

**Home Group 'Bring & Share' Social...**  
Saturday **10th July**.

By now you should have received your personal invitation.  
Please reply (as directed) direct to Allison as soon as possible.

Thank you.

**Thank you...**

*Rosemary and David Heyes* would like to thank everyone for their many cards, kind wishes and prayers following the recent loss of Rosemary's mother.

**FINANCE UPDATE FROM PARISH TREASURER...**

Dear Friends

For your prayers, after the first 3 months of the year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, there is in the General Income and Expenditure account a deficit of £4,148. This is £677 more than the budgeted deficit for this period.

*Brian Buck*

**16th & 23rd  
May 2010**

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

# Tonbridge Parish News

*Dear friends,*

I write this with just over a week to go before my final service here in Tonbridge – it seems to be coming up fast! - & I'm really grateful to Mark for offering me the 'Dear Friends' slot this time round. I'm looking forward to the whole parish service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as I'll get to play my guitar with the kids one last time (I've just got to!) & I'll get to say a lot of 'thankyous' after the service. I do hope you can be there & thanks to all those who can't be but have sent cards & good wishes instead.

I write this also on the eve of Ascension Day when we remember our Lord's exaltation to glory: *God exalted him to the highest place & gave him the name that is above every name ..* (Philippians 2:9). I've just returned from a three day Church Society conference where our Bible readings & exposition were from Philippians. "What's your ambition; what are you passionate about?" asked the speaker. Paul's passion was to live a Gospel-centred life, that is a life that was not self-centred but had as its concern the salvation of others. It is the mind of Christ – His attitude. He, who is the greatest somebody that ever was became a nobody for the sake of saving others (Philippians 2:5-8). And Paul had the same attitude. When I asked the speaker how the words relating to God's exaltation of Christ (Philippians 2:9-11) fit in with this attitude of mind that denies the self for the sake of the salvation of others, he explained effortlessly, "That's the attitude God vindicates!"

I came away from the conference greatly humbled & with a renewed commitment to the Gospel which is 'the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16). That should be my passion, my focus, my driving force. I also got to thinking that it should be the passion, focus & driving force of this & every parish throughout our land. We can all do a 'Gospel-centred audit' of our lives & our parish: What practices, structures, attitudes & plans stand in the way of people hearing the Gospel? Do we really know what the Gospel is?

**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**

Are we spending too much time on things that don't really serve to promote the Gospel? Could the idea of 'fellowship in the Gospel' inform the discussions on the future shape of the parish? These are questions for me & the parishes I will be moving to & I'd like to think they are questions that could be asked here too.

As I look back over my six years here I thank you for your partnership & encouragement in the Gospel. I pray that God will grant to you all a renewed passion to preach the good news of Christ & in so doing may you discover afresh the power of the cross in your own lives & the joy of seeing others saved from their sins & converted to Christ.

Yours in Christ  
*Gary Townsend*

### **Outreach Meeting...**

Will be held at St. Philip's on Wednesday **19th May** at 7.30pm for all those interested in getting involved in a series of outreach events to be held in September at St. Philip's. This will be in the form of visiting local areas to be followed by a fete on Cage Green. Those interested in visiting, prayer walking, prayer support, or helping with the fete (and Music) will be welcome to join in with planning of these events. If anyone cannot come but is interested please give Tom Robertson a ring on 368206. Thank you.

### **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.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Mon 17th May ~ Pray for Mark as he takes a school assembly at Slade School today.  
Please pray for all those attending the Standing Committee Meeting this evening.
- Wed 19th May ~ Please pray for Norman as he takes the funeral of Mabel Groves this morning.  
Please pray for the couples attending the marriage course as it continues tonight.
- Fri 21st May ~ Please pray for Mark and all those attend the 'Come & Celebrate' service at the Scotts Project tonight.
- Sun 23rd May ~ Pray for good attendance for our special Whole Parish Services.
- Tues 25th May ~ Please pray for all those involved in the Deanery Synod meeting today.



*Seeing God shaping our lives  
belonging together to be a blessing  
sharing God's compassion for our community.*

**SERVICE ROTA 16th & 23rd May 2010**

*Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Christ on earth with power and  
compassion, that all who are estranged  
by sin may find forgiveness  
and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.*

*Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of  
faith, revive your Church with the  
breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**8am** Holy Communion *Lead &*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**10am** Morning Service

*'The Ascension'*

*Lead: Abi Dunn*

*Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

**6.30pm** Evening Service

to include PCC Commissioning

*Lead: Revd Gary Townsend*

*Preach: Tom Robertson*

**St Andrew's**

**10am** Morning Service

*'The Ascension'*

*Lead & Preach: Jenny Macpherson*

**St Philip's**

**10.30am** Holy Communion

*'The wrath of God'*

*Lead: Linda Beesley*

*Preach: Revd Gary Townsend*

**St Saviour's**

**10am** All Age Service

*'The Ascension'*

*Lead: Carrie Walshaw*

*Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge*

**St Peter & St Paul**

**10am** Whole Parish Morning

Service

& **6.30pm** Holy Communion BCP

Evening Service

*For full details of both of these  
services see page 3 of these  
notices*

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL  
NOT BE AN 8AM THIS  
SUNDAY ACROSS THE PARISH**

**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.

**Summer Gala Concert...**

with the Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Orpheus Male Voice Choir and  
The Kent Girls' Choir.

Saturday **22nd May** 7.30pm

Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church.

Tickets £7.50 on the door or from

Glen tel. 01732 368824.

**Whole Parish Pentecost**

**Service... APCM Initiative**

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, when we will putting the  
finishing touches to our prayer

journey. Don't forget to bring along  
your piece of broken tile! If you are  
unable to attend, your contribution  
can be placed in the Parish Church  
until Wednesday 26th May. Activities  
for under 14s will take place during  
the service. During and after the  
morning service we will be saying  
goodbye to the Townsend Family  
before they leave us for Henham.

The Evening Service will be a service  
of Holy Communion using the BCP,  
and Gary will be preaching to us for  
the last time. 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.

**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.

Full details in church now.

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

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### Lunchtime Concert...

The next Lunchtime Concert will be held at St Peter & St Paul on Tuesday **8th June** at 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](mailto:secretary.dchh@rochester.anglican.org)

### Moonlight Walk – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June...

Come and join us for our largest annual fundraising event. This eight mile sponsored walk starts and finishes at Hospice in the Weald in Pembury. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June is *Girls On The Town* fiesta night with hot Latin sounds, cooling sangria and oodles of chocolate! Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June is *Family Party Night* with live music, party goodies and chocolate treats! £15 per adult, under 16s free. For entry forms please call 01892 820508 or download a form from our website [www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk](http://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk)

### Travel details for Gary's Institution service...

please note the coach is now full and there is a waiting list. For all those who have booked, the coach will be leaving St Saviour's late afternoon. Limited parking is available. Tickets will be £15 per person. Payment is requested as soon as possible and can be left in StP&P pigeon hole or given direct to Anne. Cheques should be payable to Anne. Full timing details will follow when we have the information through from Henham.

### Peter Goodridge's Ordination...

There are approximately 50 tickets available for people in the parish for Peter Goodridge's ordination to priest at Rochester Cathedral on **26 June 2010**. If anybody would like to support Peter by going to the service then please contact Keith Bourne on 01732 352416 or by e-mail [saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) for tickets. (First come first served) The service starts at 3:00pm but doors are open from 2:15pm and people are asked to be seated by 2:45pm at the latest.

**Whole Parish picnic to "Cherish" our Churchyard (& our newly ordained Curate!!)...**  
Sunday 27th June after the morning service at St Peter & St Paul.  
Full details will follow shortly.

## SING OUT LOUD 2010!

### WHAT IS IT?

**LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN STAGE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS**

### WHERE?

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL, TONBRIDGE**

### WHEN?

**MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010**

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

**IT'S FREE**

### WHO CAN COME?

**ANYONE!!!**



### 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](mailto:tony.owen7@btinternet.com) tel. 01732 358929.  
Thank you.  
*Tony Owen*

*Anne, Len & Carolyn* would like to thank all those involved in the wonderful send off for dear *Eunice* recently and we should all rejoice that she carried out her life's ambition to be with her Lord.

They would also like to thank their church family for all the cards, flowers, prayers, love and support while Anne has been in hospital and since leaving. The operation was a success, but please continue to pray for the family as Anne awaits the start of her chemotherapy treatment next month.