

Praying for our ministers this week:

MARK: Monday 10th meeting Church House Westminster
Tuesday 11th Clergy Chapter meeting, St Stephen's vicarage

SALLY: Week beginning 10th December Two funerals to take this week
Wednesday 12th Carols in Chestnut Lodge (with usual monthly service on 20 December)

All our leaders and ministers: God's support and the Spirit's gifts in the weeks to come!

For Prayer:

Heather & Mike Seaman; Sarah Richardson

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



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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 9 & 16
December
2018

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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

Dear Friends

There are lots of reasons why people sing. They love to do it in the bath... they enjoy the roar in a football stadium, they enjoy the wellbeing a good choir gives through being together in rehearsal and performance.

Churchgoers make song a weekly activity, and indeed for good reason, they do it to praise God. Sometimes carol singing can become so familiar to the regular Church family, that we forget how much our guests enjoy singing carols!

All the recent research shows that those who do not attend church are looking for, or waiting for, an invitations and welcome. We assume people are always welcome - yes. But those who are not yet our guests assume they are not welcome because they are not invited. This means the risk of inviting someone to our Carols services is really not that great or scary. Have a go! People would love to be invited!!

The other thing we forget with the over familiarity of carols is the simply wonderful and profound teaching they contain. Perhaps try saying, reading or reflecting upon a carol before singing it. It can bring great meaning and add to our authenticity in singing.

My prayers are with you as you use our Christmas cards and Christmas magazine to invite others to our Carol Services.

Yours in Christ

The Revd Canon Mark Brown
Vicar of Tonbridge Parish Church



Diary

Wed 12 Dec	Jane Austen birthday lecture, 2.30pm St Peter & St Paul p.3
Thurs 20 Dec	Lunchtime Carol Concert, 12.30pm St Peter & St Paul, p.3
Fri 28 Dec	FEAST lunch at St Philips—see p.3
Thurs 10 Jan	Whole Parish Prayer and Praise—see below
Fri 11 Jan	Women's Fellowship CPR Training evening—see p 3
Sat 12 Jan	Big Questions and Bacon Butties—see p 4
Sat 19 Jan	Come Dance with Me, 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul, p 3

Christmas Service information is all in our parish Christmas Cards.



Have you delivered your 3 or 4 cards yet? Do invite as many as you can to our Christmas events. The Follow the Star booklets will be available from 16th December.

PRAISE & PRAYER

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I am calling the church family together on the evening of **January 10th 2019**

Refreshments from 7.30pm for an 8pm start

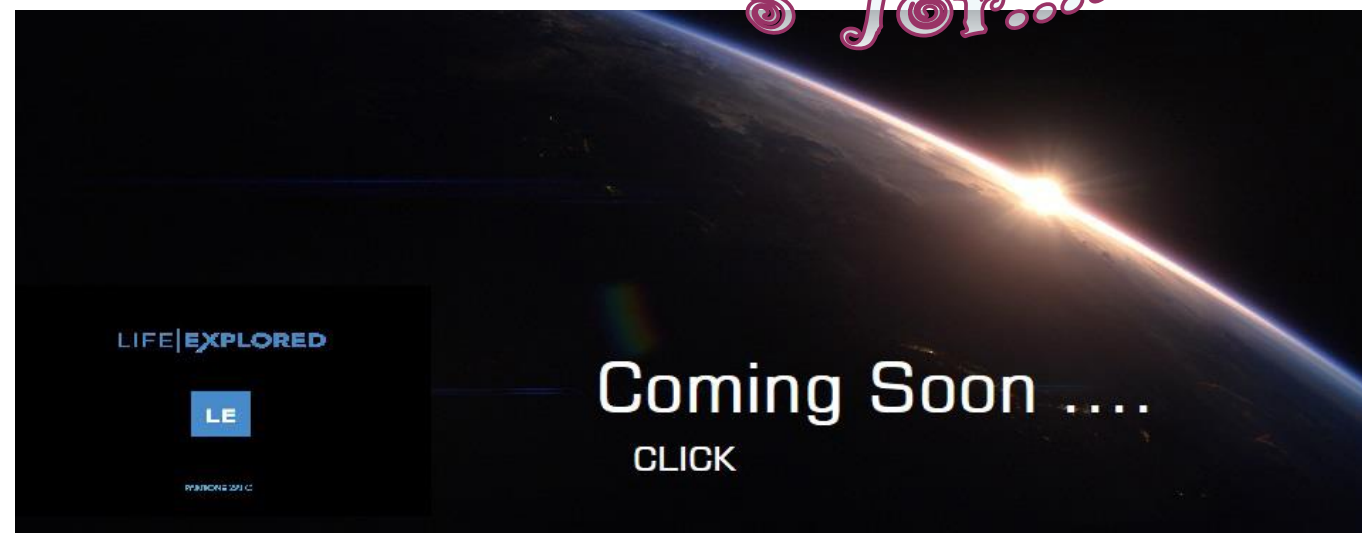
We'll meet at **St Philips** and in Praise and Prayer we will gather ourselves for the New Year, and its priorities that lay ahead of us. Please make every effort to be available for this time.

Mark Brown

NOTICE

Many of you will know that Rosemary Overell went to be with the Lord on 24 November. Her funeral service will be held on Thursday 13 December at 2.00pm in St Peter & St Paul. All are very welcome to take this opportunity to give thanks for her life and to join the family for refreshments afterwards in the Lower Lounge.

KEEP Praying for.....



The gatherings for those interested in LIFE EX plored—exploring the **BIG QUESTIONS AROUND LIFE AND FAITH**—are set to come to St Philip's Church in January 2019.

Based on the popular relaxed BIG QUESTIONS we ran in 2018, using Life Explored material, **now with the addition of breakfast!** There's chance to ask anything, but you don't have to speak, sing or pray—just come and see what it's about.

BIG QUESTIONS AND BACON BUTTIES

7 sessions starting Saturday 12th January 9.00—11.00

Booking and more information: Wendy Carr (see p.6)

Jane Austen birthday lecture:

Wednesday 12th December

2.30—4.30pm at St Peter & St Paul Talk by Professor Emma J Clery: *The Importance of Being Henry: The influence of Jane Austen's banker brother on her novels*. Tickets £5.50 including tea and cake, available from Susan Adams Business Services, or on the door.

Concert - Sunday 16th December:

Celebrate the Festive Season with a programme of music for Advent with soprano, harpsichord and recorder. 3pm, St Saviour’s Church. Tickets £10 at the door.

Lunchtime Carol Concert: Thursday 20 December 12.30pm

St Peter & St Paul

Our friendly annual event to bring along your work colleagues, friends and neighbours. Music, carols, mince pies and a thought for the day from our vicar Mark Brown.

High Hopes (Tonbridge Children’s Workshop) Fundraising Panto:

The Christmas Advert Championships

Thursday 20 Dec; 4pm at Christ Church URC.

Free (donations on the door). To book go to: www.high-hopes.org

CHRISTMAS FEAST for families on low income: Friday 28th December at St Philips Church, in conjunction with Community Larder. Book by 19th December @feast.org.uk

Contact helenlongley@btinternet.com or felicity.layton@talktalk.net for more details

ADVANCE NOTICE

Come Dance with Me!

Saturday 19th January 7.30pm.

Join Mark and our near-professional dancers Maureen Gamage and Caroline Buck for a sparkling evening at the start of a New Year.

* Drinks * Nibbles * Music

Dance with professionals

Enjoy fellowship

Look out for booking information soon.

CPR Evening: Friday 11th January

7.30pm St Philip’s Church

The British Heart Foundation visit our regular Women's Fellowship group with a

Services

First named minister is Leader; second is Preacher

Sunday 9 December	
8am St Saviour: Ellen Eames	Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6
10am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Christina Chia 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Wendy Carr 10am St Saviour: Robin Dunn; Sally Musson 10.30am St Philip: Clare Page; Andy Kirkpatrick	Romans 8:1-17
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Wendy Carr	Charles Simeon. English evangelical clergyman . 2 Timothy 2 14-16; John 1 1-15
Sunday 16 December	
8am St Peter & St Paul: Wendy Carr	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Luke 3:7-18
10am St Peter & St Paul: David Balcombe; Sally Musson 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Jenny Macpherson 10am St Saviour: Brian Buck; Mark Brown 10.30am St Philip: Wendy Carr; George Gilbert-Smith	Romans 8: 18-39
4pm St Peter & St Paul: Lessons & Carols: Sally Musson; Mark Brown 5.30pm St Philip: Carol service with mulled wine & mince pies: Wendy Carr	
Sunday 23 December	
8am St Saviour: Mark Brown	Psalms 80: 1-8 Luke 1: 39-45
10am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Felicity Layton 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Deryck Charnock 10am St Saviour: Robin Dunn; Sally Musson 10.30am St Philip: Norman Whitfield; Wendy Carr	Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1: 39-45
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: CAROL SERVICE Wendy Carr; Mark Brown	

Please note: NO EVENING SERVICE on 16th December
Instead, bring a guest to our two Christmas services that afternoon:
4pm St Peter & St Paul; 5.30pm St Philip (see above)