

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

### Rogation Sunday

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season: bless the labours of those who work on land and sea, grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Rogation Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie <i>Readings: Acts 16.9-15, John 14.23-29</i>
10 am	<b>ROGATION SERVICE &amp; MORNING WORSHIP</b> led by Revd David Commander <i>Readings: Psalm 50.1-2 &amp; 10-11, Mark 4.26-29</i> <i>Hymns:</i> 545 <i>Morning has broken</i> 9 <i>When morning gilds the skies</i> 532 <i>All creatures of our God and King (vv 1, 3, 4 &amp; 7)</i> 546 <i>O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder</i>
3 pm	Interment of t/l Brigid Nertney at St George's, conducted by Revd Peter Michell

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd David Commander
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Julia & David Collard's
	7.30 pm	Discipleship & Mission Group meeting at the Rectory (tbc)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's (NB not at St Nicholas this month)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>ASCENSION DAY SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S</b> led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie <i>Readings: Acts 1.1-1, Luke 24.44-end. Psalm 47</i>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Nordic Choir Concert at St Nicholas</b> <b>(NB refreshments &amp; meet the choir from 6pm)</b>
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10 am to 12 noon	Loss & Grief Café at the Mission Church

#### Sunday Next: 1<sup>st</sup> June – Seventh Sunday of Easter *Readings: Acts 16.16-34, John 17.20-end*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
10 am	<b>ALL AGE COMMUNION</b> led by Revd David Commander
2 – 5 pm	<b>TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD AT ST NICHOLAS</b>
5 pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b> led by David Harmsworth <i>Readings: Isaiah 44.1-8, Ephesians 4.7-16. Psalm 68</i>

**Readings: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May; Rogation Sunday**

**Psalm 50**

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

<sup>10</sup>For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup>I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

**Mark 4.26-29**

<sup>26</sup>He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

**Ascension Day Benefice Service  
7.30pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May at St George's.**



**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



**Haga Motettkör**  
is a mixed classical Choir with  
about 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.

**Spring Pilgrimage:** Eleven pilgrims joined us last Saturday and we took a circular route from the Mission Church around the vineyards, hop gardens, quiet lanes and fields of Sandhurst, stopping for contemplation, and moments of mindfulness, poetry, scripture - and singing!! A few people commented on how peaceful and serene the day was and we topped it off with copious amounts of tea, coffee and Revd Ylva's famous lemon drizzle cake! Lyn Hayes

**Grief Talks ~ Time to share & reflect:  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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  
Claire Roberts on Tel 01580 754374 or Email [claireecr57@yahoo.com](mailto:claireecr57@yahoo.com)

**TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD  
AT ST NICHOLAS  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
2 – 5 pm**



**Churchyard trail. Delicious cakes.  
Please come along to enjoy the spectacular views, the lovely  
wildflowers and the buzzing wildlife  
of our beautiful churchyard.**





**BENENDEN FETE**  
 Saturday 14 June  
 12-4pm  
 St George's Church

**FETE DONATION DATES**

We are ready to receive your bric-a-brac, tools, clothes, jewellery, books & toys  
*In good condition please. Many thanks*

**WHEN:** between 8.30-9.30am  
 on 24, 28 & 31 May & 4, 7 & 11 June

**WHERE:**  
 Our cars will be waiting for you in the car park area outside the public toilets, adjacent to The Bull

**IMPORTANT:**  
*Please don't leave donations outside these times*  
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**Stall contacts:**

**Bric-a-Brac & Tools:** Amanda Garratt 07766 000064  
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**Books:** Ruth Clark 07767 261883  
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**Pentecost Services: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

10 am – Holy Communion at St George’s led by Revd Ylva Blid- Mackenzie  
 10 am – Holy Communion at St Nicholas led by Revd David Commander

**Vicki Young’s Ordination: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025:** You may recall that our Vicki Young was ordained as a Deacon last June. She is currently enjoying her first year as Curate at St Michael and All Angels, Marden.

This June, on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>, Vicki is to be ordained as a Priest. This means that she will be able to undertake the sacramental ministry of baptisms and the Eucharist. If you would like to be at the service to support her, and see the completion of this stage of her ordination journey, the service is at Canterbury Cathedral and starts at 2.30pm. Please hold Vicki in your prayers.  
 Revd David

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