

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 26th April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 26th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2.42-end, John 10.1-10

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by David Harmsworth

Hymns:

696	Jesus where e'er thy people meet
794	The king of love my shepherd is
681	In heavenly love abiding
671	I will sing the wondrous story

The Week Ahead

Monday 27th

No Morning Prayer today

Tuesday 28th

8 am

No Sandhurst Home Group tonight

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 am

Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Wednesday 29th

7.30 pm

Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

9 – 11 am

Drop in Café & Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church

9.45 am

Spring Pilgrimage – meet at Goddard's Green Car Park

7.30 pm

Bellringing Practice – *at St George's*

Thursday 30th

10 – 11.30 am

Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church

7 pm

Choir Practice at Iden Green Congregational Church

Friday 1st

8 am

Morning Prayer at the Rectory

9 – 11 am

Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at Sandhurst Mission Church

7.30 – 9 pm

Bellringing Practice – Quarter Peal Attempt

Saturday 2nd

6.30 – 8 pm

Bellringing – Kent Young Ringers

Sunday Next: 3rd May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7.55-end, John 14.1-14

8 am HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd David Commander

5 pm EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by David Harmsworth

Psalm 147.1-12. Readings: Zechariah 4.1-10, Revelation 21.1-14

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Acts 2.42-end

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10.1-10

¹⁰Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers. ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Next meets on Monday 11th May, at 7.30 pm, at the Rectory.

Benenden: Meets at 7.30pm on Tuesdays at David and Julia Collard's.

St George's Church Electoral Roll: The revision of the Electoral Roll closes TODAY Sunday, 26th April: If you wish to be added to the roll, or if you wish to be removed, please contact David Collard *asap* at a 10 am service or on Tel 01580 241044.

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
& ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Monday 18th May at 7.30 pm
at Benenden Memorial Hall**

Copies of the 2025-2026 annual reports will be available for collection
at the 8 am and 10 am services.

For an electronic copy, please email benendenchurch@gmail.com.

Spring Pilgrimage Walk – Wednesday 29th April Meeting at Goddard's Green Road Car Park, Hemsted Forest at 9.45 am for a 10 am start

Our Spring local pilgrimage walk will take in the beautiful woodland with all of its wonderful trees, plants and animals at Hemsted Forest. We will stop for reflection and have time to connect with nature, each other and the Spirit.

The walk will be around 3.5 miles long and will be a circular route finishing back at the car park.

Please bring a flask of your favourite beverage. We will also have our traditional offering of cake! - Please be aware that there are NO toilet facilities at the forest. We would love to walk with you. If you have further questions please get in touch

with Revd Ylva, 07766 711957, rev.ylva@gmail.com

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Dingleden Open Gardens

TN17 4JU

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th May 2026

10 am - 4 pm each day

Entry £5. Parking available

in aid of

**St George's Church, Benenden:
'Restore: Renew: Rejoice' project
& the deaf health charity SignHealth**

Judy Williams, Peter & Sylvia Kellett & Steve & Angie Lambert will be opening their gardens.

A unique opportunity to visit these private gardens on the High Weald Landscape Trail.

**The Laurels Nursery & private garden:
A stunning collection of standard wisteria will
be in bloom.**

**Barnhill Cottage, garden & vegetable patch:
Light refreshments here.**

**No 3 New Buildings:
The hidden treasure.**

Fundraising in aid of:

<https://signhealth.org.uk/>

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Dingleden Open Gardens 9th and 10th May 2026 - in aid of the St George's Renew: Restore: Rejoice Project and the deaf health charity SignHealth. If anybody could bake a cake for Judy - or help at all over this weekend - Judy would be most grateful. Please either speak to Judy or email benendenchurch@gmail.com. Thank you very much to those who have already offered to help.

Ascension Day Service
Thursday 14th May at 7:30 pm
at St Nicholas

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