

“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 **28th 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).

If you are unable to sign up in advance, please turn up on the day (**by 12noon**).

Any queries, please contact Jane in The Coach House, 01732 770962 x25 or 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**

**21st & 28th
March 2010**

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

Tonbridge Parish News

Dear Friends,

Staying in touch

Can I draw your attention to some important dates for our churches' life and activity. It is vital that in a large church family we stay in touch with each other.

The following dates I regard as a priority to stay in touch and all head in the right direction.

- Congregational meetings
(list of dates can be found in these notices)
- APCM ~ 28th April 8pm St Peter & St Paul.
(refreshments from 7.30pm)
- Parish Quiet Day ~ 8th May 10am-4pm P&P
(full details at the back of all four churches now)

Thank you....

To our parish clergy who have done some great development work; Gary - amongst schools and Peter - Home Groups & small groups. News will follow soon but 6 days invisible, 1 day incomprehensible in my view does not apply!

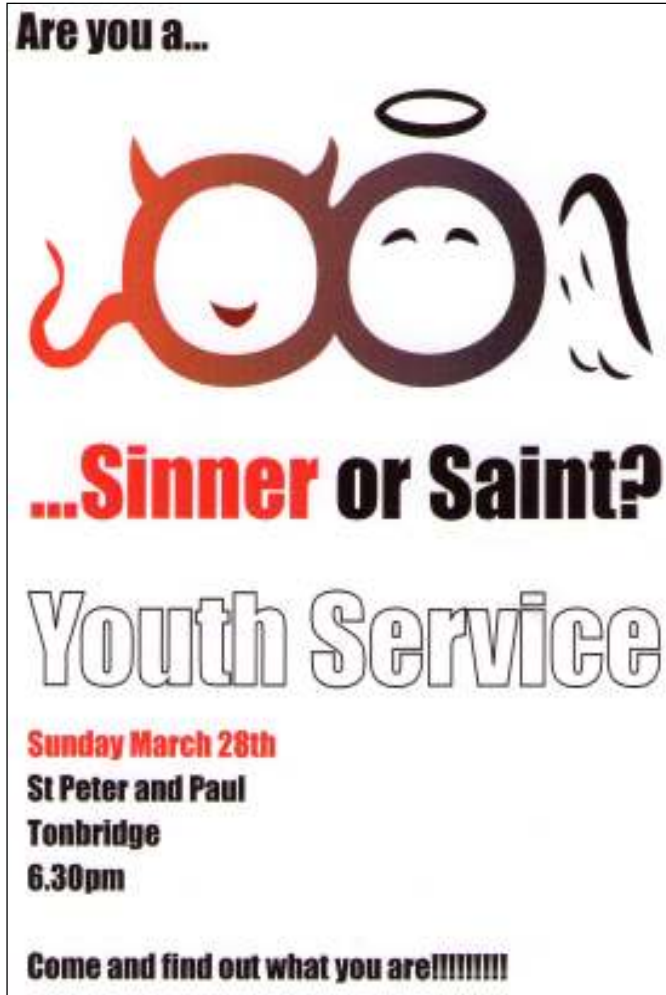
Easter Celebrations

Please use our specially produced cards to invite others along. Regular members will soon have access to the new 'Vicar's Easter Letter'.

May the Easter story with its focus on our Lords death and resurrection, bring you hope and peace.

Yours in Christ

Mark Brown



Join with us in celebrating the Easter story

“He has Risen, just as he said. Come and see”

Matthew 28: 6

Full details of all of our Easter Services can be found on the special invitation cards and the posters on the church notice boards.

- 22nd March** ~ Easter Egg distribution. Pray that Gary, Bob & Alison will get all the eggs to Social Services without any problems & that these gifts from our Churches will be a real blessing to the disadvantaged in our community.
- 23rd March** ~ Please come along and join the staff team for prayers in the choir stalls at St Peter & St Paul 9.30am. All welcome.
Pray for Gary speaking at the Hospitality at Home meeting at the home of Sally.
Pray for the group meeting with Mark to plan the APCM vision presentation.
Pray for Peter & Gary as they speak to the Beavers this evening.
- 25th March** ~ Pray for Mark as he welcomes Hilden Oaks School today and speaks at 2 ‘Hospitality at Home’ events.
- 26th March** ~ Pray for ‘Come & Celebrate’. The Scotts Project meeting.
- 28th March** ~ Pray for a good attendance for the Parish ‘Litterpicnic’ today.
Pray for the Youth Service being held this evening.
- 29th March** ~ pray for Mark as he takes the Slade School assembly today.
- 1st April** ~ Pray for all those attending our Maundy Thursday Service tonight at St Saviour’s Church 8pm.
- 2nd April** ~ Pray for our Good Friday Celebrations and for all those who will be attending.

A Prayer for Vibrant Vision - to seek a mixed generation team to support the youth in social activities beginning in September - volunteers for transporting, cooking, accompanying, mentoring, and praying. Praying for the 'non-customers' yet to come in to the church family - how do we reach them - could opening our doors in a different way this Christmas be one way forward?

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

*Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.*

St Peter & St Paul

8am Holy Communion

Lead & Preach: Revd Mark Brown

10am Morning Service

'All's well that ends well'

Lead: Revd Mark Brown

Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge

6pm Evening Service

'Latin Link'

Lead: Revd Mark Brown Guest

Preacher: Jonathan Leeson

St Andrew's

10am Morning Service

'All's well that ends well'

Lead: Terry Collins

Preach: Karen Smith

St Philip's

10.30am Holy Communion

'All's well that ends well'

Lead: Revd Gary Townsend

Preach: Tom Robertson

St Saviour's

10am All Age Service

'Abraham'

Lead & Preach: Robin Dunn

St Peter & St Paul

10am Holy Communion

'Palm Sunday'

Lead: Brian Buck

Preach: Revd Gary Townsend

6.30pm Youth Service

'Are you a Saint or a Sinner'

Lead: Revd Mark Brown

Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge

St Andrew's

10am Morning Service

'Palm Sunday'

Lead & Preach: Jenny Macpherson

St Philip's

10.30am Morning Service

'Palm Sunday'

Lead: Linda Beesley

Preach: Revd Mark Brown

St Saviour's

8am Holy Communion

Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend

10am Morning Service

'Palm Sunday'

Lead: Carrie Walshaw

Preach: Terry Collins

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 **tomorrow** Monday **22nd March**. Please contact:

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

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

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

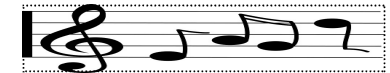
St Philip's c/o Coach House Office.

Let the Children Sing...

We invite you to our special service on Wednesday **7th April** at St Saviour's Church 10am.

The theme for this service is *Jumping for Joy!*

This service is open to all who would like to attend, and refreshments will be served after.



Neil and Jane Thomas would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who was part of the generous cheque they received on Sunday. "Thank you too to all those who have supported and prayed for us. From the 18th March our new address will be:

Lynfield,
Maynards Green,
Heathfield,
East Sussex.
TN21 0DG".

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 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.

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.

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.



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.

If you would like to sponsor her please log-on direct to her giving page:

<http://www.raceforlifesponsorsome.org/carolynking>

Tots & Co request...

We would 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).

'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

Parish Quiet Day... *The Spirit in our midst*

Saturday **8th May** 10am-4pm St Peter & St Paul.

For full details please pick up an information card which can be found at the back of all four churches now.

You are warmly invited

to our Evening Service,

Sunday 9th May, 6.30pm,

St Peter & St Paul, Church Lane,

during which there will be an opportunity

to be prayed for with the laying on

of hands and anointing with oil.

**Guest preacher: The Revd Derek Hills,
Senior Minister at Tonbridge Baptist Church**

