The Parish of St George's, Benenden Our Mission: "To know and love Jesus and make his love known to all" Our Worship - Sunday 28th April 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.

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Revd John Tapper

HYMNS			
223	All hail the power of Jesu's name		
238	Come down O love divine		
453	Lord enthroned		
818	To God be the Glory		

Bible Readings: Acts 5.27-32, John 20.19-end

The Week Ahead Revd David returns from holiday tomorrow, Monday 29th April.

Monday 29 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	BPS Assembly
T I ooth	7.30 pm	St George's APM and APCM in the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 30 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by
		Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	8.00 pm	Home Group at Julia and David Collard's
Wednesday 1 st	8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	11.30 am	Funeral of t/I Marian Bligh
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday 2 nd	9.30 -11.30 am	BPS Music Lessons
Friday 3 rd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.00 am	Cakes & Chaos
	3.00 pm	BPS Assembly
	5.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	6.45 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (tbc)
Saturday 4 th	9.30 – noon	Churchyard Working Party
,	12.30 pm	Wedding of Janine Powell and James Norris
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Sunday Next: 5th May– Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9.1-6, John 21.1-19

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10.00 am All Age Communion & Sunday School led by Revd David Commander

- 2.00 pm Interment of t/l Cyril and Phyllis Cooling
- 4.00 pm Choir Practice

5.00 pm **Choral Evensong** led by David Harmsworth *Psalm 86. Readings: Isaiah 38.9-20, John 11.27-44*

<u>Readings: Sunday 28th April</u>

Acts 5.27-32

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,⁺ yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.⁺ ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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.

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.

The St George's Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Monday 29th April, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall.

There is a churchyard working party next Saturday 4^{th} May from 9.30am to noon. Please do join us if you are able. DH.

Benenden Village Fete: in support of St George's Church

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 of 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!

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