

## Events

### Ethics: Big and Small

When we think about Christian ethics it is often big issues of war, sexuality, life and death that come to mind. These are clearly important, but often don't connect directly with our own lives.

In this short course, we will look at some of the Big Issues and notice how they can make a difference for us as well. So if we say life is God's gift at its start and at its end, what difference should that make in between? If we must be open to forgiveness when going to War, what place should forgiveness have in everyday life?

Join Anthony Hammill for four sessions on *Ethics: Big and Small* to think through these and other issues. 8pm to 9.30pm, Thursday evenings in June (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>) at St Saviour's Church.

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#### Welcome to all our visitors!

Please make yourself known to the welcome team, take a welcome booklet and check out our website.

[www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)

Parish Office: 01732 770962

Sundays  
15 & 22 April  
2018

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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

Dear Friends,

I warmly invite you all to our **Ascension Day service on 10th May, 8pm at St Peter & St Paul** (a service of the Word) that I shall be preaching at. It will mark my last public duty as Rural Dean.

I am grateful for your support over the last eight years in the role of Rural Dean, and I hope for a good crowd to celebrate with on this occasion. I shall not be rushing to fill my diary with other things, I should hasten to add!

Thank you for your prayers for the life of the deanery and diocese of which this Parish is part.

It seems to me that our large parish (electoral roll of 400+) with its staff team, its able team of leaders and preachers and its impressive list of "unseen heroes" of volunteers need to continually reflect on how to prioritize its life and work.

Therefore, if you are able to be at our **Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start** at St Peter & St Paul, I will be delighted to share with you some plans and priorities for the year ahead.

Joined us in the last year? Mark and Allie invite you and your families to **NEWCOMERS' TEA**

TODAY (Sunday 15th) 4-5pm

Upper lounge, St Peter & St Paul



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

## Diary

Sunday 15 Apr Newcomers' Tea, 4-5pm St Peter & St Paul  
 Sat 21 Apr Music Bash—see page 5  
 Sat 21 April Big Questions on a Saturday 2/6 —see page 6  
 Sun 22 Apr Youth-led evening service, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul  
 Sun 22 Apr Open Afternoon at St Andrew's—see page 5  
**Wed 25 April Annual Parochial Church Meeting: see opposite**  
 Sat 5 May Exploring Prayer at St Saviour— see page 5  
 also The King is Coming—musical, 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul

Thurs 10 May Ascension Day service, 8pm St Peter & St Paul  
 Thurs 24 May Praise & Prayer, 7.30 for 8pm St Peter & St Paul  
**Sat & Sun 2 & 3 June Parish Away @ Home weekend**  
 Thurs 7 June Ethics Big and Small, part 1 of four evenings with Anthony Hammill. See page 8  
 Sun 17 June Confirmation Service, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul

*Mon 30 July—Fri 3 Aug: HOLIDAY CLUB—see volunteer forms*

***Sat 25 August—Tues 28 August Coldharbour Parish camp—see leaflets (booking forms & payment required by 16th April)***

## Notices

### Parish visit to Kondoa

Pam Tanner, Wendy & David Balcombe, Devon Francis and Paul Jagger are heading out to Kondoa from 9—24 May. They plan to see the progress on the kindergarten, visit the Bible college and the bishop ... the team aren't able to take physical gifts this time, but financial donations towards books for the kindergarten and college would be

greatly appreciated. The books will be purchased out in Kondoa. Please pass donations to Pam (01732 351422) or David/Wendy, (01732 357734)

**Parking Permits** for our Parish Car Park in Church Street have now expired. New permits can be obtained from the Parish Office.

Donation of £10 for the year requested please—thank you!

## Services

First named minister is Leader; second is Preacher

Sunday 15 April	
8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 24: 36-48
10am St Peter & St Paul: Sally Musson; Mark Brown 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Mark Crawshay-Williams 10am St Saviour: Wendy Carr 10.30am St Philip: Helen Longley; Anthony Hammill	Daniel 8
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Judi Hammill	Acts 3: 12-20
Sunday 22 April	
8am St Saviour: Anthony Hammill	Psalms 23; John 10: 11-18
10am St Peter & St Paul: David Balcombe; Anthony Hammill 10am St Andrew: Jenny Macpherson; Felicity Layton 10am St Saviour: Wendy Carr; Sally Musson 10.30am St Philip: Andy Kirkpatrick; Mark Brown	Daniel 9
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Youth-led service with Andy Page and team	Acts 4: 5-12
Sunday 29 April	
8am St Saviour: Mark Brown	Genesis 22: 1-18 John 15: 1-8
10am St Peter & St Paul: Yolanda Roberts; Mark Brown 10am St Andrew: Robin Dunn; Jenny Macpherson 10am St Saviour: Wendy Carr; Deryck Charnock 10.30am St Philip: Anthony Hammill; Helen Longley	Daniel 10
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Anthony Hammill	Acts 8: 26-40

## For Prayer:

Mike and Heather Seaman and family; the King family (and especially Patricia's father); Joyce Leigh

Wendy Carr's initiatives on Life Explored and prayer, in April—May.

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate prayer, please pass details to Jane Mata, [saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:saintphilips@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk); 01732 352416.



## Praying for our ministers this week:

SALLY:

25 April APCM

28 April Archdeaconry Celebration of Lay Ministry

MARK:

18 April Tonbridge Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Working Group Meeting (with Sally)

29 April Preaching at evensong, Rochester cathedral

WENDY: Continuing ministerial training and essays.

ANDY: Preparations for youth-led evening service on 22nd April

## Big Questions on a Saturday

Are you interested in exploring those Big Questions around life and faith? Find out more with us in relaxed, friendly sessions using the Life Explored material, and morning coffee!

Saturdays 14th, 21st, 28th April, 26th May and 9th & 16th June  
10.30—12.00

**St Peter & St Paul Contact Wendy Carr 01732 355200**

**wendy@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk**



## Notices

### 'RESTORE O LORD'

Come and see what this is all about at our  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
Wednesday 25 April at St Peter & St Paul.

*Refreshments served at 7.30pm and meeting starts at 8.00pm.*

Come and celebrate the past year and be part of planning for the furthering of God's kingdom in the year ahead.

There will be some formal business but, importantly, this is a great opportunity to meet together as God's family in this place.

Hope to see many of you there.

Copies of the annual report and accounts 2017 and the APCM minutes 2017 are available in the churches for consultation, or on request from Yolanda Roberts and Sally Musson, respectively. The 2017 minutes and reports for this year's meeting

are also available on the parish website  
[tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk/News/APCM](http://tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk/News/APCM)

## Confirmation: Sunday 17th June, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul

**Confirmation** is a good step to affirm your faith in Christ, particularly if you were baptised as a child, and to recognise your involvement in the life of this Church. If you would like to be confirmed, or want to think about it more deeply, please talk to Revd Canon Mark Brown. We will be running preparation sessions for adults and young people.

**For adults** Anthony Hammill will run three sessions at 8pm on Tuesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd May, meeting at 13 Dry Hill Park Crescent, Tonbridge, TN10 3BJ.

**Youth confirmation sessions** will be run by Andy Page, on 13th & 20th May, 3rd and 10th June from 4 to 5.30pm. Venue to be advised.

If you are interested in Confirmation and can't make the preparation dates, talk with us and we will make alternative arrangements.

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# August: parish camp

## COLDHARBOUR MEADOWS

### Parish Camping Weekend

25 - 28 August (Sat-Tue)

- ◇ Great family weekend - join in activities or just chill out
- ◇ Booking forms & info now available in churches
- ◇ Bring your own tent/caravan (a few tents available to hire)
- ◇ Simple low cost meals available
- ◇ Day visitors welcome
- ◇ Contact Sandra Stagg, [sandra\\_stagg@hotmail.com](mailto:sandra_stagg@hotmail.com) or ring 01732 351241 for more information

## June: Parish Away@Home



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June,

from 9am at Schools @ Somerhill

Including evening hog roast & entertainment

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Whole parish all-age service at St Peter & St Paul

Churchyard picnic lunch

**Booking forms for the Saturday available around our Parish for you to prayerfully create your perfect weekend**

**'With all I am; I belong to You':**

***Belonging together in Christ, to Believe, Behave & Bless'***

## Events

**Two evening services for your diaries:**

**Both 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul**

Join us for the next **youth-led evening** service on **22nd April** as we think about the power of Jesus' name!

**Evening service with Sir Paul Britton: Sunday 6th May**

Sir Paul has an incredible knowledge of the history of the town and church, which he will draw into his talk at this service with his characteristic light touch.

**St Andrew's Open Afternoon**

Sunday 22 April

2.30 - 4.30pm

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat and see a Model Farm.  
All welcome!

## EXPLORING PRAYER

**Saturday 5th May**

**10am—2.30pm St Saviour's Church**

Enliven your prayer life! Pray in different ways, or come and be in the presence of God and pray. Drinks provided: bring lunch.

RSVP: Wendy Carr

[wendy@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:wendy@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)

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**First music bash of 2018!**

Saturday 21

April

St Peter & St

Paul

5 — 6.30pm

Sing or play old favourites and learn a couple of new ones.

Please RSVP :

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