

**“Living Well in Our Community: Rubbish Clearing along the River”**

*A Litterpicnic:*

An opportunity for fellowship in the open air, working together to support the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership.

After morning services on **28<sup>th</sup> March**, we will:

- meet at our Base in Tonbridge Sports ground (**by 12noon**); look out for a gazebo by the new ball area next to the tennis courts and children's' playground.
- finish as soon as you wish & certainly by 3pm;
- need to:
  - o wear suitable clothing (long sleeves and trousers) – litter pickers, gloves & sacks provided
  - o bring your own picnic
  - o bring a mobile phone
  - o bring a few supermarket plastic bags in your pockets;
- a thank you gift will be given to all children at the end of the day (no later than 3pm).

In order to give an idea of numbers, please complete the slip on the Living Well information sheet and return as directed by 14<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to sign up in advance, turning up on the day (**by 12noon**) is not a problem.

Any queries, please contact Jane in The Coach House, 01732 770962 x25 or [jane@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:jane@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk).

**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.

**Name & Address**

Tel. No.

Date & Service time you attended.....

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

**7th & 14th  
March 2010**

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

# Tonbridge Parish News

Dear Friends,

*Living Well*

Thank you to the various teams for embarking upon our Lent disciplines this year. ‘Living Well in our Community’ has three strands to experience what it means to be a community - this I felt was greatly enhanced by the remarkable pancake party held on 16th February.

Thank you to those of you who have persevered and opened up your homes for hospitality. I am grateful to Tony Owen for coordinating this. There is a team of seven organising our Whole Parish social and Litterpicnic on Palm Sunday. If you have not signed up it would be helpful to know who is coming to plan and engage well with the local media present on the day.

And finally. How to avoid ‘Pot Hole Spirituality’? We all get knocked easily off course when we have no firm foundations. The answer!?! Revisit all that we learnt and engaged with during ‘Living Well’.

Do you remember the five disciplines?

Have any of them gained a habitual foundation in our lives?

Habits of exercise, scripture reading, solitude, fellowship and connecting spiritually with leisure interests, are all vital if we are not to be knocked off course individually.

Why not revisit some or thank God where you have seen progress.

Yours in Christ

*Mark Brown*

*‘You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to bear fruit - fruit that will last.....’*

*John 15: 16*

**Farewell to Neil & Jane Thomas...**

We will be saying thank you & farewell to Neil & Jane Thomas during our evening service **tonight** 7th March 6.30pm at St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome to attend.

**'Live earth 6km RUN/WALK 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](mailto:helenlongley@btinternet.com)**

### HOSPITALITY IN THE HOME

*Fancy a coffee morning, lunch, afternoon tea or an evening meal?*

We have arranged eight hospitality events during Lent and there are some vacant spaces. There is no charge but you need to bring a guest who is not part of the church family!

DATE	EVENT	HOST	VACANT SPACES
16 March	Morning coffee	Molly Taylor	Full
16 March	Lunch	Jenny Macpherson	3
19 March	Dinner	Charlie & Christina Rodgers	2
19 March	Morning Coffee	Glen & Doreen Goodall	2
22 March	Dinner	David & Rosemary Heyes	3
23 March	Afternoon Tea	Sally & Michael Watts	4
25 March	Afternoon Tea for Merrymakers	Yvonne Burgess	Refer Yvonne
25 March	Evening Dessert & coffee for crèche parents	Sara Thomson	Refer Sara

If you can fill any of these vacancies, please ring me on 01732 358929  
or email me at [tony.owen7@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.owen7@btinternet.com)  
*Tony Owen*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Sun **7th** ~ Pray for the speakers & hosts who will be briefed and commissioned this evening. (Hospitality at Home)

Mon **8th** ~ Pray for Peter as he talks to the Men's Forum tonight.

Tues **9th** ~ Please join us for staff prayers 9.30am in the choir stalls at St Peter & St Paul.  
Please pray for the people attending Discovering Christianity at St Peter & St Paul this afternoon. (*see below for details*)

Wed **10th** ~ Pray for Abi and others as she speaks at the Jane Austen Event with the Kent Women's International Event.  
Also pray for the Lunchtime concert. That many from the local 'High Street' economy will attend and be blessed.

Sat **13th** ~ Pray for God's blessing upon all those attending the 'God Confusion' convention today.

Tues **16th** ~ Pray for Jane Holloway as she addresses our Parish family at the last of our Lent Talks this evening.

### 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.

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE COLLECTING EASTER EGGS AT ALL SERVICES ON 14TH & 21ST MARCH. PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR DONATION WHICH WILL BE PASSED TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

*Eternal God,  
give us insight to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us, and to seek the  
perfection we are promised in Jesus  
Christ our Lord.*

*God of love,  
passionate and strong, tender and  
careful: watch over us and hold us all  
the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**8am** Holy Communion

*Lead & Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**10am** All Age Service with Parade  
*'Abraham'*

*Lead: Revd Mark Brown*

*Preach: Alison Bleakley*

**6.30pm** Evening Service

*'How to invest with guaranteed'*

*Lead: Neil & Jane Thomas*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Morning Service

*Lead: Brian Buck*

*Preach: Robin Dunn*

**St Philip's**

**9am** Holy Communion

*Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**10.30am** All Age Service

*'Abraham' Lead: Linda Beesley*

*Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge*

**St Saviour's**

**10am** Holy Communion

*'When it is time to move on'*

*Lead: Carrie Walshaw*

*Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**10am** Morning Service

*'When it is time to move on'*

*Lead & Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**6.30pm** Evening Service

*'Short stories with life long*

*consequences'*

*Lead: Revd Mark Brown*

*Preach: Abi Dunn*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Holy Communion by Extn.

*'When it is time to move on'*

*Lead & Preach: Terry Collins*

**St Philip's**

**10.30am** Morning Service

*'When it is time to move on'*

*Lead: Mike Smith*

*Preach: Jacky Wright*

**St Saviour's**

**8am** Holy Communion

*Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**10am** Morning Service

*'All's well that ends well'*

*Lead: Revd Gary Townsend*

*Preach: David Balcombe*

**Lunchtime Concert...**

Our next Lunchtime Concert will be on Wednesday **10th March** 12.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, with guest musicians from Tonbridge School.

The concert will be followed by a light lunch. Invitations are in church now so please feel free to pick a couple up.

**Mothering Sunday flowers at St Peter & St Paul & St Saviour's...**

On Friday **12th March** we will be bundling up the Mothering Sunday flowers for St Peter & St Paul in the Lower Room from 10am. Extra hands and offers of small greenery are needed. Please contact Sue Power if you can help in anyway as soon as possible. Tel. 351882.

The **St Saviour's Guild** will be making their posies up on Saturday **13th March** 10am at St Saviour's Church. All are welcome to help.

**Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one...**

As in previous years we are asking if you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. The cost will be £2 per stem and all orders should be with your flower rep. at your church by Monday **22nd March**. Please contact:

Sue ~ **St Peter & St Paul** tel. 351882

Jean ~ **St Saviour's** tel. 352910

Joan ~ **St Andrew's** tel. 358097

**St Philip's** c/o Coach House Office.

**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.*

**Tots & Co request...**

Tots and Co, the parent/carer & toddler group at St Philips are keen to find someone to help with the refreshments twice a month from Easter. We would also love to hear from anyone who would like to come to the group on a regular basis to chat with the Parents/Carers & to help look after some young babies, allowing the mothers to either have a quiet sit down or to play with older siblings.

The group meets on Wednesdays during term time, 1.15-2.45pm.  
Liz Wood (770955).

### **Holiday Club Request...**

Please continue to save your tea bag boxes AND any "Finish" Dish-washer tablet plastic boxes with the lids. Please put them in the labelled cardboard boxes at the back of St Philip's & St P & P. Many Thanks,  
*Holiday Club Team*

### **Hard of Hearing and Loop Systems...**

There is some problem with using the loop system and hearing aids in St Peter & St Paul. There may be in other of our churches too. Would people, interested in finding the best places to sit and investigating the loop efficiency, like to ring Judy Adam, on 365829, with the view of investigating the matter in

### **St Saviour's Coffee Morning...**

Saturday **3rd April** 10am-12noon. Any contributions to the Bring and Buy, particularly jams and cakes, will be very welcome. All proceeds will go to our Mission Partners abroad. Please speak to Betty Sanders, Jean Whitehead or Rhoda Witcomb for more information.

### **St Philip's Quiz Night...**

St Philip's will be holding their Quiz Night on Saturday **10th April** 7.30pm - 10pm. Please make up teams of 6 at £2 per head or come along and we will make up teams when you get here. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Please contact Ray to book or for more information on tel. 351422 or contact St Philip's Church Office.

### **Evening to remember...**

On Sunday 21st March 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul, we have a guest speaker Jonathan Leeson speaking from 'Latin Link'. This is a chance to profile two important areas of our parish life: Mission and young people. Jonathan will be speaking about the work of 'Latin Link' and how young people find activities following their sixth form or University time for Christian service. Refresh are helping to lead our worship. Do come along and support them and pass the details of this special service to those who you think might be interested.

*Mark Brown*

### **St Saviour's Guild news...**

There will be NO Guild meeting on Thursday 1st April but we will be decorating the church for Easter on Good Friday **2nd April** at **3pm**. All help would be very much appreciated.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

Please note that the funeral service for **Pauline Green** will take place on Thursday **11th March** 2pm at Sedlescombe Church. All are welcome.

### **Ladies' Night Out...**

Hospice in the Weald is organising a Ladies' Night Out on Wednesday **24th March**, 7pm-10pm at the Hospice in Maidstone Road, Pembury. Bring your friends and come and spoil yourself with a range of luxury treatments and therapies; manicures, facials, make-up, Indian head massage, reflexology and many others. There will also be a fashion sale of good quality clothes from our shops. Tickets £15, to include your first luxury treatment and a glass of wine. For further information and tickets please call 01892 820508.

### **The All Souls Orchestra with Noel Tredinnick present ...**

#### *'Prom Praise'*

This will be a joyful fusion of performance and the spirit of Songs of Praise with the enthusiasm of the world-famous Last Night of the Proms. This event will be held at St Stephens Church, Tonbridge on Friday **16th April** starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained from Tonbridge Christian Book Centre, Tonbridge. tel. 01732 364897 or by email on [sales@tcbconline.co.uk](mailto:sales@tcbconline.co.uk) See the posters at the back of church for full details.