

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: 12<sup>th</sup> May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Collect:** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

**8 am**                    **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

**10 am**                    **MORNING WORSHIP** led by Vicki Young

*Hymns:*    227    *Crown him with many crowns*  
              236    *Breathe on me breath of God*  
              677    *In a world where people walk in darkness*  
              691    *Jesus shall reign*

**11.15 am**                **BELL SUNDAY**

**- 12. 30 pm**             **Tower open at St George's**

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

#### **Christian Aid Week**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	11.30 am	Private Funeral of t/l Jean Patterson at St George's
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	<b>12 - 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Christian Aid Hunger Lunch at Sandhurst Mission Church</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning at Benenden Memorial Hall
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
	2 pm	BPS Pentecost Service at St George's
	7.30 – 9 pm	Bellringing – Quarter Peal attempt at St George's
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10 am - 1pm</b>	<b>Bereavement Workshop at Sandhurst Mission Church</b>

### Sunday Next: 19<sup>th</sup> May: PENTECOST

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

**8 am**                    **HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

**10 am**                    **SUNG EUCHARIST** led by Revd David Commander

**Readings: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 1.15-17**

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, <sup>16</sup>‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

**Acts 1.21-end**

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**John 17.6-19**

<sup>6</sup> ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**Prayers: t/l Jean Patterson.** Jean’s private funeral is at St Georges, tomorrow, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. We pray for Jean’s family and friends at this time. **Jean’s Memorial Service** has now been confirmed for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, at 2pm, at St George’s Church. Everyone is, of course, very welcome to attend.

**TODAY - 12<sup>th</sup> May - is Bell Sunday**

**A celebration of English bells and change ringing.**

**We are running an open tower at St George’s, with coffee,  
from 11.15 am to 12.30 pm,**

for anyone to see our historic bells, try their hand at handling a bell, see a demonstration of the simulator and meet the ringers.

All are welcome!

**Christian Aid Week - 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May:** St George's aims to raise £2,000 this year to help those suffering and in poverty around the world. Donation envelopes are available in church and can be left in the internal letter box adjacent to the church door. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**A Hunger Lunch** takes place at Sandhurst Mission Church on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon - 1pm. All are welcome to a very simple lunch and companionship.

**Project 20/20: an update meeting will take place after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.** The meeting will be chaired by Ven. Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone; it will begin at 11:30am. Please come along if you are interested in the progress of the project and the future of St George's Church.

**Teas in the Churchyard at St Nicholas - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 2-5pm:** This is always a happy and very well supported event; the churchyard always looks beautiful in the early summer. This year St Nicholas will look particularly lovely, full of flowers from the previous day's wedding. If you can donate a cake or a raffle prize or help on the day, please contact Juliet Atherton Tel 850 502 or Anne Tylden-Wright Tel 850 281. Many thanks. ATW

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE – ST GEORGE'S FETE**

**Vicki Young: TODAY IS VICKI'S LAST SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S.**

**Vicki's last service in the Benefice,** with an opportunity for us to send her on her way with our love, will be a 10 o'clock service at St Nicholas, Sandhurst on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**The time of Vicki's ordination service has now been confirmed.** This will be at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June; the service starts at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Vicki will then take up her training curacy, the first year as a Deacon, at St Michael and All Angels in Marden.



**Bereavement Support: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 1pm  
at Sandhurst Mission Church, Back Road 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 how grief can affect us, acknowledging that it is a unique experience for all. We will share some of the models of grief that we may be able to identify with and so know we are not alone or out of kilter with our feelings. It will also 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  
Claire Roberts on 07872 171535 or email [clairecr57@yahoo.com](mailto:clairecr57@yahoo.com)

# St Nicholas Church

## Teas in the Churchyard

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

2 - 5pm



**Churchyard trail, raffle, delicious cakes.  
Come and enjoy the spectacular views and  
wild flowers and listen to the birds.**

*It's nature at its best!*

*Wedding flowers in church too.*

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