

Summer Holiday Club
CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE
26th July – 30th July 9.45am-12.15pm
Reception-Year 6
We need your help!

Most importantly we would value your prayers.

We would also appreciate **practical help with the following –**

- Leading groups
- Playing music
- Clearing up (after 12.15pm)
- odd jobs!
- Baking
- serving cakes and coffee to parents and carers

If you are available any of the days and would like to help, please speak to Alyson Bleakley 368340 or Liz Wood 770955. If you would like to commit to pray at some point during the holiday club please contact Jenny Hancox 505194.



Barry and Sandra Stagg

are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Jo to Matthew Bullock on Saturday, 24th July at 1.30pm at St Peter & St Paul. A warm invitation is extended to everyone in the parish who would like to attend the ceremony and join them for a celebratory drink (and nibble!) immediately after the service.

**** The next Bennett Memorial Prayer Group meeting will take place for parents on Tuesday 29th June, 7pm-8.30pm at the School.**

All welcome! **

**27th June &
4th July 2010**

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

Tonbridge Parish News

Dear Friends,

It seems amazing that a year has passed since we arrived in Tonbridge. Lisa and I are thankful that we have been called to such a friendly and supportive parish community. We feel very settled here.

Although the last 12 months have flown past, I can't believe how much I have been involved with. This is a very busy parish, full of people who are enthusiastic about Jesus and the new life that can be found in him and committed to making him known.

In 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Paul talks about how God has reconciled us to him and made us new creations in Christ. But that is not all that God has done. He has also committed this great message of reconciliation to us:

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5: 20-21)

As I reflect on the past year, it is good to be reminded of my calling, namely to make Christ and the message of reconciliation known. However, we must not think that this is only the calling of ordained ministers. This is the calling of the whole Church. We need to remember that we are all called to be his ambassadors, because we have all received the gospel - the message that lets people know how they can come to know God and be saved. Each and every one of us are called to represent Christ and to plead to a broken world ... be reconciled to God.

Peter Goodridge

New Bishop of Rochester...

We have just been informed by the Diocesan office that **The Right Revd James Langstaff** has been appointed as the new Bishop of Rochester. Since being ordained deacon in 1981 he has served in a number of parishes, mainly in the Diocese of Birmingham, before becoming Bishop of Lynn within the Diocese of Norwich in 2004. He is married to Bridget and they have two grown-up children.

IN MEMORY AND CELEBRATION OF ROGER

Many, many thanks to you all for the amazing prayer support which you have given Roger and I over the past few years and particularly over the last few months. We have been so supported by it. The cards, messages and love which I have received in the 2 weeks since Roger went to his Lord, peacefully in Burrswood, have been quite overwhelming – my thanks seem totally inadequate.

Roger's funeral service will be on Thursday **1 July** 2010 at **12 noon** at St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, followed by burial at St John's Church, Hildenborough. There will be refreshments in St Peter & St Paul Church Centre after the service. All are very welcome to join us for all or any part of the day.

Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Burrswood Hospital (cheques payable to 'the Dorothy Kerin Trust') c/o Abbey Funeral Services, 173 High Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BX.

God bless *Sally Musson* (and Roger in spirit!)

WE NEED TO STOP AND LISTEN...

A Call To Prayer - Saturday 17th July 8am-8pm

St Philip's Leadership ask all members of the parish to spend some time on this day in prayer and fasting. St Philip's will be open during the day with prayer stations to help focus on what God is saying about Caleb, the outreach work and what He wants us all to do. Short readings and prayers will be led each hour. **The 9am whole Parish prayer meeting**, usually held at St Peter & St Paul, **will take place at St Philip's on this date**. Mark will also take a moment during the day to highlight some specific Parish needs. If you are unable to join us, please set aside time to listen to God, wherever you are.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mon **28th June** ~ Pray for the Standing Committee meeting today.

Thurs **1st July** ~ Pray for Mark as he speaks to Stepping Stones this morning, and for all those attending the Funeral Service of Roger Musson at noon today StP&P.

Fri **2nd July** ~ Pray for God's blessing upon our worshipping life as the choir and music group has its annual social at the vicarage this evening.

Mon **5th** -Thurs **8th July** ~ Pray for Mark & Peter and all those at the Parish Church hosting 'Sing out Loud' Lunchtime School Concerts.

Mon **5th July** ~ Pray for StP&P Leadership Team meeting this evening.

Wed **7th July** ~ Pray for Mark as he attends the Hildenoaks end of term service this afternoon.

Sat **10th July** ~ Pray for God's blessing upon all who lead & preach across our Parish. They have their biannual briefing meeting today. Pray for training and encouragement.

"Cross Purposes"

Thanks to a kind donation we have a book available to borrow from the recently recommended art exhibition at Mascalls.

The book will be left on the Parish bookstall at St Peter & St Paul. Please ensure you return it once enjoyed – thank you!

I am doing the Sponsored Hadrian's wall trek very soon! (3rd & 4th July) raising money for Christian Aid. If anyone would like to sponsor me please contact me on tel. 352900 or email me on: steven.mitchell.0504@googlemail.com

Thank you. *Georgina*.

SERVICE ROTA 27th June & 4th July 2010

*Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus you brought
salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will, that
we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*Almighty God,
send down upon your Church the riches
of your Spirit, and kindle in all who
minister the gospel your countless gifts
of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

St Peter & St Paul

10am Holy Communion

*'Do this in Remembrance of me
~ The Gospels'*

*Lead: Revd Peter Goodridge
Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

6.30pm Town wide Service

*Lead: Revd Mark Brown
Preach: Revd Mark Barker*

Intercessions: Revd Jim Thorneycroft

St Andrew's

10am Morning Service

'Revelations ~ Sardis'

*Lead: Brian Buck
Preach: Mike Smith*

St Philip's

10.30am Morning Service

*'Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ'
Lead: Jacky Wright
Preach: Norman Whitfield*

St Saviour's

8am Holy Communion *Lead &
Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

10am Morning Service

*'Learning from the Letters'
Lead: Abi Dunn
Preach: Terry Collins*

St Peter & St Paul

8am Holy Communion

*Lead: Revd Peter Goodridge
Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

10am All Age Service

'Mission Sunday'

Lead: David Balcombe

Preach: Revd Martin Reakes-Williams

6.30pm Evening Service

'Mission Sunday'

Lead: Revd Mark Brown

Preach: Revd Martin Reakes-Williams

St Andrew's

10am Morning Service

'Revelations ~ Philadelphia'

Lead & Preach: Jenny Macpherson

St Philip's

9am Holy Communion by Extn.

Lead & Preach: Jacky Wright

10.30am All Age Service

'Struggling with Sin'

Lead: Linda Beesley

Preach: Revd Peter Goodridge

St Saviour's

10am Holy Communion

*'Do this in remembrance of me'
Lead & Preach: Revd Mark Brown*

Whole Parish Picnic TODAY...

Sunday **27th June** to be held in the churchyard of St Peter & St Paul after the morning services.

This is to celebrate the Ordination of our Parish Curate Peter Goodridge and to 'Cherish our Churchyard' initiative.

Wildlife activities will be provided from 11.30am for adults & children by the Kent Wildlife Trust.

Please bring your own picnic, blanket or chairs.

Town Wide Service TONIGHT

Sunday **27th June** 6.30pm at St Peter & St Paul. This service will see all of the churches in Tonbridge coming together, with Revd Mark Brown leading, Revd Mark Barker of St Stephens Church preaching and intercessions led by Revd Jim Thorneycroft of Christ Church. Please come along if you can as you would be made most welcome.

Visit by the Walkers...

We look forward to welcoming Peter & Georgie Walker back into the Parish in October. Saturday 9th October 9.30am-12.45pm, *'The Life & Work of Paul'*, at St Peter & St Paul followed by Lunch in the upper lounge. Peter will be preaching on Sunday 10th October 10am at St Peter & St Paul.

Quiet Times in Tonbridge...

The next Quiet Times will be held on **Friday 2nd July**. Please arrive at 10am for a 10.30am start and finishing at 1pm. This gathering will offer the opportunity to take time out of busy lives to be apart with Jesus. They will finish with the opportunity to share a packed lunch together. The home and garden will be available to any who would like to continue in quiet to stay on afterwards. For full details please pick up a leaflet at the back of church or see the poster.

To book please contact Sue tel. 01732 353583

What a load of rubbish...

Our next Parish Litter Pick is planned for Saturday **3rd July** 10am-12noon. We will be clearing up the litter from the paths and alleyways in our neighbourhood. If you can, please come along and join us, all working together. Earlier this year we collected 8 bags of litter within two hours. With more help we are hoping to clear even more this time. We will meet at St Philip's Church at 9.50am where safety gloves and equipment will be provided. Refreshments and bacon rolls will be available for all helpers. These have been kindly donated by the Co-Op in Martin Hardie Way.

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 5TH - THURSDAY 8TH JULY 2010

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

IT'S FREE

WHO CAN COME?

ANYONE!!!

MISSION NEWS...

On Sunday **4th July** Rev Martin Reakes-Williams will be preaching at St Peter & Paul morning and evening. There is also a chance to join us at St Peter & Paul for tea at 4.30 pm to meet him and find out more about his work: do join us to welcome our St Peter & St Paul Mission Partner.

St Saviour's Guild News...

The next St. Saviour's Guild meeting will be on **Thurs 8th July** at 9.45 a.m. This will probably be the last meeting for a little while, so we will be doing some packing up (and sorting out!). If you are free please come along and join us as your help would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Accommodation available... Self-catering, for a Christian non-smoker. Large Rooms. £85 per week. Available for 2 days-2 years!
Call Mary for more information on tel. 01732 352356.

Tuesday Fellowship...

will be having their Strawberry Tea on Tuesday **6th July** as part of their meeting at St Peter & St Paul from 2pm. If you would like to attend or for more details about Tuesday Fellowship, please contact Nanette tel. 354304.

Walk for the children of Zimbabwe...

Saturday **10th July** in aid of the Just Children Foundation.

There are a number of starting points with distances ranging from 1.5 miles to 21, depending on your ability. All walks end at Rochester in time for a Cathedral service at 5.30pm.

For full details log on to the Just Children website:

www.justchildren.org.uk or email walk@justchildren.org.uk

Outline Tea...

The next Outline Tea meeting will be on Sunday **18th July** 3pm-4.30pm at St Peter & St Paul. Please contact Doris Jones for more information.

Thank you...

Eric & Joyce Leigh would like to say a very big thank you to their church family for the love and prayers shown to them for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, and for making it so very special. Thank you also for all the cards & gifts. They thank God for keeping them together for over 60 years!

News & Thanks from the Townsends ...

Dear friends back in Tonbridge. I want to thank everyone for all the cards which have been sent to us here in Henham wishing us well & reminding us of your prayers for us.

My institution as Vicar went well & the evening was made all the more special by having friends from Tonbridge there with us – the people here have been saying how much they enjoyed meeting you. People have also been in touch by phone & even REFRESH rang the other evening threatening to come up & see us!

Can I also say how overwhelmed we have been by the gifts we have received from individuals & the collections of money from St Saviour's & the whole parish – Jenny passed on even more to me the other day. I was particularly touched by the gift of the large desk edition of the BCP which I used for the first time the other day at St Mary's Elsenham. I shared my testimony & preached the Gospel in the local brewery the other day. Just over fifty people were there enjoying the beer & burgers; I think it put 'em in a good mood for standing & listening to me in the open air!
For those interested, my new email address is:

revgtownsend@btinternet.com

With every prayerful blessing for you all.

Gary Townsend