

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 11th May Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect for Peace: Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 am	1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen <i>Readings: Acts 9.36-end, John 10.22-30</i>
10 am	MORNING WORSHIP & VE80 COMMEMORATION led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie <i>Readings: Micah 4.1–4, 2 Corinthians 5.16–21</i> <i>Hymns:</i> 783 <i>Stand up and bless the Lord</i> 739 <i>Now thank we all our God</i> 725 <i>Make me a channel of your peace</i> 652 <i>Guide me, O thou great Redeemer</i>

THE WEEK AHEAD - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Monday 12 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden APM & APCM at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 13 th	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	12 noon	Hunger Lunch at Sandhurst Mission Church
Wednesday 14 th	7.30 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Chapter meeting at St George's
	6.30 pm	'Intercessions' training at Sandhurst Mission Church
Thursday 15 th	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 16 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Quarter Peal attempt at St George's (fourth Friday of the month)
Saturday 17 th	meet at 9.45 am	Pilgrimage Walk from Sandhurst Mission Church

Sunday Next: 18th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 11.1-18, John 13.31-35

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd David Commander
10 am	SUNG EUCHARIST led by Revd David Commander
10 am	Paws in Pews service at St Nicholas
12 noon	Interment of t/l Charles Lenox-Conyngham at St George's

Readings: Sunday 11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

A reading from the Prophet Micah:

Micah 4.1–4 God's promised time of peace

⁴ In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

² and many nations shall come and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³ He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;

⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

A reading from St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians:

2 Corinthians 5.16–21 The call to be reconciled

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;^[a] even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,^[b] we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,^[c] not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Monday 12th May Benenden APM & APCM
7.30pm at the Memorial Hall**

**Spring Pilgrimage - Saturday 17th May
starting from The Mission Church in Back Road, Sandhurst
at 9.45am for a 10.00am start**

The walk will be around 3.5 to 4 miles long, using as many of the offroad routes as possible and finishing back at the Mission Church for tea and cake.

All welcome.

If you have questions, please get in touch with
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Revd Ylva and Lyn Hayes

Intercession training is taking place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14th May at Sandhurst Mission Church. Please contact Revd David for more information.

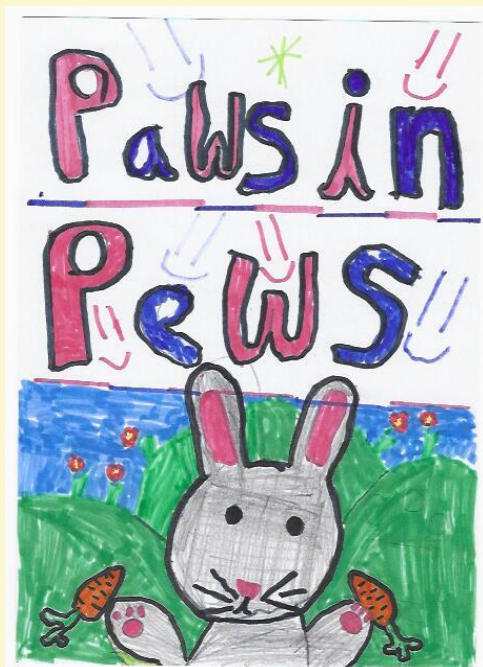
Christian Aid Week is 11th - 17th May 2025 and St George's Church is fundraising. The climate crisis is destroying many lives, lands and livelihoods. Please give generously to help those battling intense heat waves, deadly droughts and savage storms to adapt and build their resilience. Let's help make a difference. Many thanks for your support. Deborah Jenkins

Ascension Day Benefice Service – 7.30pm Thursday 29th May at St. George's.

Upcoming Concert at St Nicholas, Sandhurst: Friday 30th May: The Haga Motettkör is a mixed classical Choir with 20-25 members and a repertoire of both religious and secular music, from Renaissance to Contemporary. The Choir gives several concerts every year, singing Mozart, Bach, Bruckner and Stravinsky, as well as works by Rautavaara, Britten, Pärt, Tormis, Poulenc, Debussy, Brahms and Mendelssohn. They have travelled and sung inside and outside of Sweden on a number of occasions. The Choir has been led, since 2003, by Choir Director Michael Dierks, an internationally renowned organist and the Musical Director at the German Church in Stockholm.

Forthcoming Deanery Confirmation Service on Sunday 8th June. If anyone is interested in Confirmation - for themselves or for a child - then please speak to Revd David.

**St Nicholas Church - Pet Service
Sunday 18th May @ 10am**



Bring along your pets, large and small, to hear the creation story, sing well known hymns and have a special pet blessing. Everybody Welcome!

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst (Kent)

Friday 30 May at 7pm

Meet the Choir and have some light refreshments at 6pm

Nordic choral sounds

Haga Motettkör from Sweden

Conductor: Michael Dierks

Church Road, Sandhurst, TN18 5NS

Tickets £10 on the door, or pay online via QR code

Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect:

Saturday 31st May, 10 am – 12 noon

at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU



Coming to terms with the loss of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we have to do. When someone has died, while we may feel our loved one is at peace, it can still leave us with hugely mixed emotions.

We are offering a morning to explore our grief through conversation, readings and crafting together. It will be a safe space to come to talk and share what has been going on for you. Talking to others who have been through similar experiences can be helpful, or just knowing that someone is there to listen.

For more information and to book this free workshop please contact
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