

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 24th 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 24th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-end

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

10 am **MORNING WORSHIP** led by Vicki Young

Hymns: 199 *Christ is alive*
 200 *Christ the Lord is risen (omit v 4)*
 204 *If Christ had not been raised from death*
 207 *Jesus lives!*

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 25 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 2 – 4pm | 2020 Project meeting at St George's |
| | 7.30 pm | Sandhurst Home Group at the Rectory (this week only) |
| Tuesday 26 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander |
| | 8 pm | Home Group at David & Julia Collard's |
| Wednesday 27 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall |
| Thursday 28 th | 10 am | Rhythm of Life Community Choir at St George's |
| | 7 pm | Choir Practice at St George's |
| Friday 29 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's |
| | 9 – 11 am | Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's |
| Saturday 30 th | 1 – 2 pm | Music Rehearsal at St George's |
| | 5.30 pm | Wedding Rehearsal at St George's |

Sunday Next: 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 Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

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

2.30 pm Wedding of Katharine Alder & Paul McAnearly 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

Readings: The Second Sunday of Easter – 24th April

Revelation 1.4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If 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. ²⁵ So 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.' ²⁷ Then 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.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus 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. ³¹ But 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.

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

Walk Church – TODAY – Sunday 24th April
meet at St Mary the Virgin, Westwell, TN25 4JX at 1.45 for 2pm

The walk takes us partly on the Pilgrims way to Canterbury.

We skirt past Eastwell Manor estate, including the ruined church of Eastwell hamlet, and then back to Westwell.

The route is about 3.8miles long. Probably the biggest challenge with this route, is that for a fair section, we'll be having to walk along a quiet road. If you hope to join us, please let me know.

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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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