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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  
8th & 15th  
March 2020

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

## Dear Friends

I want to reflect briefly with you on local schools! There are so many of them; primary, secondary. We are so privileged to live in an area where there is so much choice. This of course does bring its own challenges. Do pray for parents and children with their choices, to make the most of what I still believe are “the best days of your life”!

Thank you for your support for Experience Easter week, 23—27 March (contact Andy or ycoffice—see p.8) if you would like to help.

We do many assemblies and clubs as a parish so please do pray for this regular round of ministry. I am speaking twice to the whole school at Tonbridge School for their Lent addresses, and would value your prayers on 12th and 13th March.

My prayers for your Lent journeys

Yours in Christ,

Mark

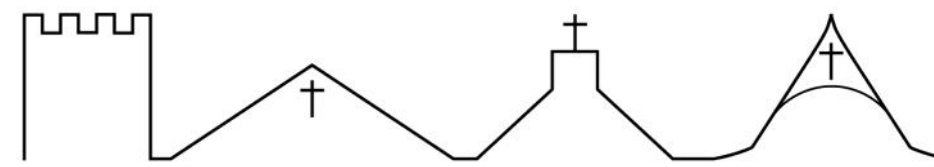
**You are invited to join us on Wednesday 18th March**

**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**



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

## Diary

Wed 18 March	Dedication of new facilities at St Peter & St Paul from 10am—see below
Sat 21 March	Music Bash, p.5
Fri 20 March	Dementia awareness afternoon, p.5
Sun 22 March	Mothering Sunday
Mon 23 March	Experience Easter week p.3
Sun 29 March	Congregational meeting St Philip's
Fri 3 April	and Wed 15 April: FEAST at St Philip's church
Sat 4 & Sun 5 April	Parish Away@Home: please return your booking form! p.5
Thurs 9 April	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 8pm St Peter & St Paul
Fri 10 April	Look out for posters of our Good Friday and Easter services
Wed 22 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting 8pm St Peter & St Paul
Sunday 10 May	50th Anniversary service for St Philip's church
21—31 May	Thy Kingdom Come—look out for details

**Corona virus advice:** The Church of England has issued advice drawn from government recommendations on 3rd March. It can be found on the CofE facebook and website [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches)

**HOLY COMMUNION WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH:** this will be at St Saviour, not St Peter & St Paul which will be in use for Experience Easter

Our Lent course, *A Faith worth Living and Sharing*, continues Tuesdays 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March with varied presentations, a thought from Mark, and time for quiet prayer. Refreshments from 7.45 for 8pm start, St Philip's church.

## Morning Services

First name is leader; second is preacher.

### 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

A Christian response to other faiths:  
Acts 17: 16-28

10am St Saviour: Sally Musson with John Schluter

10.30 St Philip: Norman Whitfield, Helen Longley

### Sunday 15th March: Lent 3

8am St Peter & St Paul: Mark Brown

Exodus 17: 1-7 John 4: 6-42

10am St Peter & St Paul: David Balcombe; Mark Brown

10am St Andrew: Terry Collins; Robin Dunn

A Christian response to science and faith: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-58

10am St Saviour: Brian Buck; Sally Musson

10.30 St Philip: Andy Kirkpatrick; Wendy Carr

### Sunday 22 March: Lent 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY

8am St Saviour: Wendy Carr

Exodus 2: 1-10 Luke 2: 25-35

10am St Peter & St Paul: Wendy Carr; Mark Brown

10am St Andrew: Brian Buck; Terry Collins

A Christian response to inequality: Galatians 3: 26-28

10am St Saviour: Yolanda Roberts; Robin Dunn

10.30 St Philip: Felicity Layton; Andy Kirkpatrick

## Evening Services

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

**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.

**Sunday 22nd March: Mothering Sunday**

Including the traditional Mothering Sunday flowers, this service will all embrace  
family life more generally with its ups and downs, joys and challenges.

Mark Brown will be speaking on this theme  
(1 Samuel 1: 20-28 and John 19: 25-27)  
and Sally Musson will be leading the worship

**Sunday 29th March**

A traditional service using the Book of Common Prayer with hymns and the choir.  
Our guest preacher will be Father Richard Norman, Vicar of St George, Bickley and  
a priest of the Society of the Holy Cross. Father Richard and Sally Musson teach  
the 'Funeral and Bereavement Ministry' module for the Diocesan Licensed Lay  
Ministry course. They will be working together to give you this evening service.

**All welcome to a celebration service for Bernard Gaunt**

**12.30pm on Tuesday 10th March at St Peter & St Paul after a committal service  
earlier at the crematorium.**

## Notices

**A big 'Thank you' to all the team who came to clean St Peter & St Paul following the  
building of the lovely new kitchen and disabled toilet. We are also so grateful to  
those who been involved in the planning and building of these great new facilities.  
Sara Thomson**



**Mothering Sunday: 22nd March**

Making posies of Mothering Sunday flowers for **St Peter & St Paul's**  
services takes place in the Lower Lounge from 10am on Saturday  
21st March. Offers of help & delivery of foliage will be much  
appreciated.

If people would like to contribute financially to **Easter flowers**,  
in memory of loved ones, please contact Sue Power  
susanpower254@gmail.com as soon as possible

**Afternoon tea for people with dementia and their families**

Could you serve hot drinks on the first Monday of each month from 2 - 4 pm at  
St Philip's?

Our dementia cafe opens on Monday May 4th at St Philip's and helpers are  
needed. Please also see the Dementia Awareness Afternoon (p.5)  
chris.ps46@gmail.com 07786875228 Chris Thorogood

## Experience Easter

23—27 March

Thank you to the encouraging number of people who have offered to help. More  
offers would give us more flexibility in planning—if you could offer one or two  
mornings, afternoons or evenings to help welcome, serve refreshments or be a  
station helper, complete a form please and get it to the parish office or email the  
ycoffice@tonbridgepriashchurch.org.uk

Those who have offered, we will be in touch, keep 18th March 12:00 or 7.30pm  
free for training! - especially if you're a station enabler.

## Events & Notices

28th March 7.30pm St Peter and St Paul, Church Lane, Tonbridge. A concert to celebrate the music of the baroque composer, G. P. Telemann, presented by Kathryn Bennetts - Recorder, Yeo Yat-Soon - Harpsichord, and Ibrahim Aziz - Viola da Gamba.

**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 **15th March**.

### For prayer:

David & Rosemary Heyes; the Page family; Merle Bigden and family; Jeremy & Carolyn King

MARK: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> giving an address at Tonbridge School Chapel for the whole school

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Slade assembly

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Speaking at Tim Bigden's Thanksgiving service at St Peter & St Paul

SALLY: Monday 16th Vocation Adviser work

Tuesday 17th Governors meeting Chiddingstone

Sunday 22 Mar Preaching at St Augustines Belvedere

**PRAYER CORNER FOR PARISH AWAY@HOME:** Please pray for those who may be uncertain as to whether to join us for this weekend. May they be encouraged by the opportunity to meet in fellowship in lovely surroundings with God at the centre.



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

## Events



**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)**

Worship; fellowship; talks from Rev Simon Couper; picnic; free time; hog roast and barn dance—and a whole parish service on the Sunday

- 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!

### Dementia Awareness Afternoon

Chris Parker is running an awareness session at 2pm on Friday March 20th at St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome. [chris.ps46@gmail.com](mailto:chris.ps46@gmail.com)

## Music bash: Saturday 21st March

Come and sing your heart out or play your instrument for the sheer joy of worshipping God at this, the 11th music bash! And eat cake! Bring your friends and neighbours!

Saturday, March 21st, 5-6.30 (setting up and tuning up at 4.30) at St Peter and St Paul church.

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;*

*let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come before him with thanksgiving*

*and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95*

Please R.S.V.P. so we can have enough words and music for everyone.

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