

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



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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.

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Sundays
26th Jan & 2nd
February 2020

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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

Dear Friends

Congregational meetings

Our Parish is blessed by many volunteers, who work and pray behind the scenes in many and varied ways, for which we are most grateful.

In the main, they are guided by Leadership Teams in each of our four churches on your behalf. With the excitement and burdens of our building projects and busy diaries in my mind, I have taken the decision to lead the congregational meetings myself this year. This will allow the Leadership Teams to be in receipt of your gratitude, and comments. So each meeting will be included in the Sunday morning service (see the times and dates in the box overleaf), for you as a member of our congregations to ask your leadership team any questions, or offer any comments. Appreciation is always welcome; so too are any pressing concerns you feel appropriate in that forum.

Please do take some time in prayer to frame your comments which I will collate and offer on the occasion. Please send them to yolanda@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk or hardcopy in pigeonhole.

For the 8:00am and 6.30pm Sunday & 10:00am Wednesdays congregation members who cannot make these meetings, please let me have your offerings of appreciation and comments in the way outlined above and I will give feedback at an appropriate time during a regular act of worship.

There is value in separate meetings, I agree, but not everyone is present at these. So we will conduct this short time while all are together in a service. *Continued p.2*



I will offer some pertinent, pithy and timely observations about how things are, which of course it would be good to have an active listening ear to — and, if you feel it right in the Spirit, a speedy response. There will be a brief two minute update on our local mission partners with some prayer points too. Most of all I am looking for our lay volunteers to hear words of encouragement from a new range of voices. I, the staff team and licensed workers would value your support for this approach this year.

Thank You...

First, to the many who have signed up for our **Heart for Hospitality** month. This has been so encouraging – perhaps offer a word of encouragement to someone else to join in. There is still space, and if you have not signed up, more information and details are obtained from Yolanda (yolanda@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk or 01732770962 ext25)

Secondly, to the teams planning

- o Building For The Future—work now being implemented
- o Experience Easter week
- o Lent course
- o Parish Away@Home weekend
- o Our response to the national Thy Kingdom Come initiative
- o Holiday Club

Do pray for them and never feel it is out of place to offer a helping hand – we will be encouraged by your time and energy.

With my prayers in Christ
Revd Canon Mark Brown

Congregational meetings

St Saviour: 2nd February; St Peter & St Paul: 1st March
St Andrew: 8th March; St Philip: 29th March

All taking place within the context of the morning services
10.00/10.30am

Morning Services

First name is leader; second is preacher

Sunday 26 January: 3rd of Epiphany

8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr

Psalm 27: 1-11;
Matthew 19: 27-30

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

10am St Andrew: Mark Crawshay-Williams; Christina Chia

10am St Saviour: Sally Musson

John 2

10.30 St Philip: Wendy Carr; Norman Whitfield

Sunday 2 February: Presentation of Christ

8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown

Malachi 3: 1-5 Luke 2: 22-40

10am St Peter & St Paul: Yolanda Roberts; Andy Page

10am St Andrew: Jenny Macpherson; Felicity Layton

10am St Saviour: Mark Brown; Jonathan Harber

John 3

10.30 St Philip: Emily Speed; Wendy Carr

Sunday 9 February: 3rd before Lent

8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr

Isaiah 59: 1-12 Matthew 5: 13-20

10am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown; Holly Adams

10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Mark Crawshay Williams

10am St Saviour: Sally Musson; Wendy Carr

John 4

10.30 St Philip: Andy Kirkpatrick; Helen Longley

Evening Services

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

Sunday 26th January “What we can learn from Job”: Job 14

With Revd Canon Mark Brown leading and Dr Sally Musson preaching

A few words shared by members of St Andrew’s church
on their newly fitted kitchen and toilet facilities and hopes for the future.

Sunday 2nd February “What we can learn from Job”: Job 19

Service led by George Gilbert-Smith with Revd Canon Mark Brown preaching
Mark will also introduce our newly commissioned Anna chaplain Sandy Chapman

Sunday 9th February Holy Communion

Service led by our Curate Revd Wendy Carr

with engaging guest speaker Holly Adams from Church Urban Fund (CUF)

A good service to invite others along to.

PRAYER ACROSS THE WORLD: THY KINGDOM COME (TKC) 2020

As most of you will be aware, TKC is a prayer initiative led by the Church of England which runs between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This year that period is 21-31 May. You will be hearing more about this but we just wanted to highlight two specific dates for your diaries. There will be a whole Parish Ascension Day service at 10.00am in St Peter & St Paul on Thursday 21 May. Then on Saturday 30 May we will be repeating the intra-Parish pilgrimage between our four churches which we held last year with all the churches open on that morning. Further details in due course, but the plan is to arrange shorter stages within the overall walk. Potential walkers and church helpers, please put it in your diary.

Sally Musson

Diary

- Fri 31 Jan Barn Dance for High Hopes—see p.8
- Sun 2 Feb Share the Light: all age services at St Peter & St Paul (10am) and St Philip (10.30am)
- Mon 3 Feb PCC open meeting, 8pm St Peter & St Paul—see p.4
- Sat 8 Feb Green Hearts at Open House— see below
- Sat 15 Feb Caring Concerns at St Saviour—see below
- Fri 21 Feb FEAST, St Philip—see p.5
- Tues 25 Feb Pancake party for primary age children and their families, St Philip
- Wd 26 Feb Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, 10am St Peter & St Paul
- Tues 3 March Lent Course begins, 7.45 for 8pm St Philip’s; 5 Tuesday evenings
- Fri 6 March World day of Prayer—see p.4
- Sun 22 March Mothering Sunday
- Mon 23 March Experience Easter week
- Sat 4 & Sun 5 April Parish Away@Home: please return your booking form!
- Mon 27—Thurs 30 July Holiday Club

CARING CONCERNS : Saturday 15 February, St Saviours Church, 10.00am - 4.00pm. An introductory morning covering various aspects of pastoral ministry; helpful for potential and new pastoral care team members or as a refresher for the more experienced. Please book or discuss with Wendy Carr or Sally Musson.

Coming up at **Open House**: Saturday 8th Feb: for **Green Hearts: Show the Love**, 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.

Sat 29th Feb: Sale for Kondoa and High Hopes

Sat 31 March: Cycle workshop

OPEN HOUSE at St Philip’s 10am—12noon on Saturdays

Events

Sunday 9th February: Holly Adams visits us. Holly is events manager with the Church Urban Fund, with a background in local church development in Canterbury diocese. She has delivered programmes like Advent Sleepout Challenge; she is involved in Christian peace activism and is on the PCC of her own church. Truly experienced at all levels—we look forward to welcoming her!



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

10.00—11.15 hosted this year at Tonbridge Methodist Church. All

welcome to be part of prayer across the globe, planned this year by the women of Zimbabwe.

WONDERING WHERE GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU? Then maybe think about going to an 'It's Your Calling Day' although you will need the Vicar's endorsement to do so. These days are aimed at exploring where God may be calling, give the opportunity to meet

others who are also seeking and provide time to think where God could be calling. There are several throughout the year. The next is on Saturday 8 February 9.30am—3.45pm at St Andrews Paddock Wood. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.
SALLY (Vocations Adviser)

PCC Open Meeting, Mon 3rd Feb

Holly Adams from the Church Urban Fund will address the **Parochial Church Council at 8 pm on Mon 3rd Feb** in the Parish Church. The CUF organises, among many other things, 'Places of Welcome' many in churches such as ours, where all people feel safe to belong, connect and contribute. All are welcome to hear this address.



Taize style Evening Service: Sunday 16th February, 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul. Bring a friend to enjoy this popular and moving song.

Notices

FEAST's next family lunch: 21st February, 1pm at St Philip. Please pray for the event, and on Sunday 16th Feb bring any household cleaning items and toilet roll to services. These are things that the food bank attached to FEAST is short of. BOOK for Feast lunch itself at feast.org.uk

David and Rosemary Heyes would like to thank everyone in our wonderful Church fellowship for your cards, gifts and messages expressing love and prayers following David's stroke on 3 January. David has now started rehabilitation with the physios and is making slow but gradual progress. We value your support which is an enormous encouragement to both of us.

Margaret and Andrew Pope and their family would like to thank those who came to Lawrie's thanksgiving service and to everyone for their cards, gifts, phone calls, donations to the Hospice in the Weald and for their prayer support. Your kindness has been much appreciated at this difficult time.



For prayer:

David Heyes; Clare Page

Mark: Mon 27 Jan: Slade assembly;
Thurs 30 Jan: Tonbridge Churches ministers meeting;
Tues 4 Feb: meeting Bishop Simon

Wendy: Sat 1 Feb: Baptism preparation

Sally: Tues 28 Jan: Chiddingstone School Governors meeting;
Sun 2 Feb: Chiddingstone Family Service;
Sat 8 Feb : It's Your Calling Vocations Day