

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 7th April The Second Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 7th April: The Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4.32-35, John 20.19-end

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Hymns: 199 *Christ is alive!*
653 *Happy are they, they that love God*
204 *If Christ had not been raised from death*
216 *The day of resurrection*

5 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Psalms 85. Readings: Genesis 3.8-15, Galatians 4.1-5

Hymns: 709 *Light of the minds that know him*
217 *The strife is o'er, the battle done*
221 *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (omit v3)*
813 *Through the night of doubt and sorrow (omit v 7&8)*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 8 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7 pm	Learning & Sharing the Faith – meeting at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 9 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
Wednesday 10 th	8 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
Thursday 11 th	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
Friday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's

Sunday Next: 14th April: The Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3.12-19, Luke 24.36b-48

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Vicki Young

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Acts 4.32-35

The Believers Share Their Possessions

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

John 20.19-end

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.'

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Revision of the St George's Church Electoral Roll closes TODAY, 7th April. If you would like to join the Roll there are Application forms at the back of the church. Please fill out a form ASAP and either hand it to David Collard or post it through the door at 7 Fuggles Court, Benenden, TN17 4EF.

The 2024 annual church meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall, Benenden at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd April 2024. Coffee and biscuits will be served before the meeting. The various reports have been published as a booklet and are now available for you to collect from church. The meeting will also include, as usual, the election of Churchwardens and PCC members for the coming year. If you would like more details of the work of any of these, please ask me or the current churchwardens. Julia Collard

Learning & Sharing the Faith: next meeting – Monday 8th April 7pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.

Benenden Home Group starts up again on Tuesday 9th April at 8 pm at 7 Fuggles Court.

Summer Teas in St George's Church: Following the success of this initiative last year we would like to do it again this summer. It was lovely to be able to offer refreshments to visitors in the Sunday afternoons throughout summer and to catch up with one another too.

If you would like to help with this, either by making cakes or actually being there on the day and serving our guests then please contact me to have a chat.

We are looking to do this each Sunday from July 7th – August 25th. Between 2 and 4pm.

There will always be 2 people each week and of course the more people who sign up the better.

If you would like to help but know of dates within this time frame that you can't do, then please indicate when you contact me...it helps with producing rotas.

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Confirmation



There is a Confirmation Service, led by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, being held in the Weald Deanery; this is on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd June, at a church in the Deanery.

It would be lovely to have some candidates from our Benefice to be confirmed at the service.

The Confirmation service 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

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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

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