



**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.

**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**

**18th & 25th  
April 2010**

Dear Friends,

*Unsung Heroes*

It is with grateful thanks that I bring to your attention some of the Unsung Heroes of our Parish.

*Robin Reiss* who has served the Parish faithfully first as a Church Warden in the 1980’s and then taking over as Chairman of MAG (Mission Action Group) in 1992.

Both he, together with Frances, have always provided the most wonderful hospitality not only for the MAG meetings but also to visiting Mission Partners and in later years for our Staff Away Days, allowing all who attended to enjoy their lovely house and wonderfully kept garden. Robin feels that now is the time to stand down from the MAG Committee work, but I am very pleased that he will continue to have a great interest in the Mission work of our Parish, for which he has dedicated so much of his life. Thank you Robin for all your work as MAG Chairman.

*Peter Burgess* is passing the baton on as Deputy Warden of St Peter & St Paul to Tony Owen at the APCM. Peter has been in this post for an amazing 16 years, and we thank God for the care and dedication he has shown over the years, as he carried out the numerous tasks which nearly always went unseen, for the smooth day to day running of the St Peter & St Paul Church building, from the breaking down of the church boilers, to maintenance of the organ, as well as attending numerous church meetings. Peter together with his wife Yvonne, will continue to have strong connections with the church, but will be taking a step back from some of the responsibilities. Thank you Peter.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our Coach House Staff, Jane, Dawn & Abi, who I often can not see through

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

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mountains of paperwork on their desks (!) but without whose hard work and dedication the Parish would grind to a halt. I am conscious of the mounting pressures on their time, and would appreciate your help in trying to protect them from constant interruptions, so giving them space and time to carry out the Lord's work for the Parish.

There are many more Unsung Hero's within our Parish as our Parish Activities Booklet shows, who have worked faithfully to serve you and our Lord. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their support and dedication in the various roles and tasks they carry out.

Yours in Christ

*Mark Brown*

**“Gary, Sharon, Evie & Maybelle’s last Sunday in our Parish will be Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

We say farewell to them at the 10am whole-Parish Pentecost service & 6.30pm BCP Communion service @ St Peter & St Paul.  
Refreshments will be served after both services.

**Gary’s Institution as Rector** takes place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Henham Parish Church. We are looking at the possibility of hiring a coach for the late-afternoon / evening journeys. As summer-time coaches need to be booked well ahead and require a deposit at least,

**we need to know by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April whether you wish to book a seat on the coach?**

Approx cost will be £15 per person.

Please let us know by e-mailing your name(s) and contact number to [admin@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk).

If you need to phone, please leave details at 01732 770962 x25.

All details are being forwarded to Anne Egan, who will be arranging this on your behalf and will be in touch thereafter!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mon **19th** April ~ Please pray for Jenny & Abi as they try to support members of Baby Space, after the sad passing away of one of the mums.  
Pray for the ‘Future Shape of the Parish’ group as it meets today.

Wed **21st** April ~ Ask for God’s blessing upon our outreach event today - the Lunchtime Concert at St Peter & St Paul 12.30pm.

Thur **22nd** April ~ Godly Guys meet this evening. As the men meet ask that the Spirit would grow in this work.

Fri **23rd** April ~ Pray for Abi and the Perspectives Team as they meet to finalise the latest edition of our Parish Magazine.

Sat **24th** April ~ Please pray for Mark as he speaks at the Rochester Diocese PA residential weekend.

Mon **26th** April ~ Please pray for the Tonbridge Church Leaders executive as they meet this afternoon.

Tues **27th** April ~ Please for Gary as he takes the Funeral Service of Eunice Allen today at St Peter & St Paul.

Thurs **29th** April ~ Please pray for Mark as he takes an assembly at Hever today. Please pray for Mark as he takes the Funeral Service for Betty Carter today at St Peter & St Paul, and also for Jack Betty’s husband, and the family as they mourn her loss.

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

**SERVICE ROTA 18th & 25th April 2010**

*Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness  
and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim  
your risen life and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**8am** Holy Communion

*Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**10am** Morning Service

*'I am the Alpha and the Omega'*

*Lead: Revd Peter Goodridge*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**6.30pm** Evening Service

*'Do you have an open mind'*

*Lead: Jenny Macpherson*

*Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Morning Service

*'I am the Alpha and the Omega'*

*Lead: Karen Smith*

*Preach: Mike Smith*

**St Philip's**

**10.30am** Holy Communion

*'I am the Alpha and the Omega'*

*Lead: Norman Whitfield*

*Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**St Saviour's**

**10am** All Age Service

*'I am the Alpha and the Omega'*

*Lead: Terry Collins*

*Preach: Helen Longley*

*Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's  
sheep: teach us to hear your voice and  
to follow your command, that all your  
people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**10am** Holy Communion

*'I am the living One'*

*Lead: Abi Dunn*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**6.30pm** Evening Service

*'Jesus Christ, Risen and Ascended'*

*Lead: Revd Mark Brown*

*Preach: Jacky Wright*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Morning Service

*'I am the living One'*

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**St Philip's**

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*Lead: Linda Beesley*

*Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge*

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**10am** Morning Service

*'I am the living One'*

*Lead: Brian Buck*

*Preach: Carrie Walshaw*

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

The next Praise & Prayer meeting will be on Wednesday **21st April** 8pm at St Peter & St Paul.

This evening is open to any one who would like to attend.

**Sad News...**

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the passing away of two church family members.

Our dear sister **Eunice Allen** sadly passed away on Tuesday 6th April aged 101. Her funeral service will be held at St Peter & St Paul on Tuesday **27th April** at 12.30pm, followed by a burial at Tonbridge Cemetery. Anne and family would like to invite you to join them for refreshments at St Peter & St Paul after the service. It is also with sadness that we have to inform you of the passing away of **Betty Carter** on Sunday 11th April aged 90. Her Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Peter & St Paul on Thursday **29th April** at 2pm following a private service at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. All are welcome to join Jack and the family for this special service of celebration for Betty's life.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on **Wed 28th April** 8pm at St Peter & St Paul. Please attend if you can to support your Leadership Teams. Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm.

**Ruby Red 70's Night...**

Saturday **8th May** 6pm-9pm at St Philip's Church, Salisbury Road. The evening will start with a meal at 6.30pm, followed by a Presentation & 70's disco 7.30pm-9pm. We will be celebrating 40 years of the present St Philip's Church as a worshipping community. Tickets for the whole evening cost £7 or for the Presentation & Disco £3. For more information or to book a ticket, please contact the St Philip's Church Office tel. 01732 352416.

*Do you have memories of St. Philip's Church during the last 40 years? We would love to hear from you with your photos and information to help us with our presentation on Saturday 8th May. Why not come along to Grapevine @ St Philip's on Tues, 20th April 2-4pm to chat over a cuppa with Don Douch & Barry Stagg to share your memories / photos of the last 4 decades, or please feel free to drop them into St Philip's Church Office.*

**Special Healing Service...**

You are warmly invited to our Evening Service, Sunday **9th May**, 6.30pm, St Peter & St Paul, during which there will be an opportunity to be prayed for with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. The guest preacher will be the Revd Derek Hills, Senior Minister at Tonbridge Baptist Church.

### **Christians Caring...**

Christians Caring will be holding their AGM on Tuesday **11th May** at 1.30pm at Tonbridge Baptist Church. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

### **Ascension Day Service**

Thursday **13th May** 8pm.  
This service will be held at Chiddingstone.  
Guest speaker will be Ven. Clive Mansell.  
All are welcome to attend.

### **Plant Fair and Farmers Market Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May...**

The Hospice in the Weald Plant Fair and Farmers Market takes place on Saturday 15th May from 10am to 2pm at the Hospice in Maidstone Road, Pembury. There will be hundreds of plants, herbs, trees and shrubs for sale at bargain prices!  
New for 2010 - Farmers Market selling delicious local produce. Barbecue, refreshments and cakes available. Admission is free.  
For further information please call 01892 820508.

### **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.

### **Let the Children Sing News...**

The next Let the Children Sing will be held on Wednesday **19th May** 10am at St Saviour's Church.

*(Please note the change in date)*

Helen and the Team will be joined by the children from Slade School for this special Pentecost party with the theme being '*Come & Celebrate!*'

We will also be saying goodbye and thank you to Gary at this service. Every one of any age welcome.

### **Whole Parish Pentecost Service...**

Our special Whole Parish Pentecost Service will be on Sunday **23rd May** 10am at St Peter & St Paul.

Do not miss out on the conclusion to this year's Whole Parish APCM initiative. Activities for under 14s will take place during the service. The Evening Service will be a service of Holy Communion using the BCP, and Gary will be preaching to us for the last time at this service, before he leaves the Parish and takes up his new post as Rector to the Benefice of Henham & Elsenham with Ugley in the Diocese Chelmsford at the beginning of June.

### **Pet Service...**

After the great success of this service last year, it has been decided to hold another Pet Service on Sunday **6th June** at St Philip's Church starting at 4pm. For full details of this service please look out for the posters to be put up in church soon.

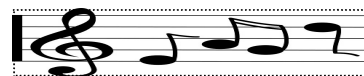
### **Diocesan Council for Health & Healing...**

*Challenges & Opportunities for Christians in Health & Social Care.*  
Sunday **13th June** at 3pm  
St John's Church Centre, Meopham.  
The afternoon will be led by Revd Dr. Geoff Walters, senior Chaplain, Pilgrims Hospices, East Kent.  
To book a place please telephone Sally Forward tel. 01634 310958 or email: [secretary.dchh@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:secretary.dchh@rochester.anglican.org)

### **Coppers for Haiti...**

The Scotts Project are still collecting copper coins in aid of the Haiti Appeal.

If you have any you would like to be relieved of please do feel free to take them to the Scotts Project Shipbourne Road, Tonbridge, where they will be gratefully received as soon as possible. For more information contact Joy Baker tel. 01732 378944.



### **Thank you...**

goes to the Refresh Music Group for their great efforts in recent months. Please pray for them as they cope with school and exam pressures, as they are a very dedicated group of young people.

*Carolyn King*

### **Litterpicnic Update...**

The Parish Litterpicnic held on 28th March has proved even more fruitful than we thought.

In addition to a pleasing / depressing (?) 56 sacks of rubbish gathered along the course of the Medway from Swanmead and Postern Lane in the East, to Haysden Country Park in the West, we have also picked up the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership's prize for the most productive group during their 'Rubbish Round-up' week. With Mark's agreement, the £20 is to be spent on a replacement planting of the planter outside of St Peter & St Paul's west door which was recently vandalised. The MVCP also sent a most appreciative letter. Many thanks to all 40+ volunteers (and the younger ones!) and their team leaders whose efforts have been so happily recognised.

### **Marriage Course...**

A 7 week course, Wed 5 May - Wed 23 June (excluding Wed 2 June) 8pm-10pm at St Peter and St Paul £20 per couple (to include a workbook each). The Marriage Course is presented on DVD by Nicky and Sila Lee who are co-authors of The Marriage Book. The evenings are designed for any married couples wishing to build a strong and lasting relationship. To book or for more information contact Jackie tel. 351717