

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 19th April The Third Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 19th April – The Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41, Luke 24.13-35

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| 8 am | 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| 10 am | SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
led by Revd David Commander |

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 20 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	7.30 pm	Sandhurst Home Group at the Mission Church
Tuesday 21 st	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at the Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
Wednesday 22 nd	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Mission Church
	9 – 11 am	Drop in Café & Toddler Group at the Mission Church
Thursday 23 rd	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at the Mission Church
Friday 24 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
	9 – 11 am	Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at the Mission Church
	6 pm	'Sandhurst's Got Talent' at the Mission Church
Saturday 25th	10 am – 12 noon	'Grief Talks' – Grief workshop at the Mission Church
	11 am – 4 pm	'Sandhurst's Got Talent' at St Nicholas
	4 pm	'Connect Four' – Family service at the Mission Church

Sunday Next: 26th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2.42-end, John 10.1-10

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| 8 am | HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S
led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen |
| 10 am | SUNG EUCHARIST AT ST NICHOLAS
led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie |

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Acts 2.14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke 24.13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Meets on Monday 20th April, at 7.30 pm, at the Mission Church, Sandhurst.

Benenden: Meets at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st April at David and Julia Collard's.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS &
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Monday 27th April at 7pm
at St Nicholas Church**

Copies of the 2025-2026 annual reports are available for collection from church.
For for an electronic copy, please email benendenchurch@gmail.com.

'CONNECT FOUR'
**Our informal family
service**

**4pm - Saturday 25th April
at Sandhurst Mission Church
Back Road, TN18 5JU**



Come along and connect with:

- family and friends
- tea, coffee, cake
- the Bible - worship
- and God!

Refreshments throughout

**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/>
<https://stgeorgeschurchbenenden.co.uk/>

SANDHURST'S GOT TALENT!

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

**Friday 24th April at 6pm in the Mission Church &
Saturday 25th 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

Grief Talks
~ Time to share & reflect

Saturday 25th 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

Spring Pilgrimage Walk – Wednesday 29th April

We are happy to announce our Spring 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 29th 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 or Lyn Hayes 07792 332904, lindapin@aol.com

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