

Sundays 10 and

17 July 2016



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

# Tonbridge Parish News

## Dear Friends

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On 28th June the Anglican Church celebrated the feast day of St. Irenaeus, one of the early Church Fathers, and one of his most famous quotes is 'The glory of God is a human being fully alive'. This is a call we have all received and for most reading this, the best way to live out this calling is to be a Christian - someone believing Jesus' promise that he 'came that [we] might have life, and have it to the full' (John 10:10) and living in the light of that.

Over the last few weeks I've had the privilege of preparing some of our young people for confirmation and as part of that we've been looking at some of the ways we can live out our call as Christians - reading the Bible, praying regularly and putting our faith into action daily. Can I encourage you to join those young people and the other candidates from our Parish at their Confirmation Service on 17th July, 6:30pm at St. Stephen's church.

Although we have been called to be followers of Christ, our first calling is to be human beings and one of the first signs that we are losing our way is not that we lose our godliness but that we lose our humanity. Whether you have a clear vision of where you're headed or feel you're going round in circles, it's always good to spend time engaging with our own humanity. Page 4 of these news sheets offers a number of different events to share time and fellowship with others and I would again encourage you to join us at as many of these as you can.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

Lunchtime music: Thursday 14th July; Summer teas Saturdays 16th and 23rd: see page 4

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## Diary

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- Thurs 14 July     **Lunchtime Concert** with light lunch, 12.30pm  
St Peter & St Paul p.4
- Sat 16 July        **Summer Afternoon Tea**, 3-4.30pm St Saviour  
Speaker: Rev'd Mark Brown p.4
- Sat 23 July        **Cream Tea for Kondoa**, 2.30—4.30pm St Philip p.4
- 25—29 July        **Holiday Club** (*please see p.3*)
- Sat 3 Sept         Balcombe family concert, 7pm St Peter & St Paul
- Sat 10-11 Sept    Heritage weekend and craft exhibition, St P&P/St Saviour
- Sat 24 Sept        Women's Breakfast, Rose and Crown
- Sat 19 Nov         Whole Parish Away Day at Worth

## Events

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**Saturday 3rd September: Balcombe Family Concert**  
7pm at St Peter & St Paul  
Refreshments in interval

Classical and popular music from the talented family!

Short address by Revd. Mark Brown

Free— but please book to help us gauge numbers. Tickets will be available in churches or email [saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)

Retiring collection in aid of Kondoa kindergarten and church funds

**Autumn Women's Breakfast**  
Saturday 24th September, 9-10.30am  
Market Suite, Rose and Crown, Tonbridge  
Speaker: Alyson Bleakley  
A breakfast buffet will be served

## Notices

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**Holiday Club** - a large quantity of toilet roll tubes, and food mags, are required for this year's Holiday Club - if you are able to collect, please take to the Parish Office @ St Peter & St Paul, or hand to one of the P&P Team - Morwenna Fernandez, Judi Hammill, Andy Page, Jane Higgs — thank you!

Merna McIntosh has moved to Wolverhampton to be closer to her family. She has settled in well but still needs your prayers.

Her new address is: 21 Bradley Road, Parkfields, Wolverhampton, WV2 2AZ

Her mobile no: 07944860814

### **Holiday Club 25—29 July:**

Children aged 4-11? Pick up a leaflet and apply for five mornings of fun activities with crafts, games, sport and Bible teaching at St Saviour (ages 4—school year R) and St Peter & St Paul (schoolyears6). See also [www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) or email [holidayclub@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:holidayclub@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)

### **Notice Sheets over the summer**

The next 2 issues of these notice sheets will be issued at their normal fortnightly times: Sundays 24th July and 7th August. Items for inclusion need to be sent to [saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) please, by Wednesday and 20th July and 3rd August respectively. The 7th August issue will cover 4 weeks leading up to Sunday 4th September.

## **CONFIRMATION**

**Sunday 17th July, 6.30pm at St Stephen's.**

**Join the service and support our members who are being confirmed that evening: Faith Ivey, Lucy Minton, Erin Griffiths, Anna Wessels, Meg Partridge, Shona Milton. Sally Thomas, Mark Poddington**

### **News sheet volunteers needed**

From September the efficient and outrageous team that fold these news sheets, Sandra Wakefield and Barry Driscoll, are standing down. A huge thank you to them for their reliable part in the news sheet process. We will miss their lively company on a Friday morning.

From September on alternate Fridays we would be grateful for **2 more volunteers to spend 1-2 hours in the St Peter & St Paul foyer to**

**Lunchtime Concert**

**Thursday 14 July**

**St Peter & St Paul**

**12.30pm**

Music from organist Roger Evernden, prayers and a brief address followed by a light lunch. Free—no need to book.



**St Saviour's Summer Tea Party**

**Saturday 16 July 2016,**

**3.00pm - 4.30pm**

Join us for tea & light refreshments and friendly conversation. No charge - be our guest! Short address by Revd Mark Brown.

Listen to some music and share a desert island disc with the Vicar!

**Strawberry Cream Tea for Kondoa**

**Saturday 23rd July**

**St Philip's church and garden**

**2.30 - 4.30pm.**

Proceeds to our partners in Kondoa. All very welcome!



### From the Vicar

It was so good to see many of you at our Praise and Prayer evening. Some have asked for a highlight of some of our main prayer needs at this time. Here are some, to help us build on our week of united prayer and see our parish go forward together and from strength to strength .

- 1 A good use by our own membership and the community of our refurbished Parish Church
- 2 For those in our leadership teams for new recruits to come forward and for each churches local outreach
- 3 For new deputy wardens to be called for St Saviours and St Andrews
- 4 For increased numbers to attend holiday club this year and for those attending to aspire to regular church attendance
- 5 God's blessing on our creative and new look evening service
- 6 For the Lord to guide our plans for a focus on real world discipleship so that we can resource people where they are, at home, work, train, school, gym..

### Questions people ask

During the autumn term I am planning some innovative evening services to encourage our whole parish to unite together, and wherever possible invite others along.

The format might change, but the common theme will be relevant Bible teaching which addresses questions people are asking today, either in general or to the Christian faith.

So here is a chance to address some of the issues that you might feel need addressing or you know would be relevant to your friends or neighbours.

Can you email my PA Yolanda Roberts ([yolanda@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:yolanda@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)) with your questions please? I will be planning next term's teaching for the whole Parish and would love to have your contributions to enable our teaching to go forwards well.

### Parish Away Day: Saturday 19th November 2016

A day for EVERYONE IN THE PARISH to join at Worth Abbey, near Crowborough, for a day of fellowship, prayer and teaching from guest speaker Martin Beaumont. Details to follow but please note in your diaries.

## For Prayer

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Sue Power and family

Sue King, Caroline Fullman, Bertha Hughes, Kevin Boughton, Margaret Tasker, Carl, Lawrie & Margaret Pope. Keith Miller, Tom & Hannah Williamson,

Juliet Roberts' mum, Merna Macintosh

Preparations for holiday club

## For Prayer in July — what's on our Minister's agendas:

### Mark

13th Attending the Mayor's Garden Party at Hadlow College.

14th Tonbridge Grammar School, Career Adviser Interviews.

14th . Speaking at our Lunchtime Concert.

18th Attending Scotts Project service.

19th TACTEG meeting at St Peter & Paul.

### Sally

12th Taking Elizabeth Bowyer's funeral

13th St Saviour's sacristans' meeting

16th St Saviour's Summer Tea Party

18th Hospital Chaplaincy team meeting

21st Monthly service at Chestnut Lodge

22nd Taking Graham Waterhouse's funeral

### Anthony

11th Management Group for Licensed Lay Ministry Training, Rochester

13th Meeting of Slade School Governors

17th Confirmation Service at St Stephen's, 6.30pm

23rd Cream Tea for Kondoa, St Philip's

### Patricia

15th— 23rd July

On holiday with Jeremy and Isaac

### Andy

Mon 11th Cage Green assembly and Slade lunch club

Mon 18 Slade lunch club

Sat 23 Connect summer party

Final preparations for holiday club

Preparations for summer events

### Simon

## Services

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Sunday 10th July	
8am St Saviour (Simon Couper)	Deut 30: 9-14 Luke 10: 25-37
10am St Peter & St Paul (Mark Brown) 10am St Andrew (Anthony Hammill) 10am St Saviour (Deryck Charnock) 10.30am St Philip (Simon Couper)	Luke 18: 9-14 Psalm 84:1-7
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul (Judi Hammill)	Philippians 2:12-29 Mark 7:1-23

Sunday 17th July	
8am St Peter & St Paul (Mark Brown)	Gen 18:1-10a Luke 10: 38-42
10am St Peter & St Paul (James Brown) 10am St Andrew (Terry Collins) 10am St Saviour (Simon Couper) 10.30am St Philip (Anthony Hammill)	Luke 22: 39-46 Psalm 31:9-16
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul (Sally Musson)	Amos 8:1-12 Luke 10: 38-42

Sunday 24th July	
8am St Saviour (Anthony Hammill)	Gen 18: 20-32 Luke 11:1-13
10am St Peter & St Paul (Andy Page & Judi Hammill) 10am St Andrew (Mark Crawshay Williams) 10am St Saviour (Anthony Hammill) 10.30am St Philip (Simon Couper)	Gen 18: 20-32 Luke 11:1-13
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul (Mark Brown)	Philippians 3: 1-11 Matthew 13:24-30

## Notices

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### **Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services (DAVSS) needs volunteer Domestic Abuse Advisors to join our team**

DAVSS is a local charity that provides vital support to anyone (women or men) in the West Kent area experiencing domestic abuse.

We are urgently seeking volunteer Domestic Abuse Advisors to meet with victims of domestic abuse in safe and convenient locations across West Kent offering options for action and supporting victims to make decisions about how to keep them and their children safe. Domestic Abuse Advisors give a minimum of 10 hours a week and our next training course starts on 15 September. Full subsequent support for volunteers is provided by an experienced team.

**Could you help us to go on making a real difference in our local community?** We received 190 referrals involving 263 children in the last 3 months. **If you are interested and want to find out more, please email [office@davss.org.uk](mailto:office@davss.org.uk) or phone 01892 502074 for an application form or to discuss this key role, or visit [www.davss.org.uk](http://www.davss.org.uk) for more information about us.**

### **Craft Exhibition September 10th & 11th 2016**

**We are holding the Craft Exhibition again this year on September 10th & 11th. We hope to encourage many people into the church during the Week End but to make it a success we do need your entries. Please, if you have any examples of craft that you do, can we borrow it. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated.**

## Collects: Trinity 7 and 8

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Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,