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Dear Friends,

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Parish of St Peter & St Paul in Tonbridge receives a new Curate this Autumn! Wendy Carr will be ordained at Rochester Cathedral on September 30th.



It is certainly a new beginning for her and her family. A new role, being ordained, a new home, now in Tonbridge moving from Cambridge.

I want to reflect with you on the role of being ordained today. The Church of Jesus Christ is alive, growing and here for everyone. Wendy is part of a large group of people being ordained this year.

Did you know the number of the Church of England's newly ordained ministers is steadily growing? That is exciting! Please don't believe the media headlines. More and more people are feeling God's call to leave behind their current employment and serve the church in this way. It is not for everyone, but as the ministry of an ordained person focusses and represents the ministry of the whole people of God this reminds us that we all have a part to play.

I wonder what new thing the Lord is speaking to you about? Someone to care for? A place or situation to pray for? Some questions about life to be answered, to join the many who are finding faith? God is the God of new things. Allow him to do a new work in your life too.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev'd Canon Mark Brown
Vicar and Rural Dean of Tonbridge



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The Perspectives logo found on the front cover represents the four churches worshipping and working together.



2017 is the 200th anniversary of the death of Jane Austen. In Tonbridge in May we were treated to an evening with Lucy Worsley talking about the Jane she knows and loves (*below*) It was appropriate that this event was in the E M Forster Theatre as Jane Austen was EMF's favourite author: "I am a Jane Austenite, and therefore slightly imbecile about Jane Austen. One's favourite author!"

Jane's father was educated at **Tonbridge School** under the headmastership of James Cawthorn becoming later his Under Master and Usher. Had Cawthorn not been killed in a riding accident, which caused changes at Tonbridge School, perhaps Tonbridge could have been the home of the world's favourite author. There is, frustratingly, no documentary evidence that Jane ever visited Tonbridge, but it is highly likely that she did as her family had Tonbridge friends and relations who they visited and corresponded with.

Elizabeth Weller, Jane's great grandmother, was born and brought up in **Chauntiers** in Borydyke (now divided into The Priory and The Red House) to the North of **St Peter & St Paul's**. She married John Austen, bore him 7 children, whereupon he died leaving her penniless. Elizabeth procured education for her 5 sons who lived with her by working as a housekeeper at Sevenoaks School. She also had a daughter, Betty, who lived with them. Betty came back to Tonbridge to marry George Hooper and lived in **Powells** (now Lyons) which is to the south of St Peter & St Paul's. We know Elizabeth was buried

in the church but we do not know where. However, with the reordering of the church the ledger stone of her younger sister, Sarah, is now visible in the Chancel.

Jane Austen's grandparents, William and Rebecca, are buried in the North Aisle where the ledger stone is now magnificently displayed under glass. Nothing

remains of their house but it is thought it was near the Market Quarter. The dwelling of Thomas Austen, William's brother, **Blair House** is still standing in the High Street. Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth, had a son, Henry, who is commemorated in the church.

Ferox Hall was a house known to the Austens. Jane made a joke about John-George Children: "Mr Children's two sons are to be married, John and George. They are to have one wife between them".

Do pick up a plan of the walk (*some points of interest highlighted on page 5*) and take a tour around the places associated with the Austens. There will be guided walks on Heritage Weekend arranged by Tonbridge Civic Society. Professor John Mullan is returning to Tonbridge on 13 December to celebrate Jane's Birthday with 'Jane Austen's Tricks'. And Illyria performed *Pride & Prejudice* on the Castle Lawn on 22 August.

We have so much to be proud of in Tonbridge with our associations with the Austens.

Vivian Branson



Tonbridge Castle



180 and 182 High Street

Blair House,
186 High Street

Tonbridge School



Ferox Hall



Powells, now Lyons

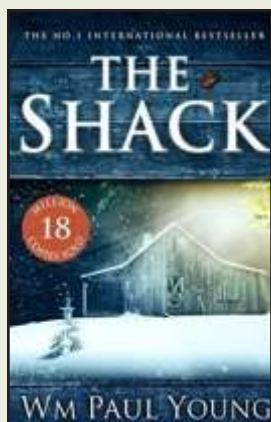
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The Shack

Wm Paul Young

The Shack is a debut novel by a Christian writer, who wrote it for his family's personal devotions but was persuaded to publish by friends. It has spent time at the top of bestseller lists and was released this year as a movie.

The premise of the book is that the book's main protagonist, Mack, reluctantly and sceptically responds to God's invitation to spend a weekend at the site of a great personal tragedy. While being hosted by the holy trinity – all in unconventional guises – Mack works through his Great Sadness and learns new ways to love, forgive, accept and worship.

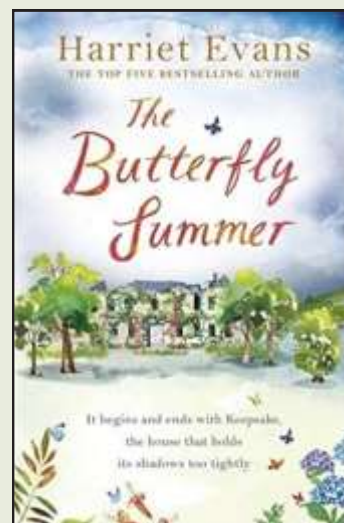
For anyone who has ever wrestled with the problem of pain, raised the question of why there is suffering or felt anger at how God can stand idly by while horrendous atrocities occur, this book looks at all the evil in the world and tackles it head on. God is seen to be not only passionately aware of but intimately involved in everything that occurs in our fallen world.

Young has been branded both a visionary and a heretic; he has been accused of grossly misrepresenting God and of being a modern day Prophet. The Shack has produced controversy around the globe. Personally I was repeatedly moved to tears by this novel and found its presentation of God to ring with Truth. Only you, however, can decide if God will speak to you through these pages and I challenge you to read it yourself and see what you think resides in The Shack.

Amy Shafer

The Butterfly Summer

Harriet Evans



Butterfly Summer is a beautifully crafted book, perfect for ages 11-15.

The main character Becky discovers that her mum is keeping secrets from her when they move back to Oakbridge. Becky has nothing to do while her mum tries out various new jobs so she visits what first appears to be a pretty country garden... Needless to say that the longest, safely preserved secrets lay lurking in the dark. And is Becky's new best friend really a friend at all?

This book is full to the brim with lies and secrets. Will Becky ever find out the truth?

I would highly recommend reading this book; its twisted plot and imagery sets it apart from the others. And the highs and lows of this book keep you entertained.

Once you've read Butterfly Summer you realise the true importance and meaning of family.

Francesca Fernandez

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RODNEY'S ROUND-UP

Our correspondent gathers some news and research...

The good but ugly

Good looks aren't everything. Remember that when you buy apples this autumn. The frosts in April affected the size and appearance of this year's crop, and so many of the apples this autumn (they are harvested from Aug to Oct) may be 'ugly'. There may also be fewer British ones around. The warning has come from the National Farmers' Union.

Why you are less likely to 'pull a sickie'

Phoning in sick, and then spending the day enjoying yourself is more and more a thing of the past. It seems that more and more people are concerned that social media will catch up with them, and that their boss will find out.

In fact, now the balance is shifting the other way. For while less than one in four of us admit to taking a day off when we are not actually ill, 69% of us carry on working even when we ARE ill, and do need time off.



The research by insurance firm Aviva also found evidence that reduced job security means more and more workers are concerned about what their boss thinks of them...

Why you should not have gotten mad at American words...

Center. Honor. Humor. Gotten. Ending words with 'ize' instead of 'ise'. Turning nouns into verbs. If you have ever wondered why Americans mess up these words, then think again:

'Honor' can be found 500 times in Shakespeare; 100 more times than the English 'honour'. Shakespeare also used 'center' more than 'centre', and 'humor' more than 'humour'. Worst of all, Shakespeare used 'gotten'.

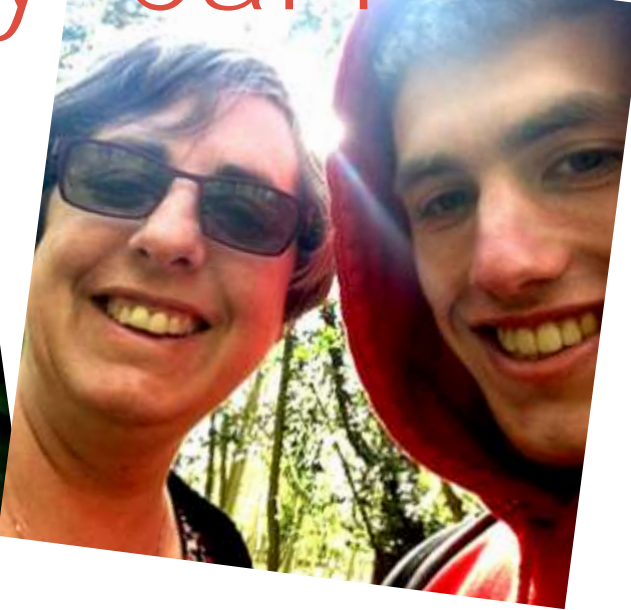
Keats was no better: he turned nouns into verbs. As for ending words with 'ize', well it is closer to the words' Greek origins than 'ise'.

All of which leads Susie Dent, the Countdown lexicographer, to argue that American spellings are often closer to the true origin of words. "I love American English, not least because a lot of it was ours to begin with," she says. On a programme for Radio 4 she recently speculated that popular hatred of Americanisms may be due to a 'vestige of colonial imperialism' and a 'long-held grudge towards a superpower'. We should really have gotten over that by now.



Thanks to The Parish Pump

Wendy Carr



In September, we welcome Wendy Carr as our new curate. Wendy, husband Jason and family Aaron and Erin have Kentish roots, but have just spent 2 years in Cambridgeshire. We asked her some questions ahead of the move.

What are you looking forward to doing as our curate, Wendy?

I am looking forward to getting to know the people of the Parish and sharing life with them. I am excited to see how and where God is at work and how He wants me to join in.

Did you and Jason grow up in this area? And how did you meet?

We were both born, grew up, met through mutual friends, married and had our 2 children in Kent, near the borders of South East London.

How is your family feeling about the move from Cambridgeshire?

We are excited to be moving to Tonbridge; our 2 years in Cambridge have been a real blessing in preparation for this next move.

Tell us your background – have you always had a faith?

I grew up in a Christian family and went to church as a child, with a break as a teenager. I returned with Jason looking for a place that worked for us as a couple. My faith moved from head to heart when I began to understand my relationship with Jesus and how this impacted my whole life in such an enriching and exciting way.

Has your faith helped in your previous work?

I worked with children after I qualified as a Nursery Nurse at 19; this was a fun and challenging career

path. This gave me the opportunity to live my faith out in a very tangible way: loving, nurturing and caring for others.

What led you to make this change of life and career?

I was once told that God calls you into something before He calls you out of that which you are in. This was a gradual process for me; I felt and still feel called into 'grass roots' ministry, meeting people where they are and enabling them to meet with Jesus, grow in faith and become the person they were created to be.

Tell us about your interests & hobbies.

I love cooking and baking, especially cookies! As a family we enjoy playing games, walking, cycling and being outdoors, as long as it's not raining!

Favourite film?

I really love a good rom-com and musicals. Working with children never really leaves you, so any children's films are rainy afternoon favourites.

Best meal?

That's a tricky one to answer when there's not a lot I don't enjoy! Indian, Chinese, Italian, Spanish and a Sunday roast are all up there on the best meal list.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to having you in the Parish.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is celebrating its centenary this year having been formed during the First World War, initially as the London "Safety First" Council.



During the war there had been an alarming increase in traffic accidents due to the restricted street lighting of the black-outs. At the time it was customary for pedestrians to walk on the right-hand side of the pavement, which meant that those walking closest to the traffic had their backs to approaching vehicles and they often stepped into the path of moving traffic. Various options were considered to reduce the death toll including changing the rule of the road so that vehicles drove on the right-hand side. This was ruled out due to existing vehicle design, road infrastructure, opposition from drivers and even the need to re-train horses and their drivers. The associated costs and likely confusion also ruled this proposal out and instead it was decided that pedestrians would be requested to walk on the left-hand side of pavements meaning that those walking closest to the traffic would face oncoming vehicles. The practice was quickly adopted, with **fatal accidents to pedestrians** being hit from behind **falling by 70 per cent** in 1917 – the campaign's first year.



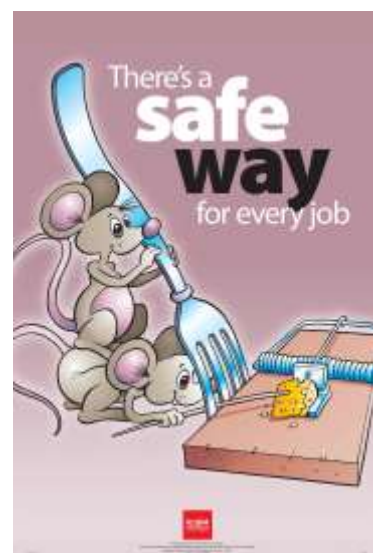
Tufty

So began a century of safety campaigning, sometimes bold and public-facing and sometimes quiet and behind-the-scenes to change attitudes and, where appropriate, legislation. Most of us of a certain age will fondly remember the **Tufty Club** bringing clear and simple safety messages to children (and he's still about today),

cycling proficiency tests at school, the **Green Cross Code** and campaigns for seat belts and drink driving legislation – all of which stemmed from RoSPA activities.

RoSPA's involvement in safety includes working with individuals, government, organisations and businesses to avoid and reduce accidents.

More than 16,000 people die each year in the UK as a result of accidents whilst thousands are maimed and millions injured. Businesses are ruined, families devastated with children growing up without parents and parents without children. Accident figures show that under-5s in the home, young people at leisure, young drivers and over-75s in the home are the groups most at risk. RoSPA activities also cover workplace training and consultancy, driver training and fleet assessment, encouraging companies to review and participate in health and safety practices, with RoSPA's annual awards recognising successful organisations.



RoSPA's mission to save lives and reduce injuries continues into its next century and if you would like to learn more, please visit their website. Public donations are an important part of RoSPA's income, so if you would like to contribute to their good work there is a link on the top right of their web page.

Their main website address is www.rospace.com and their centenary site is www.rospace100.com where you can find out more about their centenary.

Barry Stagg

TALBOT HOUSE - EVERYMAN'S CLUB

A sanctuary for WWI Troops

During WWI, Poperinge lay in Flanders' Fields west of Ypres in unoccupied Belgium at a railhead where thousands of troops with their equipment disembarked on their way to the Front. Residents attracted troops with sales of alcohol, chocolate etc, and providing brothels but something else was needed.



Talbot House

In 1915, Army Chaplains Neville Talbot and Philip (Tubby) Clayton leased an elegant town house as a Club for all ranks, providing rest and recreation for new arrivals and relief from trench fighting, housing a Canteen with a piano, a Library, a Writing Room, toilet and washing facilities and a large Concert Hall. It provided food, fellowship, relaxation through singing and acting, reading and letter writing, and Christian ministry with Confirmation Classes and Baptisms and First (and often last) Communion.

Chaplain Tubby Clayton wrote frequently to his Mother, describing his work and Talbot House life. Constructing the Chapel in the attic above the second floor (reached by a wooden ladder), he held regular services there and elsewhere while visiting troops and always had his crucifix. On Easter Day 1917 he conducted 14 services including 480 Communicants in Talbot House, which "Kept me from stagnation" (cf "A Touch of Paradise in Hell" by Jan Louagie).

Talbot House maintains sanctuary today with B&B accommodation and a Museum. During the summers of 2015 and 2016 I served as a Volunteer Assistant Warden, welcoming and assisting those staying and hundreds of day visitors including the Museum in their Tours of WWI Battlefields and Cemeteries. Many sought places where a relative had served, died and was buried in one of many WWI Cemeteries nearby, all maintained in pristine condition by the Commonwealth Graves Commission. One includes Noel Chavasse's grave, double VC and son of a former Bishop of Rochester. Sanctuary Wood contains Gilbert Talbot's grave, after whom the house is named. Son of a Bishop of Winchester and brother of



The garden at Talbot House

Neville, Gilbert was killed on 30th July 2015 aged 23 and we attended a moving Memorial service at his grave for the Centenary of his death and planted a newly named Talbot House Rose there.

Tubby Clayton kept detailed records of the thousands passing through Talbot House. After the War, many survivors wanted to be reunited with friends and created the Association ToCH. (ToC being the army signallers' code for T and H for house). Its ideals of Fellowship, Service, Fair-mindedness and Kingdom of God became known as the 'Four points of the Compass' and its symbol is a burning oil lamp. ToCH provided assistance through local Clubs and Welfare Offices.

I regret having taken so long before learning about WWI and what can be discovered by visiting Flanders and the Somme. I strongly recommend visiting them or the church of All Hallows by the Tower in London, where Tubby became Vicar and is buried.



Tubby Clayton

Jenny Macpherson

In July, I joined Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees' first family camping event in the beautiful grounds of The Quadrangle Trust in Shoreham. Dinner was cooked by 'Al Bet Betak', a Syrian catering business in Tunbridge Wells, who were themselves refugees. We then had the privilege of hearing Tirej Brimo's story. He left Syria 5 years ago and is now qualifying in Medicine at St. George's University.

Charli Stockdale

Tirej Brimo's story:

5 years ago, when I first left Syria, I had nothing on me except an old bag stuffed with clothes and a shattered soul stuffed with anger. I still remember the way I cried when I first realized I had lost everything and become just a number. A refugee on job seeker's allowance who speaks some English, this is how I started my journey in your beautiful land. Now, I am writing my graduation post fully in English. No more sleepless nights, crying about a lost future, protesting the cruelty and unfairness of life. Someone once told me 'life is not about waiting for the storm to pass; it is about learning to dance in the rain'. Yes! I am so grateful to all the beautiful souls who have helped me to keep the torch alive; to St. George's University which believed in me, my family who supported me and my friends who encouraged me in the darkest times. I know what pain is. I am ready to start my new role as a doctor and look after others' loved ones with a heart of love and a smile of hope.



Jane Blessley, Teaching coordinator for Tonbridge Welcomes Refugees (TWR):

When refugees arrive they need to learn English. Whilst KCC provides some ESOL courses, there are periods when none are available and some mothers with young children cannot participate in formal classes. TWR has a team of volunteers who are current and retired teachers. They provide English classes for groups of students centrally in the church's rooms or for individuals at their homes. This has been very successful. On many occasions, teachers have also been able to provide practical support for everyday problems which arise – including in my case, the happy occasion of getting a Syrian mum to Pembury hospital to have her baby safely delivered!

Anthony Bales (landlord):

Media coverage of the refugee crisis left me feeling helpless in the face of so much suffering. I was reminded of my parents, back in 1956, responding to the Hungarian Appeal by taking in three refugees. If we don't have homes to house refugees, they can't come here, so I decided I would be a landlord. The rent I am paid is the standard rental housing allowance from the Government. My tenants are a lovely Syrian family and it gives me joy to see them beginning a new life in safety

Would you like to find out more?

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th
Tonbridge Welcomes Refugees
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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17th
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Our Vicar, Mark Brown, will be
interviewing members of TWR with an
opportunity at the end of the service
for conversation over coffee time.
We would love to see you there!

Helen Longley



The Numardi Family, Togo

St Saviour's has been financially and prayerfully supporting a lovely family based in Lome, the capital of Togo in West Africa. Gad is Togolese, fluent in English (Togo's administrative language), French (the main language of Togo) and Ewe (the local African language), and trained in Ghana and the UK for his work in training workers and pastors in children's ministry. He met Liz there while they both worked with a Christian Mission in 2004. Both experienced in developing bible training programmes for church leaders and children's workers, they moved back to Togo in 2010 with their 2 children, Corben and Lael, who attended a small Christian school with children from Nigeria and Liberia.

Gad set up a local club for boys to play football and bible study, and bring their dads along for fellowship, to discuss God's word, and to provide a safe space to play.

Liz learnt French to get by in most situations but some children speak only Ewe, so she then needs a translator! She is a paediatric and adult nurse and lecturer, caring for families and any that approach her for help. She led a ministry for youth and children at the youth prison, sharing the Gospel. She deals in healthcare and promotion - there is a real need for medicine and education - and ran a monthly clinic for villagers in Ando Bedo, a rural mud hut village, where an outreach worker and his family lead a small church.

Gad also led an evangelistic outreach and preaches. On a practical level, they helped the villagers to dig and build village toilets and have a borehole for water. This was partly funded by us and other UK partners.

Liz also worked with disabled children with varying levels of learning. They have become experts in care, including reducing the problems of isolation and rejection from the community. This is where football has been a great help!

A real problem has been in protecting children from harm, helping to stand against child abuse (including witchcraft accusations) and helping the young in conflict with the law. All this in a very poor country.



Gad and Liz (centre) with members of St Saviour's church

In Togo they established a local interdenominational mission organisation called MECI to equip Christians to be a new voice of truth in the community, with Gad acting as an MECI ambassador in England.

Now living in East Anglia, the family continue to support Gad's homeland within a UK charity and Liz returned to a nursing role. Following their visit to St Saviour's recently, we will continue to pray for them and look forward to showing them our great town of Tonbridge with all its history again on their next visit! They thank us so much for our gospel partnership with Crosslinks Mission Partners and would appreciate any news from the parish that we wish to share with them.

Celia Grew

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Sunday Funday: 16 July 2017

Tonbridge Churches Together joined up, took the plunge and between them staged a Fun Day in July at Tonbridge Angels stadium. What a response! Here are 2 of many messages of appreciation: "I have always loved Tonbridge but I love it even more after today!" "A superb event...well organized, lots to do and 6000 happy faces at the end. What more could you ask for?" We hope to repeat it!



Thanks to Brett Burden for photos

Woodland Trust Update

I'm very pleased to share some excellent news with you. Since our June magazine, and thanks to the generosity of many donors, the Woodland Trust has raised the £750,000 needed to purchase the extension to the **Hucking Estate** in Kent. As a result 116 acres have been added to the Estate which now covers a magnificent 689 acres.

Renovations will begin by removing the barbed wire fencing surrounding the pasture land and the Woodland Trust will then carefully manage the regeneration of the land into a rich landscape of native woodland and rare chalk grassland. As with all other woods owned by the Woodland Trust, the Estate is free to visit. You are welcome to come to walk, to enjoy the fabulous views over the Weald of Kent or to look for native wildlife.

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Ask an adult to help make the holes as this can be very dangerous.

You are likely to get bruised knuckles, so practise your aim without too much force!

When you play or watch, don't stand too close.

How to play

Two players, each with a **conker** threaded on a piece of string or a shoelace, take it in turns to hit each other's **conker**, until there is one **conker** left.

1. The first player holds out their conker at arm's length, hanging down, ready to be hit. The string should be wrapped around his or her hand to stop it being dropped.
2. They must hold the conker still as the other player hits it. If it accidentally swings, the second player can steady it before they take a strike.
3. The second player then wraps the string of his or her conker around her hand, draws it back and takes an aim.
4. He or she lets go of the conker as they swing their arm in an arc and try to hit the other person's conker.



Conker Scoring. If a conker has never been used before and succeeds in breaking another unused conker, it scores one and becomes a 'one-er'.

If, in the next game it breaks another new conker, it becomes a 'two-er' and so on.

But, if this two-er loses a game and is broken, its score is added to the other person's conker. So if they used a new conker on a two-er, it becomes a three-er and so on.

If the conker that broke it had already broken others, then the scores of BOTH conkers are added together and added to the winner. So if you used a three-er on a two-er, then the winning conker will be a five-er.

Make the most of autumn leaves.

Go for a walk in the park or woods and collect as many different leaves as you can find.

Choose ones which are complete and not too dry and in different colours and shapes.

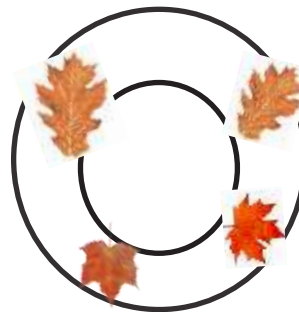
You could draw a picture and decorate it with leaves stuck on with glue.

You could create a picture with leaves



On a thin piece of card draw round a large dinner plate. Draw round a smaller plate in the middle and ask an adult to cut around the circles.

Then use glue to stick leaves on the outer shape that is left overlapping the leaves to make a leaf garland.



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From New Zealand and Ireland

to Kent - a musical journey...



International multi-instrumentalist Jon Sanders returns to Tonbridge at St Saviour's church for a special concert featuring a new suite of music on mandola and ukulele from his forthcoming album on

Saturday 30th September at 7.30pm.

Tickets £12 (accompanied children under 16 free). Tickets available from Sally Musson (mussonssally@btinternet.com) or on the night (subject to availability)

The octave mandolin or mandola has a unique bass double stringed sound and bridges the gap between many musical cultures from Celtic to Arabic to bluegrass and jazz, says Jon. "Both mandola and ukulele give me the chance to express myself over a limited four string range. This challenge is my guiding star in these new compositions," says the Hildenborough-raised composer

He has been based in the west coast of Ireland and New Zealand for over 25 years, touring extensively across the globe with a wide variety of acts.

His three critically acclaimed albums, Latitudes, Twigs of the Neem Tree and Zoukulele, were described as "deeply meditative, impishly playful and jazz tinged".

More information at his website www.jon-sanders.com and Facebook Jon Sanders Music.

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH CHURCH

A new guide to the monuments in St Peter and St Paul's church in Tonbridge has been published to mark their cleaning and repair. It gives a general introduction to church monuments followed by a description of over 40 monuments. There are short biographies of the people commemorated and of the sculptors where known.

Most of the leading families of Tonbridge from the 17th to the 19th centuries are represented, including Children, Austen, Weller, Woodgate and l'Anson. There are also headmasters of Tonbridge School, vicars of Tonbridge and several people who died while taking the waters at Tunbridge Wells, two of them courtiers of Charles II and his Queen Catherine of Braganza who visited in 1663. The guide provides many insights into the history of Tonbridge.

The guide, with 40 pages and 50 colour photographs is available from the parish church, price £4.



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Views from the Potting Shed

Well autumn is here, although summer does try to linger on to give us those wonderful balmy Indian summer days. The summer heat has taken its toll on some plants - particularly my poor old lawn that now looks as if it's been used for a cricket match! Hopefully as temperatures begin to cool and the odd drop of rain falls the lawn will revive, although I will give it a helping hand. Using a wire rake I will remove all the dead grass and moss and will then aerate the lawn using a garden fork pressing it into the lawn every 6 inches and gently prizing the fork backwards to raise the soil slightly.



Thistle head

I will also give the lawn a feed with autumn fertiliser that is low in nitrogen and high in potassium (the potassium strengthens the grass and makes it more resistant to frost damage). Do not use traditional lawn fertilisers at this time of year as they are high in nitrogen which makes the grass grow faster which is not what you want as it makes it more prone to frost damage. Read the container to ensure you have bought the correct fertiliser and check how to use it. If in any doubt seek help from the garden centre staff.



Autumn Leaves

I will give the grass a last cut in early November but not too short. This should keep it fine over winter and into spring. Remember to remove leaves from around the garden, especially the lawn, clearing them at least once a week and consigning them to your compost bin. If you have a pond, cover it with netting to stop leaves falling in.

Rhododendrons and camellias tend to establish their flowering buds for next year in August/September and they would therefore appreciate a good soaking at least once a week if it's not rained during this period. Autumn is a good time to plant or transplant shrubs as the soil will still be warm and hopefully there will be sufficient moisture to allow them to establish their roots before the winter. It's also time to plant spring bulbs. There are many newer bulb varieties now available so have a look around.

Remove shading from greenhouses, move outdoor plant pots into sheltered positions and remove any saucers that they are sitting in so that they do not become waterlogged. Use up the remains of crops from the vegetable and fruit patches. Continue to deadhead flowers to prolong the flowering season and if any plants have set seeds collect them in paper bags making sure you label them.



Dahlia

Arthur Mow

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Netball is a fast-paced team game for two teams of seven players to shoot the most goals through the goal ring, with each player assigned a specific position that limits movement to a certain court area. Netball is one of the most popular team sports for British women and girls. Wealden Netball Club is a competitive but friendly club, inspiring players to play to the best of their abilities, with training sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at Tonbridge Grammar School. Wealden's teams range from U10 (school Years 4 and 5) to adult.



Perspectives asked Sally Baker, Club Secretary, to tell us more:

Wealden holds a Silver Level Clubmark Award and our junior teams compete in the Kent County Netball U14 and U16 League, Junior regional U16 and the Sevenoaks Junior Netball League.

Qualified coaches hold weekly training plus our club has an approved safeguarding officer.

Our club culture nurtures each and every player irrespective of her ability and ambition. We do our best to care for and motivate them so, as they feel their efforts are valued, they're happy and confident to contribute. Our coaches are trained to identify the needs of every player at each stage of their development, allowing for early and late growth development and ensuring that each player receives the most appropriate training and competition opportunities.

Once our players are over 16 and no longer able to play in the junior leagues, we look at moving them into the senior section of the club where we have several teams competing at regional, county and local league level.

Wealden Netball Club develops skilful and determined players but there is also a solid commitment to promoting and encompassing wider components of the team game.

Wealden provide opportunities for juniors to progress into officiating and/or coaching as well as supporting members completing GCSE and A Level PE, Duke of Edinburgh Awards etc.

Morwenna Fernandez

Food in the 1980s



In the 1980s mainstream culture became increasingly fascinated by diversity, and the surge in Indian and Turkish restaurants became an example of this. Indian-born Madhur Jaffery brought Indian food to the small screen and her Indian sauces continue to be popular in supermarkets today.

Technology and convenience began to take over our lives. At home, the microwave signalled an increasing trend towards speed in the kitchen as everyday food became increasingly processed and less fresh.

Mums reheated ready meals, which were eaten by the family at varying times in front of the TV. M&S began selling ready meals and frozen orange juice was the new 'big thing'.

Perhaps one advantage to food in the '80s, was that as meals became so simple to cook, youths could start to take control and cook food for themselves – microwave chips and Pop Tarts were particular favourites.

An '80s dinner menu can easily be achieved at home today.

Starter – melon wrapped in prosciutto

Slices of cantaloupe melon wrapped in prosciutto and drizzled with balsamic vinegar, extra virgin olive oil and served with a garnish of salad leaves

Main – chicken and filo strudel

Ingredients

1 large roast chicken
 250g button mushrooms, stalks removed, finely sliced
 200g Havarti* cheese, grated (*can be substituted by a mild cheddar or Gouda cheese)
 1/2 cup shallots, finely sliced
 Salt and pepper
 14 sheets filo pastry
 100g butter, melted

Method

Pre-heat oven to 180C.

Remove meat from chicken, discarding skin and bones, and cut into one-centimetre chunks. Put in a bowl and add mushrooms, cheese and shallots. Season with salt and pepper and mix well.

Brush every second layer of filo pastry evenly with butter and place on top of each other.

Place chicken mixture in a log shape, pressing mixture together firmly, on top of filo, leaving a few centimetres of pastry on the short edges and the long edge closest to you. Brush edges of pastry with butter and roll into a log, tucking in edges as you go. Place on a baking tray with the sealed edge on the bottom.

Brush top with butter and bake for 40 minutes or until golden. Slice and serve with salad greens.



Dessert

Finish the meal with an ice cool slice of Viennetta and after-dinner mint.

Photo and recipe source: <http://www.goodfood.com>.

Natasha Stille

September

Wed 6	Enjoying God, first of 2 evenings (second is 20th Sept) 7.30 for 8pm St Peter & St Paul
Sat 16-23	Oast Youth Theatre: Our Country's Good, by Timberlake Wertenbake 8pm. Oasttheatre.com 01732 363849
Sat 9 & Sun 10	Heritage Weekend - St Peter & St Paul and St Saviour open for tours, 10 – 6 on Saturday, with craft exhibition at St Peter & St Paul, St Peter & St Paul 11-4 Sunday.
Sun 17	Service with prayer for healing, 6.30pm at St Peter & St Paul.
Sat 30	Jon Sanders concert 7.30pm St Saviour's Church. Booking info. on page 16

October

Sun 1	Harvest Sunday across parish: 10am at St Andrew, St Saviour and St Peter & St Paul*; 10.30am St Philip*. * = all-age services.
Sun 1	Afternoon Church for young families, 3-4pm St Peter & St Paul
Sat 7	Tonbridge Music Club: Heath Quartet, 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul. tmc.org.uk
Sat 14-21	Last of the Red Hot Lovers by Neil Simon, 8pm (3pm Sundays) Oasttheatre.com 01732 363849
Sat 21	'80s night at St Philip's, 6.30pm. £1. Book: St Philip's office: 01732 352416 saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

November

Sat 4	Charity Craft Sale at St Peter & St Paul, 10am to 3pm. Lots of local artists and craftspeople, plus refreshments.
Sat 4	Concert in aid of Hospice in the Weald, 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul
Sun 5	Time to Remember, Time to Give Thanks service for those who have lost a loved one. 3pm St Peter & St Paul.
Wed 8	Enjoying God course 2. Second evening is 22 Nov. 7.30 for 8pm St Peter & St Paul
Sat 11	Quiz Night, 7.30pm St Philip's Church. Book; 01732 352416
Sun 12	Afternoon Church for young families, 3-4pm St Peter & St Paul
Sat 18	Recorder Revolution, an interactive concert for age 6 –12. 3-4pm St Peter & St Paul tmc.org.uk Tonbridge Music Club Palisander Recorders, 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul, tmc.org.uk
Sat 25	Tonbridge Philharmonic - Dream of Gerontius, Tonbridge School Chapel. Tickets 01732 304241 or tonphil.org.uk
Sun 26	Tonbridge Christmas Carnival. Special service 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul.

December

Sun 3 Dec	Christingle services for the whole family - 10am at St Andrew, St Saviour and St Peter & St Paul; 10.30am St Philip.
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Tuesday	 Teddies For pre-school children and their carers, 9.30am, Upper Lounge (term time) Beavers at Ridgeway	Stretch, Tone & Relax Class 1pm Grapevine Drink, chat and activities. 2.15pm to 4.15pm Brownies	
Wednesday	Holy Communion 10am  Tiny Acorns under-1s 10.30am - 12pm, Upper Lounge Cubs at Ridgeway <i>Tiny Acorns</i>	Tots and Co. For toddlers and their carers, 1.15pm - 2.45pm (term time) Open Prayer 8 - 9pm First Wednesday of month	
Thursday	 Stepping Stones (term time) Bible Study, crèche available 10am Knitting & Natter , 2nd Thursday monthly, 10am - 12pm. Afternoon Workshop (crafts) 1.30pm Upper Lounge 1st Tonbridge Guides	Holy Moley club Fun and games for children ages 7 - 10, 5pm - 6.30pm	
Friday	Rummikub Players 10.00am - 12.30pm, Upper Lounge. Bell Ringers at Parish Church 7.45pm Scouts at Ridgeway	Women's Fellowship 7.30pm - 9.30pm, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month	
Saturday	 Parish Prayer , 9am Lower Lounge Coffee Shop 10am - 12pm Open Church 10am - 4pm 	Connect (Age 10 - 13) Refresh (14 - 18) from 5.30pm fortnightly	

For more details, please contact the Church Office 01732 770962.
 Some groups do not meet during school holidays. Check our website tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk



St Peter & St Paul Church Lane, TN9 1HD

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10am Morning Service (with Holy Communion on 4th Sundays) and Sunday Club for ages 4-11 each week in term time
6.30pm Evening Service
Wednesdays:
10am Holy Communion

St Philip's Salisbury Road, TN10 4PA

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9am Holy Communion (1st Sunday of month)
10.30am Morning Service (with Holy Communion on 3rd Sundays) and Sunday Club each week in term time

St Andrew's Hadlow Road, TN10 4LS

Sundays:
10am Morning Service (with Holy Communion on 2nd Sunday of month)

St Saviour's Dry Hill Park Crescent, TN10 3BJ

Sundays:
8am Holy Communion (2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays of month)
10am Morning Service (with Holy Communion on 1st Sunday and informal service on 3rd Sunday)

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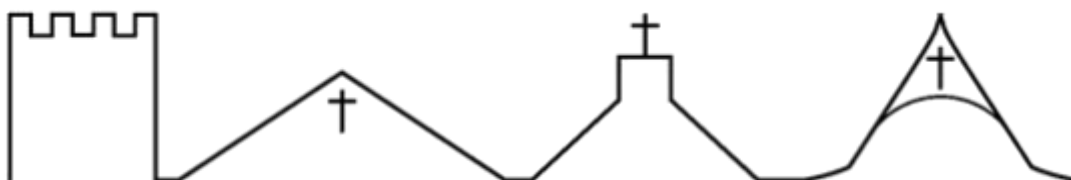
This year's holiday club was a great success, with an outstanding team of volunteers, inspiring young helpers and leaders who all provided much fun and fellowship for the children and their families (who got to enjoy the lovely free cafés at both St Saviour's and the Parish Church).

This year holiday club explored the story of Creation and the important truth of God's plan for us. Every day there were new crafts, games, jokes, challenges, songs and stories to enjoy. It was noisy, it was messy, it was active and it was great fun!

The younger children had a wonderful time at St Saviour's, culminating in a dazzling performance of the creation song to all at the Parish Church.

Tonbridge Parish Church was transformed - the columns were decorated with scenes from the six days of creation. The chancel became a black curtained stage from which we enjoyed our favourite Watt family drama with scenes of rampaging robots! Each corner of the church was changed into a special robot-themed den.

Morwenna Fernandez & Charli Stockdale



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