

# St George's Church, Benenden

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June PENTECOST

**Collect:** God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost

*Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 14.8-17 [25-27]*

8 am	<b>1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd David Commander & Russell Anderson
10 am	<b>PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen
	<i>Hymns:</i> 264 <i>The Spirit lives to set us free</i>
	-- <i>Gloria</i>
	236 <i>Breathe on me breath of God</i>
	258 <i>O thou who camest</i>
	(HC) 241 <i>Come, Holy Ghost</i>
	238 <i>Come down O love divine</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	7.15 pm	PCC Communion at St George's
	7.30 pm	Benenden PCC Meeting at St George's
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at Sandhurst Mission Church
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	Community Choir at St George's
	7 – 8 pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Morning Prayer at St George's
	9 am onwards	Fete set up
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 am onwards	Fete set up
	12 noon – 4 pm	<b>Benenden Fete</b> in support of St George's

### Sunday Next: 15<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday

*Readings: Romans 5.1-5, John 16.12-15*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd David Commander & Russell Anderson
10 am	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> led by Revd David Commander

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### **Acts 2.1-21**

<sup>2</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

### **John 14.8-17 [25-27]**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

[<sup>25</sup> I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.]

**Prayers:**

**Paul Gregory** (Treasurer at the St George's Club) died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Please hold his wife, Angie, and their family in your prayers. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at St George's Church at 3.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Home Groups:**

**Sandhurst Home Group** meets on Mondays at 7.30pm at Sandhurst Mission Church.

**Benenden Home Group** meets on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Julia and David Collard's. - The next meeting thereafter will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Appointment of the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury:** The Canterbury Diocesan representatives for the Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) have been appointed.

**The following representatives were elected by the Canterbury Vacancy in See Committee and will be involved in the discernment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury:**

The Revd Estella Last (Chair of Diocesan Synod),

David Berry

**Sally-Ann Marks (Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst)**

Please keep Estella, David and particularly Sally-Ann in your prayers.

The announcement regarding the next Archbishop is expected this autumn.

**'Visitation Service' & Choral Evensong: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - 5.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral.** The Cathedral choirs are wonderful, so please come and experience that. The Visitation service is where your Churchwardens are sworn into office and where others who serve our churches are prayed for. Please come along and support your Churchwardens. DJC

**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 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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**Advance Notice: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:**

We have Benefice services that day:

8 am at St George's, 10 am at St. Nicholas

**Coffee volunteers needed at St George's!** David and Clare Harmsworth are stepping back (after many years) from organising the coffee rota. Many thanks to them for all the time and effort they have put in to ensuring we have a ready supply of NICE coffee!

I am now happy to take on the role BUT we are need of a few more people to go on the weekly rota. Refreshments and fellowship after the services are really important...but there are no coffee fairies!!! Do come and speak with me about it or any of the people already on the rota. The list is kept at the back of church by the font. Helen

**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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