

For Prayer: the King family (and especially Patricia's father); Joyce Leigh; Kate Doody. Pam, Paul, Wendy, David, Devon in Kondo

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



Answered prayer! Heather & Mike Seaman are grateful for all your prayers for Heather's recovery from ill-health. You can now share in rejoicing with them for Heather's amazing recovery the day before Hannah, her daughter's wedding! What a merciful and gracious God we have! Praise Him!

We rejoice with David and Donna Williamson and give thanks to God for the safe arrival of baby George on 5th May weighing in at 9lb 3oz. A grandson for Hannah. Warmest congratulations!

Praying for our ministers this week:

MARK::

Wed 23 May Archdeacon Visitation at St Stephen's, evening

SALLY

Saturday 19 May Speaking at Refresh; Pray for patience during foot recovery!

ANDY

Sundays 13th & 20th Confirmation preparation sessions with young people

Thurs 17th Old Testament workshop with Hilden Grange

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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.

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Sundays
13 and 20 May
2018

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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

Dear Friends,

After what had been a very good midweek evening meeting at church, I was asked "Were there many under 50?" There had been some, but I wished there were more!

What to do?

Pray, yes, but also:

- Encourage sign-up for our Parish Away@home weekend. Lots for all ages on the Saturday, and a picnic with games after Sunday service. Who can you encourage to come?
- Our Holiday Club; there must be children down your street? Pass a leaflet to them!

Most of my Christian formation came in my younger years. Unless we focus and work hard at commending the faith, and encouraging those coming to Christian maturity, we will all suffer. Shall we pray: "Thy kingdom come Across the age range"?

Yours in Christ

Mark Brown

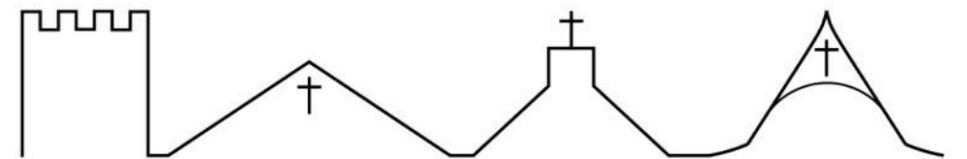


THY KINGDOM COME

10th—20th May 2018

Between Ascension and Pentecost, our parish is joining a global wave of prayer.

We have PRAYER STATIONS at St Peter & St Paul for the duration; the church is OPEN 8am—8pm, and there are individual guides available. That's 120 hours of available time to pray in church, but do see the Thy Kingdom Come site and books for inspiration for your own prayers.



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

Diary

Thurs 24 May	Praise & Prayer, - see p. 3
Sat 26 May	Big Questions resumes, 10.30am at St Peter & St Paul
Sat & Sun 2 & 3 June	Parish Away @ Home weekend - see leaflets
Thurs 7 June	Ethics Big and Small , Anthony Hammill's course 8pm at St Saviour
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.
Sat 14 July	Concert: Byrd to the Beatles, 7.30pm 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	

Notices

From your treasurer

Firstly, for those who were not able to attend our APCM a big thank you for all the faithful giving which helps to keep our parish life so active and vibrant.

After analysis of the first four months figures there are encouraging signs of reaching our target for the 2018 budget for the general fund income of £258,000. If you have not increased your giving this year, please prayerfully consider increasing your giving by 2.5% (the amount staff salaries were increased).

Our expenditure is within budget, and your treasury team closely monitor all planned and incurred costs to ensure value for money.

If you have any questions regarding giving, tax recovery, or indeed any aspect of where your money is spent do not hesitate to contact myself or Yolanda Roberts.

Ray Tanner

From the Kondoa team:

Your generous donations for books for Kondoa reached a total of £900. We are taking £400 to buy English/Swahili Bibles and dictionaries for the trainee pastors at the Bible School, and will be assessing the needs for the kindergarten. Then the remaining £500 donation will be used to buy suitable books when the team go out in October, when it is hoped the school will be ready for its first pupils. All the books will be much appreciated. Many thanks to all!

Events

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Thursday 24th May

Mark Brown speaking

Informal praise

Bible passages

Intercession for the work of the parish.

Refreshments 7.30 for 8pm start;

St Peter & St Paul.

Connected - Confident Parenting in the Digital Age

Our children are growing up with a world of online possibility at their fingertips. How can we ensure that our children are safe without preventing them from accessing the many advantages of the digital age?

Care for the Family is running an event to address this issue. It's at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Tuesday 5 June from 7.30pm to 10pm. Please see cff.org.uk/connected or ring 029 2081 0800 for more information or to book. Tickets are available from £4.

Stepping Stones

Everyday we need to make decisions. How do we approach them?

Anthony is joining us to speak about 'Making decisions' on **Thursday 24th May, 10.30—11.30am at St Peter & St Paul.**

Tea, coffee and biscuits at 10. Creche for pre-schoolers

Everyone is welcome.

Seventh Music Bash

5 pm - 6.30 pm, St Peter & St Paul
Saturday, June 9th.

An informal get together for anyone of whatever age or music ability to play or sing their heart out in worship! We shall sing some well-known songs and a few new ones. There will be refreshments!

Please let one of us know so we can prepare the music and bake a big enough cake!

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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

ETHICS BIG AND SMALL

Big issues—and how they make a difference for us. Join Anthony Hammill at St Saviour, 8—9.30pm on 7, 14, 31, 28 June