morning Prayer at St George's

9 - 11 am

Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

Saturday 7th

9.30 am - noon

St George's Churchyard Working Party

4 pm

'Connect Four' at Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 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

Readings: The Third Sunday of Easter – 1st May

Acts 9.1-6

The Conversion of Saul

⁹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and 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. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Acts 9.7-20

⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul 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. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The 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, ¹²and 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.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But 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; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So 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.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul Preaches in Damascus

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

John 21.1-19

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

²¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon 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.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He 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. ⁷That 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 lake. ⁸But 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.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus 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. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ 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.' ¹⁶A 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.' ¹⁷He 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. ¹⁸Very 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.' ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Benenden Home Group – There will be no meeting this Tuesday, 3rd May.

St George's Churchyard Working Party – Saturday 7th May from 9.30 am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

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

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 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
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