



August 2010

**This October make time to discover ...**

*who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him.*

Ever wondered about what the heart of Christianity is all about? Maybe you have been coming to church a long time and feel you would like to revisit the basic truths of Christianity. Perhaps you are new to church and would like to find out more, or perhaps you have a friend who would like to investigate the claims of Jesus.

Starting Thursday 7 October for 7 weeks (skipping 28 Oct) **Christianity Explored** offers the opportunity ...

*...to watch Rico Tice on DVD explain the heart of Christianity.*

*...to discuss the claims made in Mark's Gospel.*

*...to enjoy some good food and make new friendships.*

Contact Peter Goodridge ([peter@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:peter@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) or 355200) if interested.

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**JOB VACANCY**

**Administrator at St Peter & St Paul**

**Salary circa £135 per week**

Owing to the retirement of the present part time administrators, we are combining their roles and want to employ a church administrator to work from 9am to 1.30pm, Monday to Thursday, alongside our existing Admin Team.

Reporting to the deputy wardens, the successful applicant (male or female) will need to be an experienced administrator, computer literate, have good communication skills both on the telephone and face to face, work on their own initiative but be very much part of a team.

The role, based at the office in the church will involve, preparing and distributing the weekly check lists for both morning and evening services, editing and producing the monthly church news sheet "Peter & Paul People", plus some parish wide organisational work, overseeing the church cleaners and the volunteers who man the coffee shop, managing the petty cash, and helping to manage church and church centre bookings when required.

The administrator will play a key role in terms of liaison with the deputy wardens, the Peter & Paul leadership team and the vicar.

If you are interested and feel that your skills and abilities match the role outlined, please telephone or email Jenny Hancox on 01732 505194 or [jenny@hancox.org.uk](mailto:jenny@hancox.org.uk)

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

# Tonbridge Parish News

*Dear Friends,*

Welcome to our bumper summer edition of our regular Parish news sheet. We hope as you reflect on all that is happening across our Parish's life you will find something to rejoice over and contribute to.

**Our Holiday Club** – many thanks to Alyson, Jenny, Lisa, Liz and Barbara for being a simply stunning team with their great enthusiasm and organisational skills. We are in debt to you for your labours of love, and the many children who will be ( have been ) enjoying our activities will be the richer for it spiritually.

**Our whole Parish services** – thank you to our lay leaders and preachers for inspiring our public acts of worship here at St Peter and St Paul ( August 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> ). A united Parish that all pulls in the same direction rather than in different ways is a stronger one – do use the opportunity to meet new faces, reconnect with old friends and greet our summer visitors.

**Our opportunities** – we have many. The autumn term will see the Mission Growth course starting on Monday 13th September, which we are hosting for the Deanery. If you would like to hear and meet the person leading the course he is preaching at St. Philip's on Sunday 29th August at 10.30am.

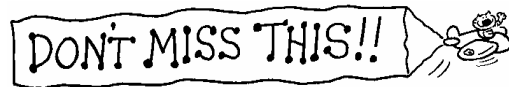
**The Christianity Explored** course run by a highly committed lay team is starting again on Thursday 7th October. If you would like a refresher course in the Christian faith or know of someone who would appreciate this introductory course then do please let us know.

**Our prayer life together** – I am very grateful to the Leadership Team at St. Philip's for organising the recent Day of Prayer – it has proved to be a real blessing to many people. I make no apology for stressing how important our united acts of prayer are – so do note our next whole Parish gathering is on Monday 4th October 8pm at St Peter & St Paul. If you have not been before why not make it a priority.

I do hope and pray your summer months are blessed by God in your work, friendships, travels, reading or relaxation. Do remember those less fortunate than ourselves who are battling with illness and for our young people at their many and various camps, as many wait on important exam results.

May the God of peace be with you

*The Revd Mark Brown*



**\*CARPET DAY ~ 15th AUGUST\***

Helpers are urgently needed to move furniture and lift old carpets in the upper floor area of St Peter & St Paul after the morning service **from 11.30am onwards on 15th Sunday.**

Please do come along and help even if you can only spare 30 minutes!

***Refreshments will be provided throughout the afternoon.***

Please contact Allison Brown tel. 770961 or Tony Owen for more information.

**HELP NEEDED WITH SOME PAINTING!**

The upper rooms in the church are being re-carpeted during the week of 16th August. Before that happens, we want to put some emulsion paint on the walls to spruce things up.

If you can wield a paint brush or roller and can spare some time over the weekend of 7-8 August, the week of 9-13 August or the weekend of 14-15 please contact Tony Owen on 01732 358929 or by email at [tony.owen7@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.owen7@btinternet.com).

**Calling all Golfers...**

The Broomfield Challenge Cup golf day will be on Thurs **Sept 16th.**

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*

**Visit by the Walkers ...**

We look forward to welcoming Peter & Georgie Walker back into the Parish in October. On Saturday **9th October** 9.30am-12.45pm, Peter will be speaking on *'The Life & Work of Paul'*, at St Peter & St Paul followed by Lunch (open to anyone) in the Upper Lounge.

Peter will also be preaching on Sunday 10th October, 10am at St Peter & St Paul.

**News from the Starbucks International Meeting Place...**

A lovely au pair from the Czech Republic is looking for a new host family for September, preferably a Christian family in the Tonbridge or Tunbridge Wells area.

Please email

[czechaupair@centrum.cz](mailto:czechaupair@centrum.cz)

if you would like more details or know someone who is looking for an au pair.

**A New Church Prayer Space...**

has been made available in St Peter & St Paul church, beyond the choir stalls on the left, for personal prayer. The present focus is the mosaic, completed at Pentecost, and there are Bible verses, a Bible and copies of a prayer for anyone to use.

The Prayer Space offers somewhere quiet and secluded to sit or kneel in prayerful waiting on and listening to the Lord.

**Special Diocesan Evening Service for your diary...**

Sunday **10th October** 6.30pm at St Peter & St Paul.

*"Riding the winds of Adversity"*

The Bishop of Harare, Chad Gandiya, will be speaking at this celebratory service of our Diocesan links with Zimbabwe.

A Zimbabwean choir will be taking part in the service.

**"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!

**CHANGE OF VENUE**

**LET THE CHILDREN SING**  
JOIN US IN THE CHOIR STALLS  
OF ST PETER & ST PAUL  
**WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER**  
**10am-10.30am**  
**'ROCK SOLID'**

Come and have fun building, following God the Builder!  
Every one of all ages welcome.  
Refreshments afterwards.

**Come & Celebrate**  
with Bishop Ken & Jill  
25th Anniversary of Lawrence Barham Memorial Trust bringing  
God's love to the people of East Africa.  
**Saturday 18th September 7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul.**  
*Alison Kelly & Sandra Ford in Concert*  
with young musicians  
Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained by contacting Helen Longley  
tel. 01732 352580.  
*All proceeds to St Matthews Secondary School, Rwanda,*  
*built for children orphaned by genocide*

### **Vicar's Summer Letter...**

The next Vicar's Letter will be available for collection from the back of the church from **Sunday 1st August.**

Please make sure you pick up your copy and also a copy for any body you know who might be on holiday. Thank you.

### **St Saviour's Guild Meeting...**

The next St. Saviour's Guild will be meeting at 9.45 a.m. on Thursday **5th August.** We will be packing up the vases, the mugs, cups and saucers etc. and generally clearing up ready for the contractors to start work, so we will need as much help as possible. All hands on deck, please.

### **OPEN STUDIO...**

You are warmly invited to an open studio weekend **28th-30th August** at 17, Larch Crescent Tonbridge, 10.00-4.00.

It will be an opportunity to see an artist's space and work.

Also on display and to purchase will be hand forged items from a local blacksmith.

Why not come along for a cup of tea and some homemade cake and a browse around.

Contact Christine Highland on 07803159723

[www.cshstudio17.co.uk](http://www.cshstudio17.co.uk)

### **Church Yard Working Party...**

The Church Yard Working Party will be held on Bank Holiday Monday **30th August** from 10am - 2pm at St Peter & St Paul.

Please bring along your own picnic lunch, gloves and small working tools, and enjoy some time with others as we work together.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information please contact Jenny Macpherson or John Smalman-Smith.

### **Quiet Times in Tonbridge...**

The next Quiet Times will be held on Thurs **9th Sept.** 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

**Stepping Stones** will restart on Thurs **9th September** at 10.00am. Anyone is welcome. We will be following a course called **Christianity Explored**, looking at the claims Jesus makes about himself in Mark's Gospel. For some this may be a refresher course, but we hope that it will be of real value to all of us to remind us of, or check out, the basis of Christian beliefs. The format will be informal, including a chance to discuss issues as they arise from a DVD talk that we will watch together.

There is a crèche for children and we finish at 11.30am.

### **Craft Exhibition & Heritage Weekend 11th & 12th Sept...**

Once again we are staging a craft exhibition at St Peter & St Paul. Please can you help.

1) Have you any item/items of and craft that we could borrow for the exhibition .

2) Can you help on the Saturday or Sunday to steward or man the kitchen for serving refreshments.

3) Baking (a craft in itself!) for cakes etc to sell and/or to use for refreshments.

There will be forms to fill in for your craft entry, in church from the beginning of August, but if you would like any more information do please contact Yvonne Burgess.

### **Your Church Needs You...**

For Outreach, Family fun day and B.T.C.S. All happening in **September, 11-18 and 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Prayer support, visiting local areas, helping and organizing family fun day.

Try something new! There will be times when you will feel inadequate for the task; many plausible excuses will come to mind.

Remember the words of Jesus in Luke's gospel (9.62):

"No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the service in the kingdom of God"

Please call Tom Robertson on 368206 or Ray Tanner 351422 for more information if you would like to get involved.

### **Mission Shaped Intro Course...**

(a Diocesan course we are hosting for our Deanery)

Five weeks to rediscover mission and re-imagine church.

Every Monday from **13th Sept - 18th Oct** (except 4th October)

at St Philip's Church.

Booking forms now available in our churches.

Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about Fresh Expressions of church.

### **Outreach Family Fun day...**

This event is to be held on the green by **at St. Philip's Church on Sat 18th September from 1pm-4pm.**

It is a free event that an outreach team will have invited people to, and it will be generally advertised in the local area.

We have a barbeque, refreshments, sideshows and arena attractions organised already. Now we really do need your help on the day to "man" the various things. If you are able to make a cake, put up a stall, cook a burger, help clear up or put up signs etc, etc, etc, we would love to hear from you.

It sounds a long way away but without people to help, the fun could go!

Please let Ray 351422 or Tom and Julie 368206 or myself, Catherine 867586 know if you are able to help. Thank you!

### **Scotts Project Trust presents...**

*'Music for a While' Cabaret Evening*  
Performed by Sarah Draper & Chris Pocock.

Saturday **18th September** to be held in the Delarue Hall, Shipbourne Road. Door open at 6.30pm for 7pm and tickets cost £20 including a buffet. To obtain a ticket or for more information please contact Elaine Harris tel. 01732 367917.

All proceeds in aid of the Scotts Project Trust.

### **Awaiting Chancellor's approval...**

This is the final step needed to begin the internal re-ordering at St Saviour's so it's now your last chance to purchase a pew (10' 6" or 12' 8" or a Choir pew; prices from £50).

Full details & application form from Anne Norman on 01732 356843 or email:

[annenorman40@hotmail.com](mailto:annenorman40@hotmail.com)

### **St Saviour's Meetings...**

Following the closer of St Saviour's for refurbishment there will be a chance for meeting together on the following days during the summer.

*St Saviour's Prayer Meeting ~*  
Wed **11th August** 8 pm  
(venue to be announced)

*St Saviour's Tea ~*  
Sunday **29th August** 4.30 pm in the Church Centre at St Peter & St Paul.