

St George's Church, Benenden

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

Our Worship: Sunday 24th May Pentecost - Whit Sunday

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 24th May – Pentecost – Whit Sunday

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 20.19-23

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

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION AT BENENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

led by Revd Rosemary Kobus van Wengen

Hymns:

236	<i>Breathe on me, breath of God</i>
258	<i>O thou who camest from above</i>
263	<i>Spirit of the living God</i>
723	<i>Loved with everlasting love (HC)</i>
264	<i>The Spirit lives to set us free</i>

The Week Ahead

Revd David is on holiday, returning on Tuesday 26th May.

*Should you require the services of a Priest during this time, please contact
Sue Fisher (Churchwarden): Tel 01580 241 907*

Monday 25 th		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 26 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church
	10 am	Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie
Wednesday 27 th	7.30 pm	Benenden Home Group at David & Julia Collard's
	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory
Thursday 28 th	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice at St George's
	10 – 11.30 am	Rhythm of Life Community Choir at Sandhurst Mission Church
Friday 29 th	8 am	Morning Prayer at the Rectory

Sunday Next: 31st May – Trinity Sunday

Readings: 2 Corinthians 13.11-end, Matthew 28.16-end

8 am BENEFICE 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHANCEL AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

10 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS, SANDHURST

led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

Readings: Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21

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

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

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 20.19-23

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.'

Please note: Next Sunday, 31st May. is a 5th Sunday so there are Benefice services in both Parishes. Please join us at 10 am at St Nicholas for Revd Ylva's last service in the Benefice.

Home Groups:

Sandhurst: Next meets on Monday 1st June at 7.30 pm at the Mission Church.

Benenden: Meets on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30 pm at David & Julia Collard's.

The Dingle Open Gardens raised in excess of £1,800 for the St George's 'Restore Renew Rejoice' Project. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this fundraiser. Particular thanks to Judy Williams, Peter & Sylvia Kellett and Steve & Angie Lambert for opening their gardens. A huge thank you to Judy Williams for her very hard work organising such a very enjoyable event.

Archdeacons' Visitation Service
Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral
5.30pm on Monday 15th June

*At this service your Churchwardens elected on 18th May will be sworn into office.
Please consider supporting them and put this date in your diary.*

Benenden Village Fete in support of St George's Church
Saturday 13th June, 12 - 4 pm

Help is required, please, on Friday 12th June, throughout the whole day, to set up, starting at 9 am. Revd David

"Teas in the Churchyard"

Join us at St Nicholas Church,
Sandhurst TN18 5NS
on Sunday 7th June 2026
from 2pm until 5pm



Tea and cakes for sale.
Plant spotting for children.
See the architecture through the years.
'Cherish your Churchyard' week.



Loss & Grief Café

Time to share & reflect

Saturday 27th June - 10 am to 12 noon
at the Mission Church, Back Road, Sandhurst TN18 5JU



Coming to terms with the loss of someone we love can feel overwhelming and deeply personal. Even when we know they are at peace, grief can bring many different emotions — sadness, loneliness, confusion, anger, or simply a sense of missing them deeply.

We warmly invite you to join us for a gentle and supportive morning where we can explore grief together through conversation, readings, and simple crafting activities. This will be a safe and welcoming space where you can talk, listen, reflect, or simply be alongside others who understand.

Sometimes it helps to share with people who have experienced loss themselves, and sometimes it is enough just to know that someone is there to listen.

For more information or to book your free place, please contact
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