

Restore, O Lord..... Look out for leaflets setting out Lent events, and our options to follow to be RESTORED spiritually, physically and mentally. The guide to all Lent plans, and guides to individual strands, are in churches and on the RESTORE tab on our Website www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

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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
10 & 17 March
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TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS
St Peter & St Paul, St Andrew, St Philip & St Saviour

Dear Friends

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

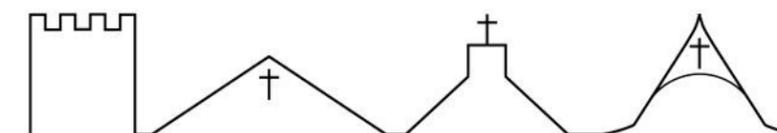
Deserts are dry, inhospitable places that support little to no life but this was exactly the place Christ went to in preparation for His ministry. In the Bible the desert is often the place God appears most tangibly to people: maybe this Lent God is calling you out into the desert to meet with Him.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we were reminded on the Sunday before Lent, Christ's glory was revealed through His suffering. We each suffer in different ways at different times; if you or someone you know is suffering at present ask God to help you see how He is showing His glory through it.

Andy Page



Diary

- 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 Mar Music Bash, 5-6.30pm St Peter & St Paul.
- Thurs 28 March Coffee Morning for Kondoa at Stepping Stones—see p.4
- Mon 1 April Grenfell Hope, 7.30 for 8pm St Peter & St Paul
- Thurs 4 April Organ concert, 1pm St Peter & St Paul
- Sat 6 April Men's group walk—13 miles coastal; contact Les Naylor/Ray (p.3)
- Sun 7 April Healing Service with Julia Burton-Jones, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul
- Wed 10 April Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- For the diary:** Sunday 14 July: Sunday Funday
24—26 July: Holiday Club (look out for volunteer forms!)
24—27 August: Coldharbour Parish Camping weekend—details soon

“Doing Shalom”

Tuesday 19 March 7.30 for 8.00pm St.Saviour's church

Bishop David Atkinson, author of “Renewing the Face of the Earth” and “Hope rediscovered”, will talk on DOING SHALOM, a flourishing of:

- Our spiritual, emotional, physical and social wellbeing by following the way of Jesus
 - Our relationship with God and His glorious gift of creation
 - Communities where we give our time, prayers and resources
 - God's beautiful world when we live in harmony with it.

SONG; DISCUSSION; “THE LARK ASCENDING” PERFORMED BY ROBIN MORRISH

Come and be blessed!

Bishop David's latest book “Hope Rediscovered” will be available at the talk.

Services

First named minister is Leader; second is Preacher

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 leaders Ollie Hann and Lucy Minton; Preacher: Mark Brown	Jonah 3 Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday 17th March	
8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown	Genesis 15: 1-12; 17-18 Luke 13: 31-35
10am St Peter & St Paul: Parish wide service Leader: Mark Brown; Preacher: Bishop David Atkinson	God's Wisdom embedded in Science
6.30 St Peter & St Paul: Leader Sally Musson; Preacher David Atkinson	God's Wisdom embedded in Jesus

Sunday 24 March	
8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Luke 13: 1-9
10am St Peter & St Paul: Wendy Carr; Mark Brown 10am St Andrew: Jenny Macpherson; Mark Crawshay-Williams 10am St Saviour: Sally Musson; David Heyes 10.30am St Philip: Norman Whitfield; Robin Dunn	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Luke 13: 1-9
6.30pm St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown, Wendy Carr	Genesis 28: 10-19a John 1: 35-51

Pray for our ministers:

MARK: Monday 11th Slade school assembly
Tuesday 12th Staff away day to plan and prepare for the future

WENDY: Final Big questions for this term 23rd March.

SALLY: Tuesday 12th Family funeral
Thurs 14th LLM module - essay moderation meeting
Tues 19th Governors meeting Chiddingstone

ANDY: Friday 15th College
Monday 18th Holiday Club meeting in evening



Pray for each other: Anthea Harrison, Diana Gibb; Miriam Collett-Green; Louise Sage; Bill Burnett; George and Amy Thwaites

Volunteers and Prayers for Tots & Co
Tots & Co is looking for volunteers to set up & run this Parent & Toddler group at St Philips on Wednesday afternoons. The session runs from 13:15 to 14:45 and setting up/clearing away is about 45 minutes either side. We are a really friendly group with about 15 families attending each week. It is a real opportunity and privilege to minister to these lovely families but additional volunteers are needed to keep the group going. You are invited to prayerfully consider if you or someone you know would like to join the team. Your prayers would also be welcomed for the way forward for Tots & Co as due

to the reduction in our volunteers we are seeking God's will if Tots should continue or it's time to close. Please contact Liz if you would like to know more (totsandco.tonbridge@gmail.com or 770955), or you can speak in confidence to Wendy Carr.

Sunday Afternoon Concert

Bacchus Wind Orchestra

24th March 2019 at 3.00pm
Parish Church of St. Peter & St. Paul
A British theme with works by Byrd, Gordon Jacob, Malcolm Arnold Montague Phillips, Purcell and a journey from Surrey to Scotland! Tickets £5 on the door.

From the Vicar

In response to requests from others, and in keeping with my own convictions, I bring to your attention four occasions for prayer

1. **For our country with BREXIT:** Tuesday 19th March 7:30 for 8pm St Saviour

As part of this evening with Bishop David Atkinson, we will be praying for our country, and all the decisions and votes taken by our government. The Church of England has issued some formal prayers, some of which we will be using along with our own private prayers. If you wish to gather, then the subject matter and the presence of a Bishop for the evening seems a good time to do this.

2. **For our Parish:** Thursday 28th March 8:00pm St Peter & St Paul ..

Pray in anticipation of the celebration of the parish's work and future at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 10th April. Do join me if you are free and wish to support the work of our annual meeting in prayer. We are praying for a good turnout at the APCM and the Spirit to inspire us for the year ahead.

3. **Restore O Lord** - our Lent, Holy Week and Easter programme – don't miss it - see the RESTORE leaflet for some guidelines and things to look forward to so your own prayers are stimulated and encouraged.

4. **Our regular weekly parish prayer gathering** - Saturday mornings in the lower lounge at St Peter & St Paul, 9:00-10:00

The Men's Forum meet at St.Philip's every second and fourth Monday at 7.45.

We have a varied programme of speakers and activities and it is open to all, no matter what your age!

There is an active group who walk once a month and organise away weekends around the country. We quite often cook together or meet just for a chat and fellowship. For more information contact Ray Tanner on 07810470100 or raytanner_1@btinternet.com

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

NO MORNING SERVICES AT ST PHILIPS, ST ANDREW OR ST SAVIOUR.

See page 7 for more on Bishop David Atkinson's talks in the 10am and 6.30pm services.

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.

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. Bring friends and family to this special opportunity.

Coffee & Cake for Kondoa: Thursday 28th March

Hosted by Stepping Stones; 10.00—12.00, St Peter & St Paul.
Supporting our young people's visit in August 2019.

First Music Bash of 2019!

Saturday 23 March

5.00 - 6.30 at St Peter and St Paul.

Come along for a good sing or play, and try one or two new songs. Everyone welcome (bring a friend!). There will be cake!

So that we can prepare enough sheet music please RSVP to:

Felicity Layton (07736062586)/
felicity.layton@talktalk.net,

Wendy Balcombe,
(wendybalcombe@hotmail.com)

or Steve Minton (ashminton@gmail.com)

'Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord ' (Eph. 5:19)

Notices

Help needed!!

I am very grateful to the enhanced team of pastoral visitors that we now have in our Parish. You might like to join them for one very specific purpose: visiting families who either request baptism for their children or who we've had links with in the past, but no longer.

I would brief and support you in this, but my view is that a friendly visit, and news of our community and church, can be a blessing to young families as they raise children. If you are interested in finding out more please let my PA Yolanda Roberts know (details page 8) *Mark Brown*

Confirmation

In October 2019, we will be offering members of our Parish family the opportunity to be confirmed. If you have not done so already, this is a wonderful way of signalling commitment to our Parish and the Lord.

Increasingly, this is not just for young people who have been baptised as infants but want now to express the faith for themselves, but also for those who are adults, wanting to reconnect with the church more formally and see their faith in Christ grow. Our next confirmation service is on Sunday October 13th at St Stephens. Please let me know via the Parish Office or have a word with myself or Wendy.

Mark Brown

As many of you will know, **Colin Watts** went to be with the Lord on 2 March. His family would like to thank everyone for the support and prayers which they and Colin have received over the past months. Colin's funeral service will be held at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on the morning of Monday 1 April for the family. This will be followed by a thanksgiving service in St Peter & St Paul Church at 2.00pm. All are warmly welcomed to this service and to refreshments afterwards in the Coffee Lounge.

Jenny and Peter Hancox and family thank all who sent flowers, cards and kind messages following the recent death of Jenny's mother. Thank you for your prayers

CHRISTIAN AID - HSBC

Christian Aid has prepared a petition to be taken to each HSBC branch in the UK, urging them to divest from fossil fuels. Why HSBC? HSBC have presented themselves as 'climate leaders' but are currently investing in coal mines in Bangladesh, Vietnam and Indonesia, three vulnerable countries already feeling the effects of climate change. Petitions to sign will be at the back of St. Philips' church on Sunday, March 10th and at St. Peter and St. Paul on Sunday, March 17th at the parish wide service. Helen Longley will be taking the petition to the Tonbridge branch of HSBC on Wednesday, 20th March at 11.30 and would welcome anyone wishing to join her.

Financial update

The income for this year to the end of February shows a small shortfall on budget of £5,000.

The accounts for 2018 are with the Auditors, and will be finalised later this month and posted in the churches two weeks before the APCM on 10th April. There is a small surplus on the General Fund for last year in the order of £15,000 which is mainly due to the associate vicar vacancy.

A full report on the 2018 accounts and the first quarter 2019 position will be given at the APCM

From Ray Tanner and Les Naylor (Treasurer designate)