

St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst

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

Our Worship: Sunday 12th April The Second Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 12th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

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

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
- 10 am** **ALL-AGE COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd David Commander
- Hymns:* 228 *I danced in the morning*
 543 *When a knight won his spurs*
 490 *The Lord's my shepherd*
 405 *One more step along the world I go*
 414 *Peace, perfect peace, is the gift – Communion*
- 2.30 pm** **East Peckham Silver Band – Concert at St Nicholas Church**
Tickets available in advance and on the door.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Monday 13 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at the Rectory |
| Tuesday 14 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at the Mission Church |
| | 10 am | Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church
led by Revd David Commander |
| | 11.30 am | MLT meeting at the Mission Church |
| Wednesday 15 th | 7.30 pm | Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's |
| | 8 am | Morning Prayer at the Rectory |
| | 7 pm | Central Weald Filling Station at Benenden Primary School |
| Thursday 16 th | 10 – 11.30 am | Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church |
| Friday 17 th | 8 am | Morning Prayer at the Rectory |

Sunday Next: 19th April – The Third Sunday of Easter

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

- 8 am** **1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
- 10 am** **SUNG EUCHARIST AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**
led by Revd David Commander

Readings: Sunday 12th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David^e spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

John 20.19-end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^a), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ ²⁸Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ ²⁹Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Home Groups:

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

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 CLOSSES TODAY Sunday 12th April. If you wish to be added to the roll, or if you wish to be removed, please contact Richard Cutchey asap.

The St Nicholas Church ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING are on Monday 27th April, 7pm, at St Nicholas. Copies of the 2025-2026 annual reports will be available for collection from church latest next Sunday, 19th April.

 <p>East Peckham Silver Band Conductor: Jeremy Cooper with Ian Verran - Organ</p> <p>Music for Easter 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 12th April St Nicholas Church Sandhurst TN18 5NS</p> <p>Tickets £15 plus tea & cakes</p> <p>Under 18s free You can buy your tickets here:  and at the door Registered Charity: X33295</p>	<p>Dingledden Open Gardens TN17 4JU</p> <p>Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th May 2026 10 am - 4 pm each day Entry £5. Parking available</p> <p>in aid of St George's Church, Benenden: 'Restore: Renew: Rejoice' project & the deaf health charity SignHealth</p> <p>Judy Williams, Peter & Sylvia Kellett & Steve & 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>The Laurels Nursery & private garden: A stunning collection of standard wisteria will be in bloom.</p> <p>Barnhill Cottage, garden & vegetable patch: Light refreshments here.</p> <p>No 3 New Buildings: The hidden treasure.</p> <p>Fundraising in aid of: https://signhealth.org.uk/ https://stgeorgeschurchbenenden.co.uk/</p>
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Central Weald Filling Station: 7pm, Wednesday April 15th at Benenden Primary School. Our speaker this month is Akhtar Shah, who first spoke for us in April last year. Akhtar leads The Foundry International – the vision is to advance Christianity and relieve poverty around the world, through disciple-making, church-planting, and strategically supporting and empowering effective social and community transformation. Our vision is for Jesus and we exist to serve and equip His church worldwide: we want to love and serve His people, as He leads. Akhtar is passionate to encourage and equip the church.

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

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

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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