



Carolyn King will be taking part in the Race for Life 2010 in aid of Cancer Research on Sunday **16th May** at 11.00am at Mote Park, Mote Avenue, Maidstone. She would be grateful for prayer as she trains for this important event, and also for people to sponsor her as she aims to raise approximately £100 for this vital charity. If you would like to sponsor her please log-on direct to her giving page:

<http://www.raceforlifesponsors.me.org/carolynking>

**Parish Pancake Party and Hospitality for Lent Talk ~ 16 February 2010**

Our parish is very blessed with so many people who always answer the call for help. Our Lenten Programme began with a really fun-packed (noisy!) family pancake party at St. Philip's, followed by hospitality before the Lenten Talk at St. Peter and Paul.

A HUGE! thank you to all those people who so willingly made/supplied pancakes (hundreds of them!), organised games, provided cakes and helped with teas and coffees for both events. All their hard work and loving kindness made the organisers' lives so much easier, and went to make it a great evening and a memorable start to the Lenten period. All four churches are truly united as one willing and helpful fellowship, which is very precious! Thank you all so much.

*from the organising team*

**21st & 28th  
Feb 2010**

Dear Friends,

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FEBRUARY**

We would like to offer our thanks for the Lord's provision and for your prayers and generous contribution in so many ways. Last year, after a forecast general income and expenditure deficit of £33,316, the provisional year-end figures for 2009 suggest that we will have a small surplus of around £4,000. This is mainly attributable to a few, large and unexpected donations, for which we are most grateful.

The general income and expenditure budget for 2010 was agreed by the PCC recently. Drawing on the results from 2009, it is a cautious budget with the third clergy staff salary being paid partly by the Diocese, the remainder coming from the Ministry Costs Fund, which was created for this purpose. Nonetheless, the budget still has a forecast deficit of £16,705 and we will have to pay for the full costs of three clergy in 2011, when the funding from the Diocese ceases. This does not include the essential repair work on the organ at St Peter and St Paul, for which a special appeal will be made.

Whilst acknowledging that many members of our congregations are faced with financial constraints and uncertainty about the future, we would encourage your prayerful reflection specifically concerning the following:

**ST PETER & ST PAUL, ST ANDREW'S, ST PHILIP'S &  
ST SAVIOUR'S**

**Tonbridge Parish News**

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**Welcome** to the Parish of St Peter & St Paul, Tonbridge.

To help us to get to know you please complete this slip and return it to one of our side persons, or drop it into the Coach House posting box next door to the Church.

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**Name & Address**

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Tel. No. ....

Date & Service time you attended.....

Would you like a visit from Clergy / Pastoral Assistant? **Yes / No**

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- a) Making a commitment to give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme to support the work of the Parish, using Gift Aid wherever possible, so that we can reclaim 28% income tax.
- b) Reviewing the amount you already give to take into account the increases we have budgeted for.
- c) Increasing significantly the number of committed members of the Parish.

We have great opportunities.

*David Balcombe, Jenny Hancox & Brian Buck*

**Whole Parish Praise & Prayer...**

The next Praise & Prayer meeting will be on Wednesday **21st April** 8pm at St Peter & St Paul. Please make this a priority to attend.

**Discovering Christianity in the Daytime**

2:00 - 3:30pm, Lower Lounge, St Peter and St Paul on 9, 16, 23 March.

A new Discovering Christianity course will be held on 3 Tuesday afternoons in March. This is a great opportunity to investigate the Christian faith either for the first time or to revisit any questions you may have. In particular, we will be thinking about the following:

- What do Christians believe in a nutshell?
- Who was Jesus? What did he claim?
- Why did Jesus die?
- Did Jesus really rise from the dead and so what if he did?

However, there will also be the opportunity to answer any question you like and to enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee with biscuits or cake.

If interested, please call Revd Peter Goodridge tel. 355200 or the Coach House tel. 770962 x25.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Staff Prayer Meeting  
Every Tuesday 9.30am**

in the choir stalls at St Peter & St Paul.

Please come along and join us as this is open to all who would like to attend.

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**Monday 22nd** ~ Pray for vision & encouragement for our Leaders as they meet this evening.

**Tuesday 2nd March** ~ Pray for Revd Martin Beaumont as he speaks today at the second of our Lent Talks.

**Wednesday 3rd March** ~ The Deanery Chapter meets today. Pray for all churches during vacancies at this time.

**‘LIVE EARTH RUN FOR WATER’**

**JOIN PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD TO BRING WATER TO THE MILLIONS ON OUR PLANET, FACING DROUGHT, NO SEED SOWING, NO HARVEST: STARVATION.**

**THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 2PM-4PM**

**TONBRIDGE SCHOOL LOWER PLAYING FIELD**

**ENTRY £6 ADULT £1 CHILD**

**ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO SUPPORT  
TEARFUND’S COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO PROVIDE  
WATER IN UGANDA**

**For more information or to register contact Helen Longley  
tel. 01732 352580 or email: helenlongley@btinternet.com**

*Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of  
darkness, and grew closer to you in the  
desert: help us to use these days to grow  
in wisdom and prayer that we may  
witness to your saving love in  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**8am** Holy Communion

*Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**10am** Morning Service with Baptism

*'Know your Friend'*

*Lead: David Balcombe*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**6.30pm** Evening Service

with music lead by Refresh

*'Are Christians Religious?'*

*Lead Revd Mark Brown*

*Preach: Abi Dunn*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Morning Service

*'Know your Friend'*

*Lead & Preach: Jenny Macpherson*

**St Philip's**

**10.30am** Holy Communion

*'Know your Friend'*

*Lead: Jacky Wright*

*Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**St Saviour's**

**10am** All Age Service

*'Know your Friend'*

*Lead: Carrie Walshaw*

*Preach: Terry Collins*

*Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent may  
we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings, and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**10am** Holy Communion

*'Coping with sudden change'*

*Lead: Revd Gary Townsend*

*Preach: David Balcombe*

**6.30pm** Evening Service

*'Lasting Joy'*

*Lead: Revd Gary Townsend*

*Preach: David Heyes*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Morning Service

*'Coping with sudden change'*

*Lead & Preach: Terry Collins*

**St Philip's**

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**A Feast of Living Spirituality...**

This day is one of the 'Growing your Ministry' workshops run by the Rochester Diocese. It will take place on Saturday **6th March** 12.30pm-6pm in Rochester Cathedral and ticket price is £5. Bring along your own lunch but drinks will be provided. The workshop will include Evensong, and time for personal space and worship. For more details please see the poster at the back of St Peter & St Paul or contact the booking department on tel. 01634 560000. The closing date for all applications will be **26th February**, so please do book your place now if you are interested.

**Cross Purposes**

*'Shock & Contemplation in images of the Crucifixion'*

There will be a special opening of an exhibition entitled 'Cross Purposes' at Mascalls Gallery, Paddock Wood on Thurs **4th March** 5pm-9pm. For more details or to book call tel. 01892 837617 or email: [office@standrewspw.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewspw.org.uk)

**Lunchtime Concert...**

Our next Lunchtime Concert will be on Wednesday **10th March** 12.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, with guest flautist Rachael Osborne-Smith, and pianist Richard Walshaw, playing Reinecke Ballade and Poulenc Sonata. The concert will be followed by a light lunch. Invitations are in church now so please feel free to pick a couple up.

**The God Confusion**

*Are there answers to the big questions of life and eternity?* Speakers Tim Keller, Al Stewart & Rico Tice.

**Saturday 13th March**

10.15am - 4pm Excel Centre, London. Ticket cost is £30.

*(£25 for concessions)*

The aim is to equip Christians for their mission by talks, testimonies, seminars and by answering questions that unbelievers ask. Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church now for more information and booking details. *If you would like to attend please call Sara Thomson who is going to try and get a group together from the parish. Please call her on tel. 01732 356430.*

**Springs Dance Company**

presents 'Bread of Life' on Wednesday **24th March 8pm** at St Andrew's Church, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood. The tickets are £10 and are available on the door or by telephoning their church office on 01892 837617.

**Stuart Townend** with his band 'Creation Sings' will be giving a concert on **24th March**

*St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks* starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained by calling tel. 01732 740340.

### Special Invitation...

**Louis & Pat Nel** invite you to join them for a concert by local musicians to celebrate Louis' 70th Birthday. This will held on Saturday **27th February** 7pm in St John's Church Hildenborough, and followed by refreshments. Entrance is free but there will be a opportunity to donate to the Church Hall Improvement Fund. They very much look forward to seeing you there.

### Maundy Thursday Service...

Our Parish Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday **1st April** 8pm at St Saviour's Church, Dry Hill Park Road.

This will include a service of Holy Communion with Foot washing.

### With grateful thanks...

**Janet Currie** wishes to thank all who prayed, sent cards and gave offers of help during her recent time in Kent & Sussex Hospital. She is now home, much to George's relief, and gives praise to our Lord Jesus Christ for all his blessings.

### Special Prayers...

Please continue to pray for **Sharon Townsend** as she recovers after her operation on 6th February. The operation went well but she is now on a very long road of recovery & physiotherapy. Sharon, Gary and the girls would be very grateful for your continued prayers.

### St Saviour's Guild meeting...

The next Guild meeting will be on Thurs **4th March** at 9.45am. We will be discussing the arrangements for decorating the church at Easter and for the Easter Coffee Morning. Come and join us!

### Congregational Meetings...

Please find details below of our churches' congregational meetings. This is your chance to hear about what has been happening in your church over the last year and to ask your Leadership Team any questions.

#### St Peter & St Paul

Monday 12th April 8pm.

#### St Saviour's

Tuesday 13th April 8pm.

#### St Philip's

Thursday 15th April 8pm

#### St Andrew's

Sunday 18th April after the morning service.

### Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting

will follow our Congregational Meetings on **Wed 28th April** 8pm at St Peter & St Paul. Please attend if you can to support your Leadership Teams, and ask any questions you may have regarding all matters in the life of our Parish.



HOPE IS VERY MUCH ALIVE IN OUR AREA!  
GOD IS (STILL) DOING WONDERFUL THINGS!

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF AT

# SPRING HOPE

RIVER CENTRE CHURCH  
FRIDAY 19 MARCH, 7:30 P.M.

Hear news from project leaders, volunteers and participants, of all that's happening, and future plans

Join in worship, praise and prayer for HOPE in 2010 and beyond

**BOOK THE DATE NOW!**

More details in next Parish News

**Let the Children sing...**

*Thank you God for Spring!*

**Wednesday 3rd March at St Saviour's Church starting at 10am.  
Do join Pre-schoolers and Slade Reception Classes as we praise  
God and pray about global poverty together.**

*All are welcome to attend.*