

Thank you to all who made the **Tea Dance** a most enjoyable event. All who came, all who baked, all who transported goods, the St Philip's team, the musicians and especially our 'Kondoa young People' who distinguished themselves with vital, energetic and willing help. Over £300 raised. Alleluia.

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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
24 Feb &
3 March 2019

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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

Dear Friends

Collect for Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all
things,
now and for ever.

Try reading Psalm 8 alongside this collect, consider all the Lord has made, including us, and seek to recognise that afresh in your week. Take some time each evening to see where God has been at work in your day; in nature, in those around you, in the encounter in the street or in the silence.

Collect for Sunday Next before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

No-one likes suffering and we avoid it as much as possible; remedies for a cold, analgesics for pain and comfort in grief. So what would it mean for us today to suffer with Christ? Suffering comes in many forms, mental, physical, emotional and spiritual but we are not alone in this world. Holding the promise that God walks with us daily, pray for God's grace to strengthen us, in all we are, and all we do.

Rev Wendy Carr



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

Diary

Thurs 28 Feb	Discover your Spiritual Gifts: 7.30pm St Saviour's. See p.3
Fri 1 March	World Day of Prayer, 10.30pm Tonbridge Baptist Church p.4
Fri 1 March	Fairtrade Tonbridge public meeting, 7pm Tonbridge Castle—see posters in churches
Wed 6 March	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, 10am St Peter & St Paul p.5
Sat 9 March	Modern slavery awareness; 4-6pm St Peter & St Paul p.6
Sun 10 March	Youth-led evening service, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul
Sun 17 March	Parish-wide service, 10am St Peter & St Paul
Tues 19 March	Bishop David evening at St Saviour's—see below
Sat 23 March	Music Bash, 5-6.30pm St Peter & St Paul
Mon 1 April	Grenfell Hope, 7.30 for 8pm St Peter & St Paul p.4
Thurs 4 April	Organ concert, 1pm St Peter & St Paul
Sun 7 April	Healing Service with Julia Burton-Jones, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul
Wed 10 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Parish Wide service: Sunday 17th March: 10am St Peter & St Paul

Join together to hear Bishop David Atkinson, author (his most recent book: Hope Rediscovered: Biblical Wisdom for an Anxious World) and scientist.
 Bishop David also preaches at St Peter & St Paul at 6.30pm.
 NO MORNING SERVICES AT ST PHILIP, ST ANDREW OR ST SAVIOUR;
 8am as normal at St Peter & St Paul

“Doing Shalom”

Talk and discussion with David Atkinson on living in harmony with God and His creation

Tuesday 19 March 7.30 for 8pm St.Saviour's church

Services

First named minister is Leader; second is Preacher

Sunday 24 February	
8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr; Sally Musson	Gen 2: 4b-9; 15-25 Luke 8: 22-25
10am St Peter & St Paul: Wendy Carr; Helen Longley 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Jenny Macpherson 10am St Saviour: Sally Musson 10.30am St Philip: Clare Page; Norman Whitfield	Luke 11: 29-36
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Sally Musson; Wendy Carr	Genesis 19: 23-39 Jude: 1-16

Sunday 3 March	
8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown 9am St Philip: Norman Whitfield	Exodus 34: 29-35 Luke 9: 28-36
10am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown (All-age service) 10am St Andrew: Mark Crawshay-Williams; Yolanda Roberts 10am St Saviour: Deryck Charnock; Felicity Layton 10.30am St Philip: Andy Page (All-age service)	Luke 11: 37-54
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Sally Musson	Jude 17-25 Luke 21: 1-19

Sunday 10 March	
8am St Saviour: Deryck Charnock	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Luke 4: 1-13
10am St Peter & St Paul: Clare Page; Mark Brown 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Robin Dunn 10am St Saviour: Brian Buck; Sally Musson 10.30am St Philip: Helen Longley; Andy Kirkpatrick	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Luke 4: 1-13
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Youth-led service with Andy Page & team	Jonah 3 Luke 18: 9-14

Pray for our ministers:

WENDY: Residential training weekend for KIME.
Careers fair at Tonbridge Grammar School

SALLY: 1 March Governors' training
2 March Diocesan Synod
5 March Meeting at Diocesan office
7 March Safeguarding training. Deanery Standing
Committee meeting

ANDY: 26 Feb Cage Green assembly
5 March Assignment due



Pray for each other: Heather & Mike Seaman; Miriam Collett-Green;
Louise Sage; Bill Burnett; Barry Charlton and family; John Pettett

**Modern Slavery: Saturday 9th March,
St Peter & St Paul: 4-6pm**

Modern slavery is happening in the UK.

In our towns, cities, villages, and fields there are people working for little or no pay, under the threat of violence. They may be exploited in high street businesses like hand car washes and nail bars, kept working as domestic servants in private homes, or be forced into sex work. Men, women and children of all nationalities can be victims.

Join our modern slavery training to learn more about this global and local crime and find out what you can do to help end it for good.

Tea/coffee and cake available.

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL

Thank you for a great response to the renewal. If you have been on the electoral roll and haven't renewed in the last couple of weeks, please complete a form. If you are a church member but haven't been on the roll, please apply!

Get your form from churches
or from the website.

Forms can be returned,
up to 12th March **at the very latest**,
via the parish office or emailed to Jane
Mata (see page 8)

Events

Discover your



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

All of us want to be of use, all of us want to help, all of us want to give back in some way !!

In my experience, so many good and worthy Christians have these and many other good attributes but often omit to see exactly what God has given them spiritually, and how they can use what they have been given.

This evening will assist you to understand exactly how God has gifted you and give you some pointers as to how your gifts can grow and develop. Before you say this is not for you please reflect that

Every true Christian has been given a gift! (1 Corinthians 12:7) The simple and often neglected task is therefore to identify and use what we have been given.

Please be rest assured you will not be signed up for a list or rota or be asked to do something you don't want. But if you cannot answer simply "What is your gift?", or if you know someone else who might find the evening encouraging, then this is for you and them. Do join myself and others for an enjoyable evening.

Rev Canon Mark Brown

*Thursday 28th February 7.30 for 8pm
St Saviour's Church*

EASTER EGGS NEEDED for



**Fegans family
charity across Kent. Could you donate
an Easter Egg?**

Please bring eggs to our services on 24th and 31st March for donation to this great cause. Thanks to Alison & Bob Wise for co-ordinating this.

Voluntary Cleaners St Peter & St Paul

More cleaners are needed to keep our church shining and dust free. Please contact Judy Roberts, 01732 355026

GRENFELL HOPE - INSPIRATION FROM TRAGEDY

Gaby Doherty, living on the spot of the Grenfell tragedy and closely involved in the church's work in the aftermath, is coming to speak and share with us on Monday 1 April, 7.30pm for 8.00pm in St Peter & St Paul. Save the date! Copies of her book available in the churches (price £7).

Perspectives: The Spring edition will be off the press on Saturday 2nd March.

Please could area reps collect from St Peter & St Paul on 2nd March between 9.30 — 11.30 (coffees available!) Everyone — on Sunday 3rd March please collect a street or two to deliver in our focus area for the quarter.

Parentalk - The Teenage Years will be running on six Monday evenings in May and June, starting May 13. More details in due course, but please save these dates. Patricia King

World Day of Prayer Invitation

Tonbridge Area Churches Together invite you to join them on Friday 1 March for the World Day of Prayer. This annual event, which this year has been prepared by women in Slovenia, will be participated in by around 100 countries in a 24 hour period.

The service is at 10:30am, at Tonbridge Baptist Church, TN10 3HZ and will last approximately an hour. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Creche available.

HOLIDAY CLUB 24
-26 July 2019 Look out for
VOLUNTEER FORMS around the
parish from 3rd March!

Ash Wednesday

Our service for Ash Wednesday (6 March) will be at 10.00am at St Peter & St Paul. It will be a service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes. Mark will be preaching and the choir will be leading our singing. Let us start our journey through Lent together on this special day.

Lent

Learning together about spiritual, physical and mental health.

An important note for all leaders and congregational members from The Vicar!

I am grateful to the work of the staff team in enabling an offering for us all during Lent this year. Our leaflet giving all details will be available on March 3rd and the programme will be formally launched with teaching and practical encouragement at our Ash Wednesday service (10am, 6th March) and at our Youth-led service on Sunday 10th March.

I am praying you will be blessed during this most holy and spiritual of seasons, Lent: a time to seek renewal in the life of faith through the use of our suggested guides.

During Lent there will be NO oral notices in church services! Our admin team provide us with many written details on our diary sheets. A greater, prayerful, assimilation of the news contained therein will perhaps help us to slow down and be less reliant on prompts.

Leaders: do make every effort to plan ahead to give the admin team clear times, dates, news and expectations for those we are looking to bless through our many events and activities.

Deadline for news sheet information is the Wednesday leading up to the Sunday of issue.