

## Tonbridge School Community Concert: Thurs 6 Feb, 7-9pm

Popular annual concert by the school's music students, for senior citizens. Transport can be arranged; the site is wheelchair accessible; refreshments in the interval. Please book by 23 Jan to [TCA@tonbridge-school.org](mailto:TCA@tonbridge-school.org), or by post Tonbridge School c/o TCA, High Street Tonbridge TN9 1JP. Contact Jutta at the school with any queries: 01732 304278



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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)



Sundays  
12th & 19th  
January 2020

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS  
St Peter & St Paul, St Andrew, St Philip & St Saviour

## Dear Friends

### Hope for the future

I reflect that as our new year and decade begins, many people need the hope offered in Christ for their futures. One of the most perplexing issues, facing not just believing people or those with Christian sympathies, is that of difficulty, depression, mental illness, loneliness, physical disabilities, struggles or sufferings and trials of many and various kinds.

From the middle of January, for a few weeks in the evening we are looking in detail at some of the profound and life connecting teaching from the book of Job. There will be prayers for healing, and hope and insights from this timeless teaching that will be so relevant to peoples lives.

I draw this to your attention for your courageous invitation for others. "Consider my servant Job" the scriptures say – we can be sure that the Lord too considers our lives and the lives of those we pray for. May our evenings reflecting on these things bring great hope, to us and many in our community.

### A heart for hospitality

We are keeping alive our theme of hospitality with a particular focus during the month of February. We have hosts, we have able and spiritually minded facilitators for these gatherings (indeed there will be a large number meeting across the Parish ) and I would very much like you to be part of these. It demonstrates that our hearts are open and hospitable to others, in conversation with whom we will meet, and to the Lord, in whose name this initiative is done. Our gatherings will be at many times to suit you, yes even morning, afternoon or evening on any day of the week! Would you like to be involved and sign up to attend? If so drop Yolanda an email or call (details p.8).

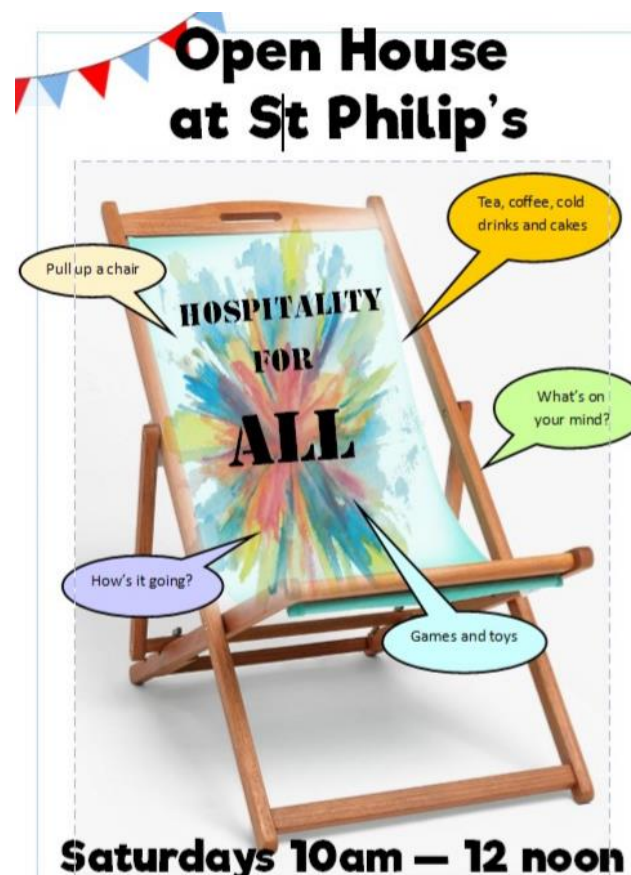
You will meet others, you will be informed, you will be blessed and enriched, in ways which I strongly believe will give hope to the future for your lives and the whole Parish. We are expecting large numbers of people to be involved. Please help us by registering early—we will be in touch with you as to when and where you are meeting, but by all means express any preferences you may have.

With my sincere prayerful good wishes for 2020.

Yours in Christ,  
Mark Brown

## Diary

- Sat 25 Jan Men's walk—see p.4  
Bishop of Maidstone at St John's Hildenborough—see p.4  
Kondoa Evening, St Philip—see opposite
- Thurs. 30 Jan Restored Lives - see p.4
- Fri 31 Jan Barn Dance for High Hopes—see opposite
- Sat 15 Feb Caring Concerns starts at St Saviour—see p.4
- Tues 25 Feb Pancake party , St Philip
- Tues 3 March Lent Course begins, 8pm Stk Philip's; 5 Tuesday evenings
- Fri 6 March World day of Prayer—see p.4
- Mon 23 March Experience Easter week



### Open House Specials

A programme of exciting events is forming for Jan—March at Open House. Join us for **leaf clearing on Saturday 18th Jan**, and for **Green Hearts: Show the Love on Saturday 8th February**, part of the Climate Coalition's campaign to spread awareness of climate change. Activities will include making hearts to wear and eat, and planting seeds

Open House: hospitality at St Philips  
10—12 Saturdays

Could you help **LEAD SHORT WALKS for Open House** in conjunction with TMBC's One You initiative? Training is provided—please contact Wendy Carr.

OPEN EVENING: TUNBRIDGE WELLS ORPHEUS MALE VOICE CHOIR  
Do come if you're interested in singing with us. Thurs 23 Jan at us. Glen 01732 358824  
St Peter's, Bayhall Rd Tunbridge Wells 7.30pm.

## Morning Services

First name is leader; second is preacher

### Sunday 12th January

8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Matthew 3: 13-17

10am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Dr Jeremy King

10am St Andrew: Wendy Carr; Terry Collins

Isaiah 42: 1-9

10am St Saviour: Sally Musson

Matthew 3: 13-17

10.30 St Philip: Andy Kirkpatrick; Deryck Charnock

### Sunday 19th January

8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown

Isaiah 49: 1-7 John 1: 29-42

10am St Peter & St Paul: Andy Page; Mark Brown

10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Sally Musson

10am St Saviour: Brian Buck; Victoria Lawrence

John 1

10.30am St Philip: Wendy Carr; Andy Kirkpatrick

### Sunday 26th January

8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr

Psalms 27: 1-11

Matthew 19: 27-30

10am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; James Brown

10am St Andrew: Mark Crawshay-Williams

10am St Saviour: Robin Dunn; Sally Musson

John 2

10.30am St Philip: Wendy Carr; Norman Whitfield

## Evening Services:

Fellowship from across the whole parish as we worship together at St Peter & St Paul 6.30pm

### Sunday 12th January

Holy Communion

Hebrews 1 : 1-12 Luke 3: 15-22

Leader: Mark Brown; Preacher: Wendy Carr

### Sunday 19th January

Healing Service: A theme of restoration and the chance for someone to pray with you for healing for yourself or another

“What we can learn from Job”: Job 1

Wendy Carr; Mark Brown

### Sunday 26th January

“What we can learn from Job”: Job 14

Wendy Carr; Sally Musson

### For prayer:

David Heyes

**Mark:** Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Meeting at St Benedict's for a training incumbents' day.

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Funeral

**Wendy:** Open House resumes from 11th Jan; Curates' training day Saturday 25th Jan

**Sally:** Sunday 12th Jan: Family Service Chiddingstone; Friday 24th Jan: Chiddingstone School Collective Worship; Saturday 25th Jan : Deanery Synod/ taking thanksgiving service at Eltham College



## Events and Notices

### KONDOA EVENING

Saturday 25th January 7:30 - 9:30pm at St Philip's  
Tanzanian Food, **updates** about our link, **stories** from our young people who travelled to Konda last year, and **news** of future trips to Konda.

Are you interested in the next young people's visit, 2021? Then do come!

Supper will be provided

BYO Drinks (soft drinks provided)

Exit by Donation to the Konda Fund

We would be most grateful for the loan of any slow-cookers towards this event - please contact Pam Tanner

**RSVP to [pamtanner\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:pamtanner_1@hotmail.com) (01732 351422) by Monday 20th January**  
African Dress Optional!

### Refurbishment work at St Peter & St Paul commencing 13th January:

Please be aware that for 6 weeks, if visiting the Parish Church on weekdays, there may be restricted parking in our Parish car park, so please allow extra time if necessary.

Please also note that it is intended to relocate our Coffee Lounge within the church building & open as usual 10-12, Monday-Saturday inc.

THANK YOU!

### From the Parish Treasurer - Christmas Collections

The collections at the Christmas Services for Porchlight, a Kent-based charity for the homeless, raised just over £4,000. This is an excellent response and more than £500 higher than the total raised the previous year.

### High Hopes Barn Dance: Friday 31st January

7pm at St Philip's Church; featuring dance band The Sussex Pistols  
Refreshments provided. £5 per person; £15 per family

Bring your own drinks (no spirits) and glasses!

Book via High Hopes trustees Jenny Hancox/Deryck Charnock, or [highhopes@childrensworkshop.org.uk](mailto:highhopes@childrensworkshop.org.uk)



## Events

### Men's Group – Walking Section

The next walk will be held on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January when we will walk from Wye to Sandling along the North Downs Way. Meet at St Philips at 8:00am. Bring waterproofs and a packed lunch. If you can provide a car for the trip, please advise me via [les.naylor@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:les.naylor@blueyonder.co.uk)

### CARING CONCERNS IS BACK!

We have a new date for this course which was postponed from the autumn. It will run on Saturday 15 February 2020 at St Saviours Church from 10.00am - 4.00pm. This is an introductory course covering various aspects of pastoral ministry including listening skills, loss and bereavement, boundaries, confidentiality etc. It is helpful for potential and new pastoral care team members or as a refresher for the more experienced. If you are interested in coming please could you let me know. Wendy and I are both happy to chat about this if you have any questions. SALLY

### A BISHOP SPEAKING.....

Tonbridge Deanery is inviting a Bishop to speak at each of its meetings this year. The first is the Bishop of Maidstone, Rt Revd Rod Thomas, who will be coming to our meeting on Saturday 25 January 9.30am

for 10.00am at St John's Hildenborough. We have asked him to speak about his own role in the church and how he sees the future of the Church of England; his hopes and concerns. All are welcome to the meeting which we hope will be stimulating and challenging. It will be followed by a short 'business' meeting for Synod members.

Sally Musson (Deanery Secretary)

### RESTORED LIVES starting 30<sup>th</sup> January

#### 7.00pm weekly for 6 weeks in Sevenoaks

This is a practical and supportive course for anyone who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship, whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or in the past. It is suitable for those of all faiths or no faith at all. Each session starts with supper followed by a talk, with opportunities for discussion in small groups. For more information, see brochure in church foyers, or call John Schluter (079 5054 8769) – email [jes@schluter.ch](mailto:jes@schluter.ch)

### World Day of Prayer: Friday 6th March

10.00—11.15 at Tonbridge Methodist Church. All welcome to be part of prayer across the globe, planned this year by the women of Zimbabwe.

## Bringing us into 2020....

Sunday 2nd February: *Share the Light* All-age Candle services – how can you be a light for others? Following "Follow the Star": keep that spirit going through 2020.  
10am at St Peter & St Paul; 10.30am St Philip



You cannot miss.... The LAUNCH of Parish Away @Home

Launching Sunday 19th January in all churches

Hear about 2018's Parish Away

Get a form for 2020!

2020 Whole Parish Away @ Home:

Saturday 4th & Palm Sunday 5th April

at The Schools at Somerhill and St Peter & St Paul



Whole Parish Away @ Home \* 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
At The Schools at Somerhill \* At St Peter & St Paul \* Guest Speaker Rev'd Simon Couper  
Booking from January 2020 \* Information: [parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)