

Update on... LIVE EARTH - RUN/WALK FOR WATER 18th April

Many, many thanks to all those who ran, walked, supported, contributed so generously in time and money to the run/walk for water. Particular congratulations to Stuart Brown for coming in first, closely followed by Sally Musson.

A magnificent £500 was raised and will go to Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Programme in Uganda.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Helen Longley

The St. Saviour's Guild will be meeting on Thursday **6th May** at 9.45 a.m. to clean the brass and generally tidy up as well as plan the flower rota, finishing with a discussion and a cup of coffee.

We would welcome new members!

Please contact Jean Whitehead for more details.

Message from your Treasurer...

Have you renewed your Car Park permit yet?

If not please renew it now by seeing Brian in the Church Office on a Monday or Wednesday 9am-2pm. Thank you.

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**

**2nd & 9th
May 2010**

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

Tonbridge Parish News

Dear Friends,

I want to bring your attention to three occasions happening soon which reflect our identity and mission together. I commend them for your prayers and where possible presence.

Evangelism

Healing Service ~ Sunday 9th May 6.30pm.

Many in our communities will value this opportunity to be prayed for or to mention in prayer the name of a friend or relative. Please use the invitation cards to reach out to others. Our speaker Derek Hills retires later this year as senior minister of Tonbridge Baptist Church. God has used him in remarkable ways in the whole community of Tonbridge and he is a powerful and effective preacher worth hearing. He is bringing a team with him to assist in the prayer ministry.

Renewal in the Spirit

Spirit in our Midst ~ Sat 8th May 10am-4pm.

Thank you to the team for providing us with a day of stimulating input and workshops. If you have not been to one of these occasions before, or you perceive it as 'not your thing', can I specifically encourage you to think again. Renewal in the life of the Spirit is vital - come for what you can.

Celebration

Ruby Red 70's Night ~ St Philip's Sat 8th May starting at 6pm.

We give ourselves hope for the future when we celebrate God's goodness in the past. As we rejoice in what God has been pleased to do through this people who meet at St Philip's let us look ahead to the future.

We are praying and working towards a replacement for Gary's ordained ministry post and looking to be creative in the way we reach out with the gospel to our community.

'How good is the God we adore our faithful unchangeable friend, we will praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that is to come'...

Yours in Christ service

Mark Brown

APCM Talk...

If you would like a copy of Mark's APCM talk please contact the Coach House Office.

“Gary, Sharon, Evie & Maybelle’s last Sunday in our Parish will be Sunday 23rd 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 8th June at Henham Parish Church.

Farewell Gift...

If you would like to contribute towards our farewell gift to Gary, Sharon & the girls, please give your donation to either Jenny Hancox or David Balcombe no later than Wednesday **19th May**. Thank you.

Praying for the Persecuted Church... Please see the Mission Board in St Peter & St Paul foyer for a world map with a difference. Over 40 countries where Christians are being persecuted today, with an accompanying booklet giving details - and please pray for the Persecuted Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tues 4th ~ Pray for the leaders briefing meetings on our APCM as our plans are carried forward.
Pray for the Perspectives team as they meet to finalise the Summer edition this evening.

Wed 5th ~ Pray for Abi as she meets with the people from the Jane Austen people of Squerryes to discuss working together on Jane Austen projects.
Pray for the couples attending the Marriage Course starting this evening.

Thurs 6th ~ Pray for Abi today as she guides the visitors from Kent's International Women's Club, who have asked to return to learn more about Jane Austen.
Pray for the life of the Deanery as the Clergy Chapter meet today.
Pray for the Parish Wardens at the Archdeaconry visitation this evening at Wrotham.

Sat 8th ~ Pray for God's blessing on our Parish gatherings today.

Sun 9th ~ Pray for all those involved in Christian Aid this week.
Pray for the Healing Service to be held this evening and for all those who attend.

Tues 11th ~ Please pray for the Vibrant Vision Team meeting tonight.
Please pray for the right decision regarding the use of material in children's work across the Parish.

Thurs 13th ~ Pray for Clive Mansell our Archdeacon at the Deanery Ascension Day service this evening.

SERVICE ROTA 2nd & 9th May 2010

*Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the
world and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage to risk
ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.*

St Peter & St Paul

8am Holy Communion

Lead & Preach: Revd Mark Brown

10am All Age Service

Psalm 148 & John 13: 31-35

Lead & Preach: Hilary Ruxton

6.30pm Evening Service

Lead: Revd Mark Brown

Preach: Jacky Wright

St Andrew's

10am Morning Service

Acts 11: 1-18 & John 13: 31-35

Lead & Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge

St Philip's

9am Holy Communion by Extn.

Lead & Preach: Norman Whitfield

10.30am All Age Service

'Do all faiths lead to God?'

Lead: Mike Smith

Preach: Karen Smith

St Saviour's

10am Holy Communion

'Do this in remembrance of me'

Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend

*Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to
your disciples: help your Church to
obey your command and draw the
nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.*

St Peter & St Paul

10am Morning Service

'I'm glad you asked that'

Lead: George Gilbert-Smith

Preach: Revd Mark Brown

6.30pm Healing Service

Lead: Revd Mark Brown

Preach: Revd Derek Hills

St Andrew's

10am Holy Communion

Acts 16: 9-15 & John 14: 23-29

Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend

St Philip's

10.30am Morning Service

'The power of god for salvation'

Lead: Norman Whitfield

Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge

St Saviour's

8am Holy Communion

Lead & Preach: Revd Gary Townsend

10am Morning Service

'I'm glad you asked that'

Lead: Terry Collins

Preach: David Heyes

Burrswood 'Healing & Wholeness'

Wednesday **5th** May 8pm.

Guest speaker will be The Revd.

Christine Garrard.

No need to book, all are welcome.

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.

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.

Ruby Red 70's Night...

Saturday **8th May** 6pm 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. 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 by **Wed 5th** tel. 01732 352416.

Do you have memories of St. Philip's Church during the last 40 years?

If so, Don Douch or Barry Stagg would love to hear from you with your photos and information to help with our presentation on Saturday 8th May, or please feel free to drop them into St Philip's Church Office.

Divorce and Separation

Recovery...

St Stephens Church starting

Thursday 13th May. For more

information contact the Coach House Office.

Plant Fair and Farmers Market

Saturday 15th 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.

If you would like to make a cake for Gary's leaving services on 23rd May

please contact Doris 364270 or Christine 365194.

Please let us know in advance if you can help. Thank you.

Please note that there will **not** be an **8am service** anywhere in the Parish on 23rd May.

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.

Lunchtime Concert...

The next Lunchtime Concert will be held at St Peter & St Paul on Tuesday **8th June** 12.30pm.

The concert will be open to all who would like to attend and will be followed by a light lunch.

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

anglican.org

Christian Aid Week 9th - 15th May 2010...

We are gearing up for Christian Aid week and the street bags are in the churches. Last year, we managed to cover all the roads that we, as a Parish, are allocated and it would be wonderful if we could replicate this again this year. If you would like to share a road, this can be easily arranged by contacting the church representatives, namely:

St. Saviour's - Georgina Mitchell

St. Peter & St. Paul - Yvonne Burgess

St. Philips - Gillian Whitfield

St. Andrews - Judy Cooke

SOS and GYM will be holding a cake sale after the 10am service on Sunday 9th May. They would be very grateful for your help in providing cakes on the day, big and small and un-iced, so that they can decorate them during the service. The cakes will be available straight after the service for a donation to Christian Aid.

If you have any questions regarding Christian Aid and Christian Aid week, require further information on the week's activities or would like to suggest fundraising ideas for Christian Aid, please contact Georgina Mitchell on tel. 01732 352900 or georginamitchell@onetel.com

Thank you for your time and support - this is a wonderful opportunity to make a big difference to the lives of our vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

Calling all Golfers...

The Broomfield Challenge Cup golf day will be on Thurs Sept 16th 2010. 18 holes of golf, Stableford points, in the morning followed by a dinner in the evening. Non-playing spouses and partners very welcome to join us for the evening meal and prize giving. If you are interested, please let me know and I will send you a booking form.

Contact me email: tony.owen7@btinternet.com tel. 01732 358929.

Thank you.

Tony Owen