

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 23rd May Pentecost

Collect: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 23rd May – Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 15.26-27 & 16.4b-15

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd David Commander & Lyn Hayes

10 am **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Lyn Hayes & Revd David Commander

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 24 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom |
| | 7.30pm | St George's APCM |
| Tuesday 25 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at the Mission Church and via Zoom |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander |
| Wednesday 26 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom |
| Thursday 27 th | 7pm | Choir Practice at St George's |
| Friday 28 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at St George's and via Zoom |
| | 1pm | Funeral of t/l Trevor Greenstreet at St George's |

Zoom link to Morning Prayer:

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

Meeting ID: 397 110 2878 Passcode: 658989

Sunday Next: 30th May – Trinity Sunday

Readings: Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

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Acts 2.1-21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 15.26-27

²⁶ 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16.4b-15 The Work of the Spirit

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Communion at St. George's: With the agreement of the PCC I am 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.

Notification of Advice for application for a path across churchyard and Glebe following existing right of way: There is a public notice on the north door of the church regarding a Faculty Petition for this pathway. Please take time to read it and, if you have any questions, please address them to David Collard, Julia Collard or myself. Thank you. Revd David

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

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 Representatives 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.

Invitation letters to the APCM to all church members on the Electoral Roll have been left at the back of church. Copies of this year's Annual Reports are also available for collection in advance of the meeting.

Julia Collard, PCC Secretary

Prayers:

Forthcoming funerals at St George's

Please pray for Trevor and Christopher and their families and friends.

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 have recommenced the midweek Communion service at 10 am on Tuesdays at Sandhurst Mission Church

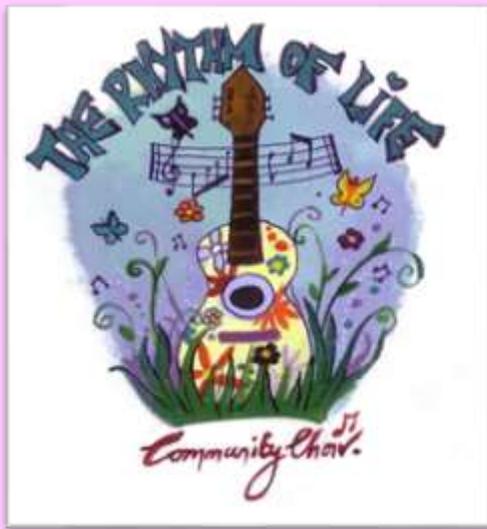
We plan to recommence the Toddler Groups in both parishes: *these will restart the week commencing 7th June.*

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.

Please contact Helen for more details.

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The Rhythm of Life Choir

BENENDEN

Thursday mornings

10-11:30am

at St George's Church

Starting 24th June!

Anybody, Any ability, ALL WELCOME!

£45 per term

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Carla on 07743430797

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

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