



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAYS 31 MARCH & 7 APRIL 2024

### THIS SUNDAY - EASTER DAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 5.45am Sunrise Service in churchyard: John 20:1-9 8am Communion Service: Matthew 27:62-28:15 10.45 Communion Service: Matthew 27: 62-28:15 6pm Communion Service: Psalm 113	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Communion Service: Matthew 27:62-28:15	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Communion Service: Matthew 27:62-28:15	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Communion Service: Matthew 27:62-28:15
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** As we celebrate new life in Jesus this Easter, praise God that we are celebrating this new life specifically with three individuals over the next few weeks - do pray for them as they make these special promises to keep following Jesus as Lord and Saviour throughout their lives:
  - Easter Day: Martha Thorndike: Re-affirmation of baptism vows at 10.45am St Peter & St Paul
  - 21 April: Raphael Day: Baptism at 8am St Peter & St Paul
  - 21 April Isaac King: Confirmation at Christ Church Bromley with Bishop Jonathan, 10am (and we will hear testimony from Isaac on 28 April at 10.45am, St Peter & St Paul).

#### **NEW Job opportunity: Finance Administrator - Tonbridge Parish Church**

An exciting opportunity to join the wider staff team, supporting the Parish Treasurer in the day-to-day administration duties of the parish finances. Part-time, up to 15 hours per week. For more information, an informal chat, or to register your interest, contact Ben Thorndike, Vicar [ben@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:ben@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) 01732 770962 x23

- **NEW** Remember the **clocks spring forward** this Saturday night!
- **Christians in Sport Quiz, Sat 27 April, 7pm (first question at 7.30pm).** A great event to bring non-Christian friends and family to. This is a FREE event but you need to register your team (between 4-8 people), or if you have a non-Christian friend or two to invite, you can book a ticket for 2 or 3 people and join with others. **REGISTER YOUR TEAM OR BOOK A PLACE [HERE](#) OR VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE** or contact the Parish Office. Bring your own drinks (nibbles provided).
- **BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! Church-Family Away Day 2024 - Saturday eve 22 June & all day Sunday 23 June, at Bishop Chavasse school, Tonbridge.** A great opportunity to grow in love and bonds of affection as a church family together. Join with us for barn dance and food on Saturday evening, followed by a day on Sunday of teaching and worship together with guest speaker; plus craft, sport, other activities and relaxation in the afternoon. **PLEASE BOOK VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE or [HERE](#)** or contact the Parish Office. Please also let us know if you can help with some hospitality over the weekend—many thanks.
- **Hope Explored course at Open House.** Sat 20 April / 27 April / 4 May, 12-1.30pm (after Open House) with a light lunch. An exciting short 3-week course looking at the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in Luke's Gospel - showing Christianity is about real hope: a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which changes everything about our present! Great for both Christians who want to refresh some of the basics, and for non-Christians to hear about the heart of the Christian faith. REALLY GREAT to invite a friend to join! **SIGN UP [HERE](#) or VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE** or contact the Parish Office.
- **Side by Side reading group** begins 9 April for 6 weeks. If anyone would like to join us for this daytime group please do contact Wendy Carr [wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) An evening group will be available from June.
- **18-30s Spring Social: Thurs 4 April**, lower lounge, St Peter & St Paul. Join us for a meal and a short talk: 'The gospel according to Oscar?' – thinking about film and faith with Andy Page. **SIGN UP [HERE](#) OR VIA EVENTS TAB ON THE WEBSITE.** Do invite friends.
- **NEW Sorted Nano 2024** for those aged 11-14 (SOS age): Sat 11 May, London: Sorted Nano is a great day out for 11-14s to get together with hundreds of others to grow in their faith. The day is a mix of Bible teaching, sung worship, games and more. It will be fantastic! Drop off at 9am and collection (expected 4pm) from Tonbridge station. Complete sign up in email from Alyson.
- **NEW** Ahead of the APCM on 12 May we will be reviewing the **Parish Electoral Roll**. If you have been part of our worshipping church family for around 6 months we would encourage you to consider joining the Roll. You will have voting rights at the APCM. Forms are available in the churches or on the website. Forms and any queries to me please – many thanks. *Sally Musson (Electoral Roll Officer)*
- **NEW Bring and share plant swap at St Andrew:** Sat 20 April 10am - 1 pm. Bring plants for others to take, and take away some for your own garden. Share what these plants, or gardening in general, have meant to you.

**NOTE: Next newsletter will come out after the Easter break on Friday 12 April**

## OTHER NEWS

- **TWO great conferences coming up—book and put the dates in your diary!**

**Southern Women's Convention** - 'A better story', Sat 8 June, All Saints Church, Crowborough. Kimberly Davis is our keynote speaker and will be speaking from the book of Hebrews and why it is a better story! **FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK ONLINE** visit <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/beov5kx9> A handful of us have already signed up for this—do let Jane Higgs [jane.higgs@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:jane.higgs@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) know if you book on so we can co-ordinate lifts.

**Rochester Diocese Evangelical Fellowship Conference** 'Sharing Jesus Now' - Sat 18 May, 9.30am-4pm, St Margaret's Halstead. A day conference to equip Christians across our Diocese to seize the opportunities and face the challenges of **engaging with the world in our time and place**. Main speakers: Glen Scrivener & John Dunnett. Bookings open soon!

- **Daphne Watkins**, a previous member of St Saviour's, died earlier this year. A **Thanksgiving Tea** to celebrate her life will be held at St Saviour's on Tuesday 16th April from 2.30 - 4pm. All are welcome. Please let Roxanne Robins know, as soon as possible for catering numbers, if you are able to come: [roxanneirobins@gmail.com](mailto:roxanneirobins@gmail.com) or 07969 170059
- **NEW Charity St George's Day concert:** Sat 20 April, 7pm,, St Peter & St Paul. Feat. Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir, Tonbridge Community Singers and Rebecca Hooper. Tickets £10 on the door.

## REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES OVER THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

- **Book Group** - Not meeting on Easter Monday
- **Coffee lounge** - Not open on Good Friday or Easter Monday
- **Merry Makers** - Restarts Mon 22 April
- **Coffee break** - Not meeting on Easter Monday
- **Men's Fellowship** - Continues over Easter break
- **Teddies** - Restarts Tues 16 April
- **Midweek Communion Services** - Wed 3 and 17 April
- **Tiny Acorns** - Continues over Easter break
- **Stepping Stones** - Restarts Thurs 18 April
- **Craft workshop** - Restarts Thurs 25 April
- **St Andrew's Open Door** - Continues 2nd and 4th Thurs
- **Church Family Prayers on Zoom** - Continues over Easter break (853 4454 9144)
- **Women's Fellowship** - Continues on 2nd and 4th Fri
- **Sat morning Prayer Meeting** - Continues over Easter break
- **Open House** - Restarts on Sat 13 April

*The staff team wish you all a Happy Easter as we remember  
the death and glorious resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.*

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead " (1 Peter 1:3)*

## SUNDAY 7 APRIL

St Peter & St Paul	St Philip	St Saviour	St Andrew
8am Communion Service: John 20:24-31 10.45 Morning Service: John 20:24-31 6pm Evening Service: Psalm 116	10.45 Morning Service: John 20:24-31	9.15 Morning Service: John 20:24-31	9.45 Morning Service: John 20:24-31

## SUNDAY 14 APRIL

St Peter & St Paul	St Philip	St Saviour	St Andrew
8am Communion Service: John 21:1-14 10.45 All Age Service: John 21:1-14 6pm Evening Service: Psalm 118	10.45 Communion Service: John 21:1-14	9.15 Morning Service: John 21:1-14	9.45 Morning Service: John 21:1-14