

# St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

## Our Worship: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY

**Collect:** Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

### 5<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER DAY

*Readings: Acts 10.34-43. John 20.1-18*

6.05 am	<b>SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE CHURCHYARD AT ST NICHOLAS</b> <i>led by Lyn Hayes followed by breakfast in the Mission Church</i>
8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S</b> <i>led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen</i>
10 am	<b>ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b> <i>led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie &amp; Lyn Hayes</i>
	<i>Hymns: 267 Jesus Christ is risen today</i>
	<i>508 This is the day</i>
	<i>532 We have a gospel to proclaim</i>
	<i>503 Thine be the glory</i>
	<i>53 Be still for the presence of the Lord - Communion</i>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

*Revd David is on holiday from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.*

*Should you require the services of a priest during this time, please contact your Churchwardens:*

*Bob Houlden: Tel 01580 850 278 Catherine Elliott: Tel 01580 850 300*

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Easter Monday – Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	<i>Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen</i>
	7.30 pm	<i>Benenden Home Group at David &amp; Julia Collard's</i>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11.30 am	<i>Rhythm of Life Community Choir at the Mission Church</i>

### Sunday Next: 12<sup>th</sup> April – The Second Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 2.14a, 22-32, John 20.19-end*

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S</b> <i>led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie</i>
10 am	<b>ALL-AGE COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS</b> <i>led by Revd David Commander</i>
2.30 pm	<b>East Peckham Silver Band – Concert at St Nicholas Church</b> <i>Tickets available in advance and on the door.</i>

## **Readings – Easter Day, 5<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Acts 10.34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **John 20.1-18**

<sup>20</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Home Groups:**

**Sandhurst:** Meets at 7.30 pm on Mondays at the Mission Church, Sandhurst. (*No meeting on Easter Monday*).

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

**St Nicholas Church Electoral Roll:** The revision of the Church Electoral Roll is now open until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. If you wish to be added to the roll, or if you wish to be removed, please contact Richard Cutchey.

**Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie:** As some people will be aware, Revd Ylva has recently taken the decision to submit her resignation to myself, the Archdeacon of Maidstone and the Bishop of Dover, as Associate Priest in the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst. Ylva will serve her three-month's notice, taking her time with us up to the end of May 2026. Following this Ylva will be worshipping elsewhere as she discerns her future ministry and calling. We would like to thank Ylva for the ministry she has offered as a Training Curate and then as Associate Priest with us for nearly six years. Please hold Ylva in your prayers as she journeys on and discerns God's calling for the next stage of her ministry. Revd David

**Confirmation:** There is a Weald Deanery Confirmation service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026; if you, or a family member, are interested in Confirmation, please speak to Revd David.

 <p><b>East Peckham Silver Band</b> Conductor: Jeremy Cooper with Ian Verran - Organ</p> <p><b>Music for Easter</b> with a cinema musical interlude</p> <p><i>Easter Hymn    Panis Angelicus</i> <i>All in the April Evening</i> <i>Resurgam: I shall rise again</i> <i>A James Bond Medley</i></p> <p>2.30pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April St Nicholas Church Sandhurst TN18 5NS</p> <p><b>Tickets £15 plus tea &amp; cakes</b></p> <p><b>Under 18s free</b> You can buy your tickets here:  and at the door Registered Charity: X33295</p>	<p><b>Dingleden Open Gardens</b> TN17 4JU</p> <p><b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b> 10 am - 4 pm each day Entry £5. Parking available</p> <p>in aid of <b>St George's Church, Benenden:</b> <b>'Restore: Renew: Rejoice' project</b> <b>&amp; the deaf health charity SignHealth</b></p> <p>Judy Williams, Peter &amp; Sylvia Kellett &amp; Steve &amp; Angie Lambert will be opening their gardens.</p> <p>A unique opportunity to visit these private gardens on the High Weald Landscape Trail.</p> <p><b>The Laurels Nursery &amp; private garden:</b> A stunning collection of standard wisteria will be in bloom.</p> <p><b>Barnhill Cottage, garden &amp; vegetable patch:</b> Light refreshments here.</p> <p><b>No 3 New Buildings:</b> The hidden treasure.</p> <p>Fundraising in aid of: <a href="https://signhealth.org.uk/">https://signhealth.org.uk/</a> <a href="https://stgeorgeschurchbenenden.co.uk/">https://stgeorgeschurchbenenden.co.uk/</a></p>
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## **SANDHURST'S GOT TALENT!**

Share yours or come to see what others can do. In aid of our church funds.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in the Mission Church &**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 11am until 4pm in St Nicholas Church.**  
**Tea/Coffee and cake available.**

*This is not a competition.*

*We would just like to show what Sandhurst young and old can do!*

*If you want to share your talent, entry forms are in church or can be obtained from*  
[denisandkatherine@gmail.com](mailto:denisandkatherine@gmail.com)

**Grief Talks**  
**~ Time to share & reflect**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10am – 12noon**  
**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 Lyn Hayes on 07792 332904 or email: [Lindapin@aol.com](mailto:Lindapin@aol.com)

**Spring Pilgrimage Walk – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

We are happy to announce that we are planning a local pilgrimage walk, this time taking in the beautiful woodland with all of its wonderful trees, plants and animals at Hemsted Forest, Benenden, stopping for reflection and having the time to connect with nature, each other and the Spirit.

This will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, starting from the Goddard's Green Road Car Park at 9.45am for a 10am start. 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](mailto:rev.ylva@gmail.com) or Lyn Hayes 07792 332904, [lindapin@aol.com](mailto:lindapin@aol.com)

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