

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 9th 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 9th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10.44-end, John 15.9-17

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCH

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen & David Harmsworth
- 10 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Lyn Hayes, David Harmsworth & Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 10 th | 8am | Morning Prayer via Zoom |
| Tuesday 11 th | 8am | Morning Prayer via Zoom |
| Wednesday 12 th | 8am | Morning Prayer via Zoom |
| Thursday 13th | 7.30pm | Ascension Day - Holy Communion
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander |
| Friday 14 th | 8am | Morning Prayer via Zoom |

Zoom link to Morning Prayer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3971102878?pwd=UkpkY2R2Z1lXbmJqNUdzdzB2RVZUUT09>

Meeting ID: 397 110 2878 Passcode: 658989

Sunday Next: 16th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension Day

Readings: Acts 1.15-17 & 21-end, John 17.6-19

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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. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for 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?' ⁴⁸ So 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

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I 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. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I 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. ¹⁶ You 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. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Ascension Day - Thursday 13th May

There will be a Communion service at St George's Church at 7.30pm to mark the Ascension.



Christian Aid week 2021

Tracy Claridge has set up a Benenden & Iden Green JustGiving page for Christian Aid 2021. Our target this year is £3,000.

The JustGiving link is available via the St George's Church website and Facebook pages.

Or access the page from your mobile phone using this QR code:



Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. When you donate your money is sent directly to Christian Aid. So it is the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity

Communion at St. George's: I will, with the agreement of the PCC, be distributing Communion by "simultaneous administration" (ie intincting a wafer with wine immediately before distributing the wafer to each person. I am aware of a few people not being comfortable with this, but many more are. If you would prefer not to receive an intincted wafer, then please indicate this as you step forward to receive. (A simple gentle shake of the head will suffice.) I hope that one day, soon, we may receive a revised roadmap from the CoE with guidance on when we may return to the administration of the bread and the wine to all who wish to receive. Revd David.

**St. George's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on
Monday 24th May 2021 at 7.30pm in the church**

Before then nominations are needed for new PCC members.

There are four vacancies for a three-year term and one vacancy for a one-year term. There are also elections for two Churchwardens and two Deanery Synod Representative for two years. If you know anyone who might like to take up one of these vacancies, please give them encouragement. A folder has been left at the back of the church with some information and application forms. Advice can be obtained from Revd David Commander, David Collard or myself.

I will be leaving invitation letters to the APCM to all church members on the Electoral Roll. I would be grateful if you could collect your letter and perhaps deliver any to those who live near you.

Julia Collard, PCC Secretary

Prayers:

Please pray for the family of **Shirley Foss**, who passed away on Friday 16th April at Staplehurst Manor Care Home. Shirley would have been 93 years old on Monday 19th.

Shirley's funeral is to take place on Monday 17th May at 10.45am at Charing Crematorium. Attendance is limited due to Covid restrictions and is by invitation from the family only please. The service, led by Revd Christopher Smith, will however be live-streamed and will be available to view for 28-days after the service. The service may be accessed using the following link, username, and password:

<https://www.obitus.com/>

Username: pefi2843

Password: 827256

The following notes regarding the live webcast have been provided by the Funeral Directors:

You can login to our website at any time to view a test connection (and we strongly recommend you do this) but you'll only be able to view the Live Webcast approx. 5 mins before the service start time. Please be aware this is a public building and the timing of the Live webcast is semi-automated to allow for services running early or late – please use your discretion if you can see activities not applicable to the service you are here to watch. Once the service has finished, it will take us up to 3 working days to get the 28-day Watch Again onto the website.

Forthcoming funerals at St George's

Please pray for David, June, Trevor and Christopher and their families and friends.

Monday 17th May - 12pm, burial of t/l David Post. Conducted by Fr. Kevin Mephram

Tuesday 18th May - 2:30pm, funeral and burial of t/l June King. Conducted by Revd Ylva

Friday 28th May - 1pm, funeral of t/l Trevor Greenstreet. Conducted by Revd David; followed by a committal service at the K&S Crematorium

Sunday 30th May - 12pm, interment of t/l Christopher Lowe. Conducted by Revd David

A little bit more normality returns! Assuming there are no further restrictions imposed and the four-stage Government road-map out of Covid continues, we are planning on:

Recommencing the midweek Communion service on Tuesday 18th May
(10am on Tuesdays at the Mission Church) and

Recommencing the Toddler Groups in both parishes: these will restart the week commencing 7th June.

The Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church in Sandhurst will restart on Wednesday 9th June, 9-11am.

"Cakes & Chaos" in Benenden will restart on Friday 11th June, 9-11am, at St George's.

The fourth stage of the Government Covid recovery road-map, with all restrictions lifted, does not come into effect until the 21st June at the earliest. So, until the end of June numbers at the toddler groups will have to be restricted. Please contact Helen for more details. (T: 01580 240658 E: helenjcommander@gmail.com)

St George's Church Choir

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 27th May. Choir practice in church 7-8pm
for Sundays 30th May and 6th June.

Thursday 17th June. Choir practice in church 7-8pm
for Sunday 20th June. Richard Fisher

Fundraising for the Weald Family Hub & Benenden Church of England Primary School

Many of you know Lindsay Roberts, the Executive Headteacher at Benenden Primary School. At the end of May Lindsay is doing a skydive to raise funds for the Weald Family Hub, our primary school and Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary School.

To find out more, and to sponsor Lindsay please take a look at her Just Giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lindsay-roberts-3>

Benenden Memorial Hall

We hope to be able to open the hall from 21st June for normal use.

We may be able to open for small groups from 17th May.

Applications to rent the hall should still be sent to Jackie Liffen:
Email: memhall@daisystar.co.uk

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