

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: 5th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

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 Next: 5th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter – (Rogation Sunday)

Readings: Acts 10.44-end, John 15.9-17

8 am HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Hymns: 6 *Lord, as the day begins*
72 *Joy to the world*
494 *I the Lord of sea and sky*
506 *The church's one foundation (omit v3)*

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG led by Revd David Commander

Psalm 98. Readings: Song of Solomon 4.16-5.2; 8.6,7, Luke 22.24-30

Hymns: 589 *Angel-voices ever singing*
650 *Great is thy faithfulness*
Anthem Ave Verum (Elgar)
24 *The day thou gavest*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 6 th		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 7 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	2 pm	Memorial service at St George's: t/l Christopher Neve
	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 9 th	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
<i>Ascension Day</i>	7.30 pm	ASCENSION DAY SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S led by Revd David Commander <i>Psalm 47. Readings: Acts 1.1-11, Luke 24.44-end</i>
Friday 10 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 11 th	10.30 am	Service to celebrate 30 years of women's ordination to the priesthood – at Canterbury Cathedral

Sunday Next: 12th May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1.15-17 & 21-end, John 17.6-19 **(Christian Aid Week)**

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am MORNING WORSHIP led by Vicki Young

11.15 am – 12.30 pm BELL SUNDAY – Tower open at St George's

Readings: Sunday 5th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-end

Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15.9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Prayers:

A memorial service for **t/I Christopher Neve** will be held at St George's on Tuesday 7th May at 2pm. All are welcome. We hold Christopher's family and friends in our prayers.

**Ascension Day - Thursday 9th May
Benefice Service at St. George's at 7:30pm**

Churchwardens: At the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 22nd April David Collard and Sue Fisher were re-elected as Churchwardens. Thank you very much to both David and Sue for agreeing to serve for another year and thank you for all that you do for St George's Church.

12th May is Bell Sunday

A celebration of English bells and change ringing.

**We are running an open tower at St George's, with coffee,
from 11.15 am to 12.30 pm,**

for anyone to see our historic bells, try their hand at handling a bell, see a demonstration of the simulator and meet the ringers.

All are welcome!

Project 20/20: an update meeting will take place after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday 2nd June. The meeting will be chaired by Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone; it will begin at 11:30am. If you are interested in the progress of the project and the future of St George's Church please come along to the meeting.

Teas in the Churchyard at St Nicholas - Sunday 2nd June - 2-5pm: This is always a happy and very well supported event; the churchyard always looks beautiful in the early summer. This year St Nicholas will look particularly lovely, full of flowers from the previous day's wedding. If you can donate a cake or a raffle prize or help on the day, please contact Juliet Atherton Tel 850 502 or Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850 281. Many thanks. ATW



**Bereavement Support: Saturday 18th May 10am - 1pm
at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road TN18 5JU**

Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.

We are offering a morning to explore how grief can affect us, acknowledging that it is a unique experience for all. We will share some of the models of grief that we may be able to identify with and so know we are not alone or out of kilter with our feelings. It will also be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.

For more information and to book this free workshop please contact Claire Roberts on 07872 171535 or email claireecr57@yahoo.com

Weald Deanery Confirmation Service



led by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Sunday 23rd June at a church in the Deanery.

It would be lovely to have some candidates from our Benefice to be confirmed at this service. Confirmation is an opportunity to make a public declaration - as an adult, teenager or child - for yourself to follow Christ and his teachings in your life.

If you, or a member of your family, would like to be confirmed, please let me know; we will organise an appropriate form of Confirmation preparation.

Revd David T: 01580 240658 E: revdavidcommander@gmail.com

St Nicholas Church

Teas in the Churchyard

Sunday 2nd June

2 - 5pm



**Churchyard trail, raffle, delicious cakes.
Come and enjoy the spectacular views and
wild flowers and listen to the birds.**

It's nature at its best!

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