



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – A WAY WE CHANGE THE WORLD**

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9–15 May 2010**

We believe that poverty is a scandal and that we can really do something about it.

Christian Aid has a vision – an **end to poverty**.

By being part of this week we’re not only funding life-changing projects, we’re helping tackle the root causes of poverty, helping to change the world for good.

We will be launching Christian Aid Week across the Parish on **25th April**.

If you would like to get involved in any way please get in touch with

Georgina Mitchell via the Coach House Office.  
tel. 01732 770961 x25.

*(Full details will be in the next notice sheet)*

**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**

**4th & 11th  
April 2010**

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

# Tonbridge Parish News

*Dear Friends,*

‘Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!’

There’s a moving story told by Rico Tice of a visit he paid to a dying friend. The friend was a committed Christian and Rico, overcome with emotion, blurted out “what’s it like to die?”

The friend just said, “Rico, Christ is risen, Christ is risen!” That man trusted Jesus in life and in death because his Saviour was alive and promised eternal life, to those who repent of their sin and put their trust in Him. When you realize and know for sure that Jesus rose from the dead, it is so life changing that it even affects the way you’ll face your own death. This is one of the consequences of Jesus’ resurrection; there are more and I hope that in the preaching around the parish on Easter Day and over the following couple of weeks in our morning sermon series ‘Words Of The Risen Christ’ there will be an opportunity for us all to think through the wonderful and life-changing implications of our Lord’s resurrection.

Rightly therefore, the Easter celebration is the greatest of the Christian year and I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard through Lent till now, ensuring that we have had a great preparation for this most special of all seasons. Whether you’ve been a part of ‘Living Well & Hospitality at Home’, donated Easter eggs or flowers, made the effort to attend services or join in events that aren’t really your ‘sort of thing’, been a part of the litter pick, organised or played a part in special services such as

our Lent talks, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day – whatever you’ve done, Thank you!  
When something’s really worth celebrating it’s really worth preparing for.

May God grant us all grace to keep the feast (1 Corinthians 5:7, 8), to die to sin (Romans 6:1-4) and to bless God for begetting us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).

Yours in Christ

*Gary Townsend*

### **NEW APPOINTMENT...**

*Revd Gary Townsend* has been appointed Rector to the Benefice of Henham & Elsenham with Ugley in the Diocese Chelmsford. A moving date is yet to be determined but it is hoped an announcement will be made soon.

Gary and the family would appreciate your prayers for them and for those in the Parish, the Benefice and various Diocesan staff both here and in Chelmsford as plans and preparations continue.

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**Vicar’s Easter Letter...**  
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• Have you picked up your copy of Mark’s Easter letter to the Parish?  
• If not please pick up your copy which can be found at the back of all our churches now.  
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**You are invited to our special Holy Communion Evening Service at St Peter & St Paul tonight (4th April).  
The theme for the service is ‘Jesus is Alive!’  
All are welcome to attend.**

<b>PRAYER REQUESTS</b>
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Tues **6th April** ~ Staff Prayers 9.30am St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome.

Wed **7th April** ~ Please pray for all the children and carers attending ‘Let the Children Sing’ 10am St Saviour’s Church.

Sat **10th April** ~ Pray for Mark as he conducts the marriage ceremony of Laura Merry & Nicolas Bottle at St John’s Church today.

Mon **12th April** ~ Pray for a good spirit of expectation for the future at our congregational meetings this week.  
Please pray for Sharon as she attends her outpatient’s appointment at Stanmore.  
Please pray for the St Philip’s Leadership Team meeting tonight.

Tues **13th April** ~ Staff Prayers 9.30am St Peter & St Paul. All welcome.  
Please pray for Liz Spicer as she makes her first visit to Christians Caring Tuesday Group.

Wed **14th April** ~ Please pray for Jacky attending a refreshment day conference at Burrswood.

Prayer for Gary as he meets with school heads and other teachers to arrange his final assemblies with them.

Please pray for the planning team for the 'Ruby Red' 70s' Evening at St. Philip’s on 8th May, particularly for enough information for the presentation and display. If you have any photos and memorabilia please contact Don Douch via the St Philip’s Church Office tel. 352416.

**SERVICE ROTA 4th & 11th April 2010**

*God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son you have  
broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned and the way to  
life stands open in our Saviour Jesus  
Christ.*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**8am** Holy Communion

*Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**10am** All Age Service

*'Easter Day'*

*Lead: David Balcombe*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**6.30pm** Holy Communion

*'Jesus is Alive'*

*Lead: Helen Longley*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Holy Communion by Extn.

*'Easter Day'*

*Lead & Preach: David Heyes*

**St Philip's**

**9am** Holy Communion by Extn.

*Lead & Preach: Norman Whitfield*

**10.30am** All Age Service

*'Easter Day'*

*Lead: Jacky Wright*

*Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge*

**St Saviour's**

**10am** Holy Communion

*'Easter Day'*

*Lead: Carrie Walshaw*

*Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

*Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred: open the doors of  
our hearts, that we may seek the good of  
others and walk the joyful road of  
sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**10am** All Age Service

*'The testimony of Jesus Christ'*

*Lead: Revd Mark Brown*

*Preach: David Heyes*

**6.30pm** Evening Service

*'Travelling companion'*

*Lead: Jacky Wright*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Morning Service

*'The testimony of Jesus Christ'*

*Lead & Preach: Jenny Macpherson*

**St Philip's**

**10.30am** Morning Service

*'The testimony of Jesus Christ'*

*Lead: Linda Beesley*

*Preach: Tom Robertson*

**St Saviour's**

**8am** Holy Communion

*Lead & Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**10am** Morning Service

*'The testimony of Jesus Christ'*

*Lead: Robin Dunn*

*Preach: Brian Buck*

The April St Saviour's Guild meeting will be on Thursday **8th April** at 9.45 a.m. This will be an opportunity to sort out the Easter flowers and all help will be welcome.

**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.

**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.

**Outline Tea...**

The next meeting will take place on Sunday **18th April** 3pm-4.30pm at St Peter & St Paul.

All are welcome to attend.

**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.

Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm.

**PCC Commissioning...**

Our new PCC will be commissioned on Sunday **16th May** 6.30pm at St Peter & St Paul. Please do come along and support them.

**'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**

### **Electoral Roll...**

Our Parish Electoral Roll Officer **Anne Egan** has changed her email address which are now: [ERTPC@o2.co.uk](mailto:ERTPC@o2.co.uk)

If you have changed your details please let her know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**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**

Please use the invitation cards to invite a friend or neighbour to this highly recommended service.



### **Rochester WATCH**

*'The Mission of the Church of  
England - Today and Tomorrow'*

**Saturday 24th April**

9.30am-12.15pm

St Luke's Church, Sevenoaks.

Guest speaker ~ The Ven. Simon  
Burton-Jones Archdeacon of  
Rochester.

All within the diocese are welcome  
to attend the meeting, not only those  
who are members or supporters of  
WATCH.

### **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.



**Saturday 8th May**

**St Philip's 40th Birthday  
Celebration**

Full details will follow shortly.

**Thursday 13th May**

**Ascension Day Service**

8pm at Chiddingstone.

Guest speaker will be  
Ven. Clive Mansell.

### **EASTER EGG COLLECTION 2010...**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April a total of 227  
Easter Eggs from our four churches  
were delivered to Social Services.

Many thanks to every one who  
contributed & thanks too to Bob &  
Alison Wise for their enthusiasm in  
organising this again this year. All but  
a few eggs went with a small greeting  
card from the Parish proclaiming that  
Christ is risen.



### **Parish Wedding Invitations...**

**Carol and David Merry** are pleased  
to announce that the wedding of their  
daughter, Laura, to Nicholas Bottle,  
will take place at **St John's Church,**  
Tunbridge Wells on **10<sup>th</sup> April 2010**  
at **1pm**. The service will be conducted  
by Revd Mark Brown, and any of our  
church family who would like to  
attend the service will be more than  
welcome. St John's is on the main  
road into Tunbridge Wells from  
Southborough and is just before you  
reach the bus garage, on the left; for  
SatNav'ers, its TN4 9LG.

**Charlie and Christina Rodgers**  
warmly invite the Church Family of  
St Peter and St Paul, to the marriage  
of their eldest daughter, Clare, to  
Andy Page, on **1<sup>st</sup> May 2010**, at  
**1.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church,**  
Tonbridge. All are welcome to join in  
this happy occasion.