

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 22nd May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 22nd May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.9-15, John 14.23-29

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

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP & Baptism of Charlotte Fowler**

led by Revd David Commander

***We welcome Charlotte and her family and friends
to St George's this morning.***

Hymns: 613 City of God

764 Peace, perfect peace

236 Breathe on me, breath of God

533 All things bright and beautiful (omit v 4)

1 pm Wedding of Emily Fisher & Oli Smith

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 23 rd	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.15 pm	Benenden PCC Communion at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC meeting at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 25 th	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall
	2 pm	Funeral of t/l Philip Message at the Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, Biddenden
Thursday 26th	10 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's
Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Service at St George's led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Friday 27 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 - 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	1.30 pm	Thanksgiving Service t/l Tracy Claridge at St George's
	6.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 28 th	9.30 am – noon	St George's Churchyard Working Party
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Laura Burchell & Craig Wickham

**Next Sunday's services are *BENEFICE* services (the fifth Sunday of the month).
Holy Communion at St George's is at 10am**

Sunday Next: 29th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.16-34, John 17.20-end

8 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST

led by Revd David Commander

10 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander & Vicki Young

Readings: The Sixth Sunday of Easter – 22nd May

Acts 16.9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

John 14.23-29

²³Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Prayers:

Philip Message: Please remember Miriam, Stephen and the family in your prayers. Philip's funeral is on Wednesday 25th May at 2pm at the Baptist Church at Bounds Cross, Biddenden, TN27 8JZ. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tracy Claridge: Please continue to hold Deborah, Tracy's daughters Emily and Alice, and Deborah's daughters Harriet and Anna in your prayers. Tracy's private Committal service is on Friday morning, 27th May. This will be followed by a service at St George's Church at 1.30pm. Everyone is invited to the church service, and the reception at St George's following the service. Revd David

St George's Churchyard Working Party – Next Saturday, 28th May, from 9.30am to noon.
Please do join us if you are able. Dick Hill

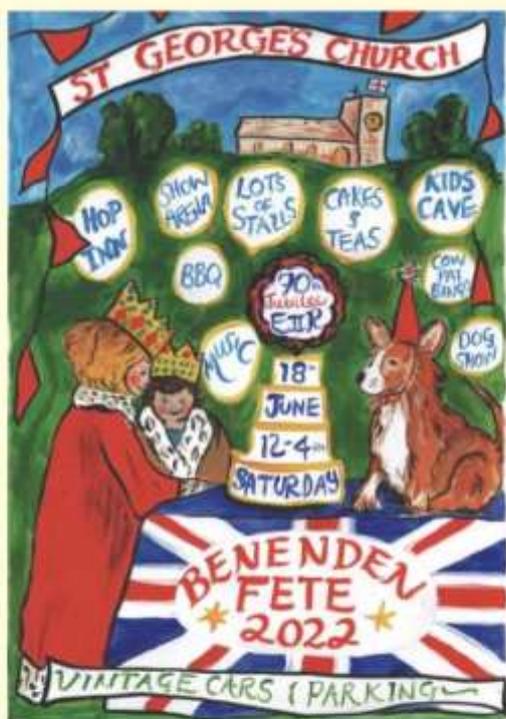
Gluten-free Wafers at St George's: We have a new stock of gluten-free wafers at St. George's. If you would prefer to receive one of these, can you please let me know. It would also be helpful to know if any form of cross contamination is an issue, and whether we need to be very careful about this when distributing Communion. 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.

Benenden Fete - Saturday 18th June: 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.

Project 20/20: Please take time to look at the Project 20/20 display, and the marking out on the floor, at the back of church. The sub-group of the PCC would welcome all your comments, ideas, suggestions or questions so that we can amend, if necessary, the concept before an informal discussion with the DAC. Please address any questions/comments to Richard Stubbings, who is coordinating this, via Cathy Baker; Email: benendenchurch@gmail.com (Make the subject of your email "Project 20/20"). Alternatively, a hard copy of your comments may be given to any member of the sub-group.

Following an informal meeting with the DAC, other changes to the concept may be necessary. We will then put forward a full proposal to the church family and community for consideration. Revd David



Cakes Fun Dog Show Bric-a-Brac Tools-R-Us
BBQ & Hop Inn Afternoon Tea Kids Corner Raffle
Books Classic Cars Chic Boutique Bouncy Castles
Coconut Shy Face Painting Plants Cow Pat Bingo
Show Arena Strawberries & Cream Live Music

12:00 Fete opens, BBQ
12:05-12:30 Children's Royal Crown Procession (Arena)
12:30-1:00 Reg E. Mental magician (Arena)
1:10-1:40 Ami Piper Dance School Show (Arena)
1:15-1:35 Rhythm of Life Choir (Church)
1:40-2:10 Children's Triathlon (Arena)
Contestants arrive 1:30
1:40-2:00 Benenden Jazz (Stage)
2:10-3:00 Fun Dog Show (Arena)
2:00-3:30 Jane Whitely plays the organ (Church)
2:10-2:35 Lyn & Martin Hayes (Stage)
2:45-3:05 Rhythm of Life Choir (Stage)
3:15-3:45 Benenden Jazz (Stage)
3:00-3:30 Reg E. Mental magician (Arena)
3:45 Raffle & Cow Pat bingo winner announcements
4:00 Close



**Benenden Village Fete – 18th June
12- 4pm**

A full pull out guide will be available in the June Benenden Village Magazine.

Draft schedule above.

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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