

Sundays 25 Dec
2016 and 1 Jan
2017

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

St Peter & St Paul, St Andrew, St Philip & St Saviour



Dear Friends

May I on behalf of our staff team and PCC thank you all most warmly for your support and encouragement during this Christmas season. I, with them, pray that your own Christmas is blessed by the Christ child whom we serve and abide in.

There are many sources of inspiration to me in my own discipleship: the scriptures, the life of prayer, the joy of giving and the friendship of our Lord. But one has stood out for me especially this year and it is this: your own faith and love for Christ.

I have seen this lived out in the real world through many of life's challenges: hardships, sickness, bereavement, loneliness and pressures of employment or family life. Your witness to Christ through the thick and thin in these times have been an inspiration to me – thank you.

With the assurance of my prayers and partnership in God's good news into the New Year.

The Revd Canon Mark Brown
Vicar and Rural Dean of Tonbridge

Welcome to visitors and friends

Please see page 2 for what's coming up between now and Easter, and page 8 for our contact details.

If you're new, do make yourself known to a Welcomer or Sidesperson, and leave your details with them if you would like us to make contact or keep in touch.

All our services have people to pray with you afterwards—again, ask a Sidesperson.



St Peter & St Paul • St Philip • St Andrew • St Saviour

Diary

- Mon 9 Jan to Thurs 12 Jan* *How to Find Faith—chance to meet our Vicar Mark at the Coach House office, raise any questions, pray, chat or share the Bible. Book an afternoon or evening session—see page 3*
- Sun 15 Jan New sermon series starts morning and evening at all churches
- Wed 18 Jan Younger Leaders' Training, 8-9.30pm, 13 Dry Hill Park Cres.
Contact Judi Hammill for more details: jhammillsoho@yahoo.co.uk
- Sun 22 Jan Afternoon Church for young families, with Baptism, 3-4pm
St Peter & St Paul
- Sat 28 Jan Kondoza Safari: a Tanzanian evening with supper, in aid of our partner village. 7pm, St Peter & St Paul.
Book by 20/1/17; pamtanner_1@hotmail.com
- Sat 11 Feb Quiz Night, 7.30pm St Philip
- Wed 15 Feb Younger Leaders' Training, 8pm 13 Dry Hill Park Cres
- Sun 26 Feb Afternoon Church, 3-4pm St Peter & St Paul
- Tues 28 Feb Pancake party
- Tues 7 March Lent course begins, weekly at St Peter & St Paul
- Sat 25 March Women's Breakfast, 8.30am, Rose & Crown
- Fri 24, Sat 25 March: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 7.30pm
St Peter & St Paul.
- Sun 26 March Mothering Sunday services at normal times in Parish
- 27—31 March Experience Easter, St Peter & St Paul —Engage with the Easter story.
- 16 June Sunday Funday on Sportsground
- 24-28 July Holiday Club

Keep an eye on the website and future notice sheets for more details of times and places!

www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

Christmas Services

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day

8am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul
10am	Christmas Family Service	St Peter & St Paul
10am	Christmas Family Communion	St Andrew
10am	Christmas Family Communion	St Saviour
10am	Family Service with Holy Communion	St Philip

Collections at all these services will be given to our Christmas charities—Kondoa kindergarten project and Headway West Kent.

There is no evening service on Christmas Day

There is no midweek Holy Communion on Wednesday 28th December

How To Find Faith

Faith is for Life—not just for Christmas

For faith to be real for you, and connect with the reality of your life, you might have questions or prayers that you'd like answering.

Mark is giving a New Year opportunity to meet and seek answers, pray, converse, share Biblical pointers ...

Arrange a time with Mark between;

Monday 9th —Thursday 12th January, 2-3pm or 8-9pm

Meeting at the Coach House.

Contact Mark or Yolanda to arrange a time: 01732 770962 ext 25
yolanda@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

Look out for invitation cards

**WORKING
PARTY AT
ST PETER &
ST PAUL**

Tuesday 3 January
10am—12 noon

Saturday 14 January
10am—12 noon

Do come and help if
you can, clearing
paths, pulling out
brambles, trimming
and tidying. Some
equipment is
provided but do
bring gloves and
tools if possible. All
welcome!

Contact
wendybalcombe@
hotmail.com 357734

What do you see?
What do you
hear?
A Quiet Day

Friday 3 February
St Benedict's Centre,
West Malling Abbey
ME19 6JX

Further details on
posters in churches
or:

[carol.evans@
rochester.anglican.org](mailto:carol.evans@rochester.anglican.org) /
01634 560000.

**Tonbridge School Community Concert
Tuesday 31 January 2017, 7-9pm**



Entertainment from Tonbridge School pupils

This event is intended for senior citizens, and the school is happy to provide transport in cars and minibuses to and from the concert for those who would otherwise not be able to attend the event. Big School is on the ground floor but there are several quite steep steps between the Hall and the nearest toilets. Accessible toilets are available but they are a short walk away. Wheelchair users are most welcome but we regret we will not be able to offer transport for these people

Please let Jane Mata know by Monday 16th January if you would like to come, and whether you will need a lift: 01732 352416 saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

Kondoa Safari

Join us for a Tanzanian evening

Supper provided

****Slideshow***

GAS (Genuine African Stuff) for sale

BYO drinks, friends and neighbours!

Saturday January 28th 7:00pm

St Peter & St Paul Church

Exit by donation!

All funds to Kondoa Kindergarten

Rsvp by 20/01/17

pamtanner_1@hotmail.com

For Prayer

Chris Pugh and the Pugh family; John Pettett; Peggy Cracknell; the Jagger family; Joe King and family; Laurie and Margaret Pope; Thelma Dillistone; Colin Watts and family.

All are welcome to join Janet Watt's family and friends for her thanksgiving service, 2.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, on Friday 6th January followed by refreshments in the lower lounge.

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate prayer, please pass details to Jane Mata, saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk ; 01732 352416. If you are nominating someone, please check that they are happy to be included.



By Lake Galilee

Some of you have heard I spend a week in Galilee for personal development reasons. If you would like to see some photos and hear about my trip, I am opening the Coach House 8-9pm on Monday 23rd January, limited to 10 people—first come first served!

RSVP to Yolanda: Yolanda@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

I am of course happy to be invited to your home with a tea and chat to talk over my experiences if you are interested!

Mark Brown

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

An exciting fun filled musical for all the family at St Peter & St Paul

Friday 24th March & Saturday 25th March at 7.30pm

Admission will be free but booking necessary via Parish Office.

Keep the dates in your diary!

Notices



Thank You

To our *teams of flower arrangers*, **singers** and **musicians** around the Parish.

You give fresh inspiration to our worship all year, and help give a warm welcome. The extra work over the Christmas period is especially appreciated.

Safeguarding Officer

Some of you may not know that Harrinet Delaney is our Safeguarding Officer, both for children and also for vulnerable adults. Do get in touch with her on 01732 771646 or j_delaney@hotmail.co.uk if you have got any questions or concerns in this area. She is usually in the 10am congregation at the Parish Church.

Patricia King

EARLY MORNING PRAYERS

It has been great that some folk have joined us at the 6.00am prayers at St Philips over the past few months and we two have appreciated this opportunity for quiet, peaceful pray. However, after much prayer and thought, we have decided not to meet for the next few months, but will keep open the possibility of re-instating this gathering sometime next year. We will keep you posted.....

With every blessing, Andy K and Sally

CONGRATULATIONS FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE

Each year the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust recognises the service amongst its volunteers. This year Sandy Chapman and Louisa Medhurst have received awards for 15 years volunteering for the chaplaincy at Tunbridge Wells hospital. Many will have benefitted from their ministry—well done!

Tonbridge Children's Workshop

Administrator Vacancy: 5 hours a week, term time only. More details:

highhopes@childrensworkshop.org.uk 0772 556 1154.

Deadline for applicants: 9th January

Services

Sunday 25th December	
8am St Peter & St Paul (Mark Brown)	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 1:1-14
10am St Peter & St Paul (Lead; David Balcombe: Preach: Mark Brown) 10am St Andrew (Lead & Preach: Terry Collins) 10am St Saviour (Sally Musson; Simon Couper) 10.am St Philip (Lead & Preach Anthony Hammill)	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 1:1-14
No evening service on Christmas Day.	

Sunday 1st January 2017	
8am St Peter & St Paul (Simon Couper)	Numbers 6: 22-27 Luke 2: 15-21
10am St Peter & St Paul (David Balcombe:& Judi Hammill) 10am St Andrew (Lead & Preach: Brian Buck) 10am St Saviour (Simon Couper) Matt 25 31-46 10.30am St Philip (Chris Ingram; Norman Whitfield)	Isaiah 43 16-21; Rev 21 1-7
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul (Simon Couper; Sally Musson)	Genesis 4:1-10 Matthew 20:1-6

Sunday 8th Jan	
8am St Saviour (Anthony Hammill)	Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3: 13-17
10am St Peter & St Paul (Clare Page; Mark Brown) 10am St Andrew (Simon Couper: :Jenny Macpherson) 10am St Saviour (Sally Musson; David Heyes) 10.30am St Philip (Lead: Norman Whitfield; Preach: Anthony Hammill)	1 John 5:5-13 Mark 1: 7-11
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul (Mark Brown; Simon Couper)	Jeremiah 23: 1-8 Matthew 20: 1-16

Contacts

Parish Office: St Peter & St Paul; 01732 770962 x 24

Open Mon—Fri, 9am - at least 3.30pm

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