

The Parish of St George's, Benenden

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

Our Worship – Sunday 19th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am SUNG EUCHARIST

led by Revd David Commander

Bible Readings:

Acts 11.1-18,
John 13.31-35

HYMNS	
532	All creatures of our God and King
593	At the name of Jesus
453	Lord enthroned
Communion anthem	tbc
Communion hymn 194	Alleluia
506	The church's one foundation

4.00 pm MESSY CHURCH AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

led by Revd David Commander

The Week Ahead

Monday 20 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
	7.30 pm	Archdeacons' Visitation – St Mildred's, Tenterden
Tuesday 21 st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
Wednesday 22 nd	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia and David Collard's
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 23 rd	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	9.30 -11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons
	1.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Friday 24 th	7.30 pm	Fabric & Finance meeting at the Memorial Hall
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Revd Craig Huxley and Sarah Jones
	5.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 25 th	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (tbc)
	3.00 pm	Wedding of Jacob Cooper and Becky Benton
	5.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal

Sunday Next: 26th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.9-15, John 14.23-29

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd David Commander

10.00 am Morning Worship led by Rickie Bishop

2.00 pm Wedding of Robert Hardman and Katy Lewis

Readings: Sunday 19th May

Acts 11.1-18

Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

¹¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

John 13.31-35

The New Commandment

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group meets at 8pm at David and Julia Collard's. The Wednesday Home Group meets at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church. All are welcome to both Home Groups.

There is a Fabric & Finance meeting on Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

**Benenden Village Fete: in support of St George's Church
Saturday 15th June**

12 noon to 4 pm on The Green

There is a gazebo erected in the front garden of the Rectory ready to receive all the pre-loved things you want to pass on so that others might benefit from them! Please bring any toys, bric-a-brac, or tools etc to be sold at the fete and store them in the gazebo. Please be considerate of our neighbours...and watch out for the mad dog! Books are to be dropped off in the church porch please - on the right hand side; "Catching Lives" donations are on the left hand side. Thank you for your support. Revd David

Cakes & Chaos

Baby and Toddler Group

meets in St George's

every Friday in term time from 9 to 11 am

All welcome!

Proposed Relocation of Memorial Plaque



The above plaque is on the wall at the west end of St George's Church. The PCC are discussing with the Archdeacon the possibility of having this plaque moved to the north wall of the bellringing chamber as it concerns the rehung of the bells in 1971. In order to do this we have been asked to contact any known descendants of the Vicar and Churchwardens as shown on the plaque. Obviously, we know about Robert Reynolds' family, but does anyone in the village know of any family members of Lionel Man and Revd Jessop Price? We do have some information but no contact details. If anyone can help us please contact Julia Collard on 01580 241944.

St Mary's Goudhurst is running another term of The Weald School of Theology. It will run for 8 weeks **starting Wednesday 23rd May** (*please note change of start date*) and this term follows the 'Faith' track. More information via this link where there is also an option to sign up:
<http://www.gkchurch.org.uk/?c=school-of-theology-546>

A **Raising Faith conference** is being held on **Saturday 29th June 2019 from 9.30am to 4.15pm** at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst for parents, carers and all those involved in the faith formation of our young people. Raising Faith will equip you as church and parents to help children discover their faith for themselves. We have experts in this field coming along to talk and lead seminars throughout the day. Tickets for this event are £20 each, including lunch and refreshments, subsidies are available. See <http://bit.ly/raisingfaith> for details or please see the booklets and posters at the back of church.

Boot Fair and Dog Show

**Saturday 8th June
on St Nicholas Church Field.**

**Boot fair from 10 am
(Set up from 9am. Call Alex 07979 497804 to book)**

**Fun Dog Show: Entries from 11am
(12 classes. Best in Show at approx 3.30pm)
Agility Displays and 'Have a go Dog Agility'
Please see the posters in Church for full details**

*Proceeds to St Nicholas Church and
Woodchurch Carriage Driving for the Disabled*

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