



Urgent Holiday Club requests for all —please:

- Pray for on-going planning & preparations
 - Prayerfully extend invitations & offer booking forms
 - Prayerfully consider practical ways to support via volunteers' form.
- In particular need: Group Leaders & Helpers; Walking Bus & Friday BBQ organisers.

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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

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Sundays
29 April and
6 May 2018

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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

Dear Friends,

A congregation gets the preacher it deserves!

I thought I would reflect with you on ways to encourage those of us who preach and teach regularly. I am meeting with them all shortly, and as always the task and responsibility to bring God's word to people is one for which we all covet your prayers.

In **preparation** – this is often forgotten, the delivery of sermons is a challenge, and I am sure listening to them is a challenge as well (!) , but most of the work is done the evening or week or sometimes weeks before. Pray for space and time to reflect for all preachers.

In the **act of worship** – I am sure we have all had a sense of being in the right place or right frame of mind to listen well. Our corporate worship is so important, to prepare us with expectant hearts for what God has for us.

In their **daily lives**– “don't do as I do, do as I say” has got to be one of the world's worst sermons! So pray for those of us who preach that we would live our own messages.

In our **openness to grow in grace** and in the knowledge of God's word. A personality on fire is how one writer describes a preacher! Do pray for us. If you sense a gift in others I am always happy to let someone who might have this gift have a go, no matter how old or young – we've had some inspiring examples of the Lord's people at both ends of that spectrum!

With my grateful thanks for your prayers and support

Rev Canon Mark Brown



EXPLORING PRAYER

Saturday 5th May



Ascension Day 8pm

Thursday 10th May



Thy Kingdom Come

10–20 May



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

Diary

Sat 5 May	Exploring Prayer at St Saviour— see page 5 also The King is Coming—musical, 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul
Sun 6 May	Sir Paul Britton at evening service—see page 5
Thurs 10 May	Deanery-wide Ascension Day service—see p. 6
Sat 12 May	Women’s Breakfast—see p. 4 Peter Walker on the Travels of St Paul, see p. 5
Thurs 24 May	Praise & Prayer, - see p. 4
Sat & Sun 2 & 3 June	Parish Away @ Home weekend see p.3
Thurs 7 June	Ethics Big and Small 1/4, see p. 4
Sat 9 June	Young People’s leaders’ training morning—location to be confirmed
Sun 17 June	Confirmation Service, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul
Sat 30 June	Holiday Club training 2pm
Sat 14 July	Afternoon Tea at St Saviour’s, 3-4.30pm.
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 1 May)**

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 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: Terry Collins; 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: Wendy Carr; Anthony Hammill	Acts 8: 26-40

Sunday 6 May	
8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown 9am St Philip: Brian Buck	Isaiah 55:1-11; John 15: 9-17
10am St Peter & St Paul: Wendy Carr; Anthony Hammill (with baptism) 10am St Andrew: Mark Crawshay-Williams; Felicity Layton 10am St Saviour: Robin Dunn; Mark Brown 10.30am St Philip: Norman Whitfield; Helen Longley	Daniel 11
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Anthony Hammill; Mark Brown; Sir Paul Britton	

Sunday 13 May	
8am St Saviour: Anthony Hammill	Psalms 1; John 17: 6-19
10am St Peter & St Paul: Yolanda Roberts; Mark Brown 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Derek Charnock 10am St Saviour: Sally Musson; Peter Walker 10.30am St Philip: Wendy Carr; Anthony Hammill	Daniel 12 At St Saviour: Act 21:37—22:22; Ephesians 3: 1-19
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Peter Walker	Jonah 1 & 2

For Prayer: Mike and Heather Seaman and family (with thanks for many answers to prayer); the King family (and especially Patricia's father); Joyce Leigh; Kate Doody. Our preachers (see Mark's letter).

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

Those considering confirmation

Young people approaching exams

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



Notices



Parish Away @ Home 2018

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

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



Saturday 2nd June, 9am onwards at Schools @ Somerhill,
inc evening Hog Roast (pre-booked guests also welcome
—£5 per adult)

& Entertainment (offers please) — **please use booking form**
to indicate your plans for the day's activities, **by 1st May if possible!**

Praying for our ministers this week:

MARK

29 April Preaching at Rochester Cathedral in the afternoon
30 April—2 May Area Dean Residential; Mark will lead a seminar on Church Growth.

SALLY

29 April Matins service at Chiddingstone
8 May Family service at Chiddingstone
10 May Deanery Ascension service

JUDI

27-29 April College teaching weekend; Judi will be giving a presentation

ANDY

1 & 2 May Assemblies at Cage Green and Hilden Oaks, introducing Holiday Club
5-12 May A restful and fun week's leave

followed on Sunday 3rd June
by 10.30am whole-parish all-age service
at St Peter & St Paul,
concluding the weekend from 12noon with
Family Fun @ Home in the church yard.

Bring your own picnic & chairs/blankets, invite guests,
enjoy relaxation, refreshments & activities
with others from around our Parish — no need to book!



Ascension Day: Thursday 10th May

Deanery-wide service 8pm

St Peter & St Paul

The whole Deanery from Edenbridge to Hever to St Stephens will join us to celebrate Ascension. Mark will preach in what will be his last service as Area Dean.

A special occasion—and the start of Thy Kingdom Come.



THY KINGDOM COME

10th—20th May 2018 **Between Ascension and Pentecost we're joining a**

global wave of prayer

Christians all round the world will be praying for more people to become Christians—specifically, for 5 people each. They're pledging to pray as individuals, as families and as churches.. www.thykingdomcome.global includes a video where the Archbishop of Canterbury speaks of the impact of one person praying persistently for him to come to faith..... and there's more there on the scope of THY KINGDOM COME.

As a parish, we will have **PRAYER STATIONS** at St Peter & St Paul for the duration; the church will be **OPEN** 8am—8pm, and there will be **individual guides** available. Check the website, get your guidebook or just come along!

EXAMS

It's that time of year again – EXAMS. The Prayer Group that meets on Monday mornings to pray for our young people is once again focussing on those taking exams. If you would like us to pray for anyone dear to you who is taking exams then let us know their names and which type of exams they are taking. You can call on 01732 851658, email on julietr62@btinternet.com or put a note in my pigeon hole.

If you would like to join us to pray you would be very welcome – every Monday from 9.30 at St Peter and St Paul.

Juliet Roberts

Women's Breakfast: Saturday 12th May 9-10.30am Rose & Crown

Wendy Carr will speak on FORGIVENESS: LIVING IN THE LIGHT

Tickets 7.50 including breakfast, from Sara Thomson
sara@sjthomson.plus.com

PRAYER AND PRAISE: Thursday 24th May

Mark will speak; informal praise; Bible reading and intercession for the work of the parish. Refreshments 7.30 for 8pm start; St Peter & St Paul.

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 (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th) at St Saviour's Church.

Confirmation: Sunday 17th June at St Peter & St Paul

Are you interested in affirming your faith in Christ? Talk to Rev'd Canon Mark Brown (contact details on page 8) if you'd like to be confirmed, or would like to know more. Rev'd Anthony Hammill will be running preparation sessions in May for adults, and youth sessions, run by Andy Page, will be in May-June.

Events

FOLLOW THE TRAVELS OF ST PAUL WITH AN AUTHORITATIVE GUIDE

Come and hear Peter Walker on Saturday 12 May 11.00am St Peter & St Paul

Peter was a curate here from 1989-93. He taught for many years at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford and until last June was Professor of Biblical Studies at Trinity School for Ministry (near Pittsburgh USA). He has written many books on Jesus and the Holy Land and will be giving an illustrated talk here on 'In the Steps of St Paul' (just one of his books)

Do just come along - no need to book.

Peter (accompanied by Georgie) will be also preaching on Sunday 13 May at 10.00am at St Saviour's and 6.30pm at St Peter & St Paul

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
01732 355200

ASCENSION DAY—see page 8



The Bible Society
Tonbridge Action
Group

CREAM TEA

Saturday 9 June

2-4pm Christ
Church United
reform Church
High Street TN9
1SG

No charge, but
donations
gratefully received.

**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.

6.30pm at St Peter
& St Paul