

## Diary

- Sat 19 Jan Come Dance with Me, 7.30pm St Peter & St Paul: RSVP Yolanda
- Fri 8 Feb Auction of Promises for Kondoa at St Peter & St Paul, 7.00pm.  
Pass your promises/offers/services to the parish office; details of tickets and supper soon.
- Sun 27 Jan Guest Service: 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul.  
A relaxed time with drinks and nibbles in the chancel area, where a simple explanation of the Christian faith will be given by Mark, and an opportunity for people to ask questions. Do come yourself, and if you feel prompted, invite someone.
- Sun 3 Feb First Sunday Breakfast, 8.45am at St Peter & St Paul
- Sun 10 Mar Youth-led evening service, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul—please note this is NOT 10th Feb as shown in the yellow “Restore O Lord” cards

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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 x 24

Sundays  
13 & 20  
January 2019

# TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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

*Coming  
up....*

*Come Dance  
with Me  
Sat 19th Jan*

**AUCTION OF  
PROMISES  
& FAMILY SUPPER  
Saturday 8 Feb**

**BIG QUESTIONS &  
Bacon Butties  
Continue  
Saturdays  
9-11am**

**Guest Service  
Sun 27 Jan  
6.30pm**

**Taizé**  
Evening service  
Sunday 3 February





Dear Friends

## Collect for Epiphany 1: The Baptism of Christ

Eternal father  
 Who at the baptism of Jesus  
 Revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
 Grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
 That we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children:  
 Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 Who is alive and reigns with you,  
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 One God, now and for ever.



So are you born again? If not, or you are not sure, please speak to someone who you think can help you. Being born again is the only way to be a child of God and “adopted” by his grace. May we all seek to know the Son by being faithful to our calling above all other callings, to be his children.

## Services

First named minister is Leader; second is Preacher

Sunday 13 January Baptism of Christ	
8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr	Isaiah 43 1-7; Luke 3 15-17; 21-22
10am St Peter & St Paul: Clare Page; Mark Brown 10am St Andrew: Deryck Charnock 10am St Saviour: Sally Musson 10.30am St Philip: Wendy Carr; Andy Kirkpatrick	Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3: 15-17; 21-22
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Wendy Carr	Isaiah 55: 1-11; Mark 1: 4-11

Sunday 20 January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown	Psalms 36: 5-10 John 1: 29-42
10am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; James Brown 10am St Andrew: Mark Crawshay-Williams; Jenny Macpherson 10am St Saviour: Sally Musson	Luke 10: 1-24
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Sally Musson; Mark Brown	2 Peter 1

Sunday 27 January	
8am St Saviour Wendy Carr	Nehemiah 8: 1-3; 5-6; 8-10 Luke 4: 14-21
10am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Dr Jeremy King 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; David Heyes 10am St Saviour: Robin Dunn, Wendy Carr 10.30am St Philip: Helen Longley; Sally Musson	Luke 10: 25-37
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Wendy Carr; Mark Brown	2 Peter 2

## Notices

### WONDERING WHERE YOU'RE BEING LED?

Then come along to an 'It's Your Calling Day' - it isn't just for those seeking ordained or licensed lay ministry but a chance to think about various vocations and to discuss and reflect with others.

The next day is on Saturday 9 February at St Andrews Paddock Wood from 9.30 am-3.45pm. You will need the endorsement of the Vicar to attend.

If you are interested or have any questions do feel free to contact me

Sally Musson (with my Vocations Adviser hat on!)

### GIVING THANKS FOR MINISTRY AT HIGH HILDEN

As you will aware, very sadly, High Hilden Residential Home closed last autumn. For many years faithful folk from this Parish have led a weekly service in High Hilden and we will be giving thanks for their ministry, as well as for the care the home has offered to so many people, at our evening service at 6.30pm in St Peter & St Paul on Sunday 20 January. Do join us if you can - and great if you have particular memories to share over refreshments after the service.

Mark and Sally

### From BRIAN BUCK

Caroline and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during my recent illness.

### HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR TOTS & CO

Liz Wood who runs Tots & Co is looking for a couple of helpers to help her set up & run the Parent & Toddler group at St Philips on Wednesday afternoons. The session runs from 13:15 to 14:45 plus setting up/clearing up.

Liz would also love to hear from anyone who would enjoy welcoming & chatting to the families whilst Florence is away this term until Easter.

We are a friendly group with about 15 families attending each week. It is a real opportunity and privilege to minister to these lovely families, but Liz really needs additional help to keep the group going. [totsandco.tonbridge@gmail.com](mailto:totsandco.tonbridge@gmail.com) or 770955

**Recruitment!** Open Evening for Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir on Thursday January 17th 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Bayhall Rd Tunbridge Wells.

### JOSHUA PUGH

The family of the late Grace and Chris Pugh are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Joshua Luke Downes Pugh on December 22nd, a son for Phil and Karen Pugh.

### STOP PRESS

Open Tonbridge Deanery Synod gathering Saturday 26 January 9.30am-12.00 noon at St Philips. High Hopes will be presenting and sharing. All welcome.

### Collect for Epiphany 2

Almighty God,  
In Christ you make all things new:  
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
Make known your heavenly glory;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.

What is Christ renewing in your life? You need to be specific! There is no shame in being "poor in Spirit" or recognizing the poverty of our human nature. This is who we are. Those to pray for are those who can't answer the question! The feasting of Epiphany continues as we celebrate the renewal of our lives in Christ.

Yours in Christ  
Mark Brown





## Events

**Tonbridge School Community Concert for senior citizens** Thursday 7th February, 7-9pm at Tonbridge School. Please contact Jane Mata 01732 352416 by Monday 21st January if you and any friends would like to be added to the list.

**The Christian Institute: LIVING CHRISTIANITY** Tues 22 Jan 8pm

St Nicholas's Church Sevenoaks

Featuring: Family; Gospel Freedom; Gender Ideology. The Christian Institute 01912815664

**Our mission partners, the LANGHAM**

**PARTNERSHIP:** Vision Day with Dr Chris Wright at All Souls, Langham Place, London W18 3DG 2 February 10am—4pm.

Book your free place:

[www.langhamvisionday.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.langhamvisionday.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Inter Church Prayer meeting** for persecuted church: Monday 21 January , 2pm, 48 Yardley Park Road. Jean Millman 01732 352757

**LIFE EXPLORED:  
Big Questions & Bacon  
Butties** has started—  
you can still join!

Bring yourself or bring a visitor to this relaxed, friendly introduction to the faith. No prior knowledge assumed and no participation expected—but all questions very welcome!

Saturdays 19 Jan, 2,9,16 & 23 Feb; 23 March. 9.00—11.00 at St Philip's church.

**For Prayer:** Caroline Fullman; Sarah Richardson (Barbara & David's daughter)

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.



## Pray for our ministers:

MARK:	15 January	Meeting for Training Incumbents.
SALLY:	20 January 22 January 26 January	Interment of ashes Chiddingstone Governors meeting Chiddingstone School Deanery Synod meeting
ANDY:	14 & 21 Jan	Fun Club at Cage Green; for lots of fun and more leaders: prayer for the new term
	15 January	Cage Green assembly

## Notices

### Treasurer's update

A big thank you to all who have supported the parish during 2018 in prayer, time and financially. Without your support the proclaiming of the gospel here in Tonbridge and in distant lands would not be possible.

**2018:** Your finance team is currently working on the accounts for our financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to be presented to our independent examiner (Gilbert Allen & Co).

It is expected that the General Fund will show a small surplus. Our target income was not achieved but was offset by the reduction of our Parish Share due our Associate Vicar, Anthony Hammill, leaving the parish in the month of August.

**2019:** At the PCC meeting in December a balanced budget, recommended by the Finance Committee, was agreed. This budget allows for a cost of living increase for staff (2.5%) and an allowance for a part-time youth minister assistant to reinforce our Youth work. Please do consider if you are able to increase your giving to the General Fund this year.

If you have any questions on any of our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I will present a detailed report for our 2018 Accounts at our APCM meeting on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April 19.

Ray Tanner, Treasurer 01732 351422

John 3.16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Christmas Collections.** Thank you to all those who contributed to the collections during our Special Christmas Services. We raised a total of just over £3,300 which will be equally split between our chosen charities, Kent Community Domestic Abuse Programme (CDAP) and Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services (DAVSS).



After 27 years Soul Survivor is coming to an end, and we're going to be there for it. We'll be attending for week C of the event which runs from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wed 28<sup>th</sup> August, covering the Bank Holiday weekend.

If you'd like to come along complete one of the sign-up forms and return it, along with a deposit, by **January 18<sup>th</sup>**. To find out more about Soul Survivor you can visit their website or talk with Andy Page or Rachel or Andy Gibb.