

Open House: Hospitality for All

Every Saturday, 10.00—12.00 at St Philip's

SPECIAL on Saturday 29th February:

SALE raising funds for mission partners High Hopes and Kondo. Do come along!

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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
23rd February
& 1st March
2020

TONBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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

Dear Friends

First of all, many congratulations to Andy, Clare and Ezra on the arrival of Jesse on 15th February – do continue to pray for the whole family.

Along with Lent, the second half of the spring term is upon us! As we embark on this busy term, full of promise and potential, let's take stock to pray and plan.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 26th February, is traditionally the day to reflect, repent and pray for God's help. Holy Communion, 10am St Peter & St Paul, will launch you well. There's the opportunity to be signed with ash, and refreshments to follow.

Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone astray. Job 6:24

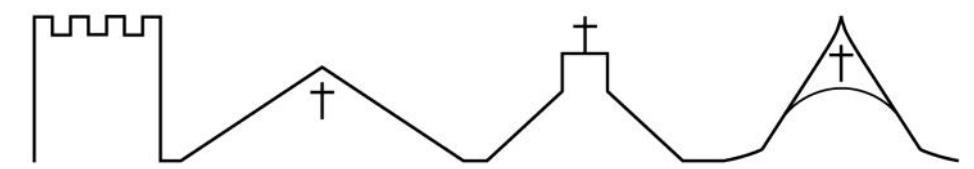
Taking us through Lent, "**A Faith worth Living and Sharing**" will inspire us to share faith in many different areas of life. There will be short talks, practical tips and space for quiet prayer/reflection. Get your leaflet with details of the talks; 8pm at St Philips each Tuesday in March, with coffees from 7.45pm.

In everything, set an example by doing what is good... Titus 2: 7

Again, for your prayer, **EXPERIENCE EASTER**, 23 – 27 March will present Easter in a fresh way, letting our schools and other visitors solve mysteries and really think about the meaning of the events. Nearer the time we will let you know when the stations will be available for self guided tours.

Finally, purely to relax and enjoy fellowship, there is something for all ages at **ParishAway@Home** on 4th & 5th April. Leaflets and forms are available!

Every blessing, The admin team: Yolanda, Jane, Jane



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

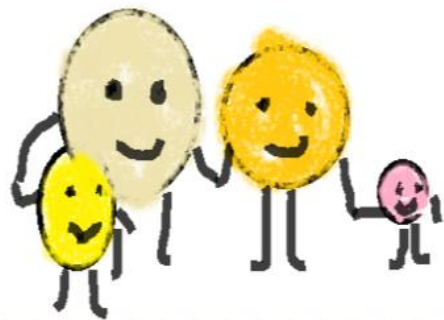
Diary

- Tues 25 Feb Pancake party for primary age children and their families, St Philip
- Wed 26 Feb Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, 10am St Peter & St Paul
- Sat 29 Feb Special at Open House: see page 8
- Sat 29 Feb Spring clean at St Peter & St Paul: see p.4
- Sun 1 March Piano Quartet 3.30pm St Peter & St Paul p.4
- Tues 3 March Lent Course begins, 7.45 for 8pm St Philip's; 5 Tuesday evenings
- Fri 6 March World Day of Prayer, 10am Tonbridge Methodist Church
- Sat 7 March Recorder concert 1pm St Peter & St Paul; see p. 4
- Wed 18 March Dedication of new facilities at St Peter & St Paul from 10am p.6
- Sun 22 March Mothering Sunday
- Mon 23 March Experience Easter week p.3
- Sat 4 & Sun 5 April Parish Away@Home: please return your booking form!

TIM BIGDEN: Alive in Christ

Tim passed through the gates of splendor to meet the Lord in the early hours of Saturday 15th February. A thanksgiving service to celebrate the faithfulness of God will be on Saturday 14th March, 2pm at St Peter & St Paul. All are very welcome.

FAMILY PANCAKE PARTY



Shrove Tuesday: 25th February 5.30—7pm at St Philip's. Families of primary school aged children welcome for story, games/quizzes/competitions and pancakes! **Please book by noon 24th Feb latest:**
ycoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

Morning Services

First name is leader; second is preacher.

Sunday 23rd February: Sunday next before Lent

- 8am St Saviour: Mark Brown Exodus 24: 12-30 Matthew 17: 1-9
- 10am St Peter & St Paul: Andy Page; Mark Brown
- 10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Jenny Macpherson John 6
- 10am St Saviour: Andy Kirkpatrick; Deryck Charnock
- 10.30 St Philip: Norman Whitfield; Sally Musson

Sunday 1 March: Lent 1

- 8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown Psalm 32 Matthew 4: 1-11
- 10am St Peter & St Paul: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Felicity Layton; Mark Brown
- 10am St Andrew: Jenny Macpherson, Terry Collins John 7
- 10am St Saviour: Deryck Charnock; Sally Musson
- 10.30 St Philip: Emily Speed; Wendy Carr

Sunday 8th March: Lent 2

- 8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr Genesis 12: 1-4a
John 3: 1-17
- 10am St Peter & St Paul: Andy Page; Wendy Carr
- 10am St Andrew: Mark Brown CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Acts 17: 16-28
- 10am St Saviour: Sally Musson
- 10.30 St Philip: Norman Whitfield, Helen Longley

Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday

- 10.00 St Peter & St Paul: Holy Communion with ashing, led by Wendy Carr
- Preacher: Mark Brown Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 John 8: 1-11

Evening Services

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

Sunday 23rd February

Join us to sing the nation's top six hymns! Mark Brown will be preaching and the admin team will give a short update on current work and prayer needs.

Sunday 1st March

We're pleased to have guest speaker the Ven. Andy Wooding Jones, Archdeacon of Rochester and marathon runner; Andy has served in Welling and Sheffield, and been Resident Director of Ashburnham Place.

Sunday 8th March

Holy Communion. Mark Brown leads and Jonathan Harber will preach on The God of Isaac: Genesis 25

Sunday 15th March

Guest speaker Stephen Males will preach on The God of Jacob.

After more than 30 years as a barrister and QC, Stephen became a High Court Judge in 2012. He now sits in the Court of Appeal. Married with three adult sons, he has attended St Stephen's for many years and is a Lay Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday 18th March

**to celebrate & dedicate the refurbished Coffee Lounge facilities
at St Peter & St Paul, Church Lane, Tonbridge.**

Our Archdeacon the Ven Julie Conalty will lead a service of Holy Communion at 10am followed at 10.45/11am by Cake & Coffee refreshments.

RSVP for refreshments to Jane Higgs (page 8)

A HEART FOR HOSPITALITY

Working together for the children

Although dates were published before Christmas, it is exciting to announce

"**Camp Calvary**", 2020's whole-parish Holiday Club, running on 4 mornings from 27th-30th July. Forms are now available to enable you to **volunteer to be part of this year's Team**, giving details of help needed & other dates to note if applicable.

The Club itself will launch in April when booking forms become available.

Please pray for the planning team & for children we should all be asking to 'save the dates'!



Don't lose sight of

Experience Easter

taking place at end of March, just one month away.

We also need your kind offers to support the visits of Schools & Groups to our Parish Church.

Forms are available in all 4 churches for you to complete & return as directed, please.

Social Media policy

Our parish policy, focusing on wise, welcoming and responsible use of social media, was agreed by the PCC this month and can be found on our website www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk on the Safeguarding tab. Do have a look, and speak to our wardens (see page 8) with any questions.

Congregational meetings

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Wednesday 22 April

8pm St Peter & St Paul

Events & Notices

Easter Eggs! This year two organisations will be glad of eggs: our own FEAST which serves meals in school holidays to low income families in the Tonbridge and Sevenoaks area; secondly, FEGANS who support parents and children across the county. Please bring Easter eggs to services on **8th and 15th March**.

Spring Clean @ St Peter & St Paul Saturday 29th February 10am-12noon + lunch!
All hands on deck are needed to spring clean following the building work.

There will be jobs for all ages!
Sara is kindly serving a soup lunch!
Please RSVP to the Parish Office (see p.8) so we have lunch numbers. Thank you!

High Hopes

Jumble Sale at St. John's, Hildenborough Church Hall. March 14th at 2pm . Entrance 50p. In aid of one of our mission partners, High Hopes (Children's workshop).

If you are able to bring any jumble that you have to sell to the hall on the morning then that would be great. If not then we can take/ collect before the day. Ring Catherine and David on 01732867586 or email cjfarquharson@icloud.com Hope to see you there!

Piano Quartet: Mozart and Dvorak
Sunday 1st March

Free concert by talented Guildhall music students, 3.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, followed by tea & coffee

Recorder concert Saturday 7th March
1.00pm at St Peter and St Paul. Kathryn Bennetts will present her third annual recital of recorder music composed by women, to celebrate International Women's Day.

Free; donations welcome



For prayer:

David Heyes; the Page family; James Hancox; Merle Bigden and family

PRAYER CORNER FOR PARISH AWAY@HOME: Please pray for the practical organisation of the wonderful facilities we have been offered for Saturday at Somerhill.



Whole Parish Away @ Home * 4th-5th 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

Notices

Parish Away @ Home 2020
'All one in Christ Jesus': Fellowship
Saturday 4th (all day @ Somerhill)

& Palm Sunday 5th April (10.30am @ P&P followed by picnic)

It is good to share with you that planning for our Parish Away @ Home weekend is going well.

We particularly look forward to hearing what Simon (Couper) has to share with us all, & to the fabulous activities our children will enjoy with Andy & Emily.

Those working hard on your behalves visited Somerhill last week - the venue never disappoints & this year we have more space offered to us!

Thank you to those who have returned their booking forms, carefully selecting how the Saturday suits them best with respect to hospitality on offer & inviting guests to the evening.

We are now just 6 weeks away from enjoying each other's company - please let us know of your intention to attend (all or part of the day) by completing a booking form & returning it as directed. Thank you!

perspectives

Did you know the magazine brings a flavour of God's work in the parish, and extends a welcome, to over 1500 homes a quarter?

Can you help?

- Be a deliverer to regular subscribers (around 12 homes)
- Be an area rep for about 3 deliverers (we've had 3 retirements in this role and the need is *urgent*)
- Join the editorial team to write, interview, research, layout and share ideas
Please contact Jane Mata (details on page 8) to discuss the above roles!
- Also, look out for the streets to be delivered for the focus area this quarter, and take one or two roads, from Sunday 1 March

Current area reps: March distribution Saturday 29th Feb, 9am—11am St Peter & St Paul—coffee and buns—thank you!