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WARDENS

ADAM CALVERT & PAUL WHITE

FURTHER STEPS TO OPEN OUR CHURCHES

By the time this newsletter is issued, the PCC will have met on 12TH July to discuss proposals for the further opening of our churches. Please look out for separate announcements on this. In the meantime we are pleased to confirm that two **Outdoor Services** are planned for Saturday 17TH July and Saturday 14TH August at 11:30AM, St Philip's. Furthermore, there will be two **Morning Services** on Sunday 8TH August and Sunday 22ND August at 10AM, St Saviour's.

Generally, our approach is to be cautious and to explore some new timings and types of services rather than reverting to the pattern of services which was in place before the outbreak of Covid-19. We are encouraged by the increase in numbers attending services at St Peter & St Paul in recent weeks and the ways in which we have been able to adapt what we do to comply with the restrictions.

Our thanks as ever to all those involved in making our services happen whether in person or online. As we look ahead to the removal of social distancing rules we will be considering the implications for the running of our services but there is little doubt that far more people will be able to attend and the congregation will be free to join in the singing.

We hope that more of our parish community will feel confident to attend services and to start to meet together in ways which have not been possible. In so doing let us seek to build each other up in our faith.

NEW VICAR

Just a reminder that interviews are due to take place on 23RD July.

Please continue to pray for those responsible for the selection of the new vicar and the candidates as they prepare for interview.

UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

As your new treasurer I wanted to let everyone know that we will work tirelessly to ensure that the parish gets value for money on its expenditure. The incredible faithful giving of so many of you during the recent difficult times has enabled us not to use our small reserves. At our half year, financial figures indicate a balanced income vs expenditure.

We have serious financial challenges ahead of us this year and into 2022 due to natural causes and relocation (to other areas of the country). I will keep you updated over the coming months as we look at the impact of these changes to our regular income.

We are looking for a new Stewardship Advisor to join the finance subcommittee.

Please **contact me** for more information.

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to the work of our Lord
in this parish and beyond.

Ray Tanner

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ASSOCIATE VICAR

REV'D WENDY CARR

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear Friends,

This month I have been reflecting on what the bible says to us about new beginnings. Often new beginnings come after something else comes to an end. At this time of the year children and parents gear up to the end of term, the end of a school year, perhaps even the end of schooling for some! As I write this, we await with anticipation final news of the end to Covid restrictions.

As different things come to an end, new beginnings will be ahead – new classes, university, retirement, moving to a new house, new relationships, a new job and I am sure you can think of many more perhaps some you are experiencing yourself.

I wonder how many of these things, however exciting they may be, actually fill us with apprehension or anxiety and how many we run towards with excitement and vigour, perhaps a mixture of both.

Morning prayer begins with 'As we rejoice in the gift of this new day'. Each new day has the opportunity for something new, something exciting, a new chapter to embrace. When did you last begin your day with the focus being Lord 'set our hearts on fire with love for you' this day? A prayer to invite God into those new beginnings, and to ask Him for his strength, support, encouragement and guidance.

The verse taken from Paul's letter to the Corinthians is an incredible promise for all who choose a new beginning, a fresh start, in Jesus Christ. A promise for anyone, not those who have it all wrapped up and sorted, or know the bible chapter and verse, or those who are 'perfect' in every way (not possible!) but for **anyone** to come and be a new creation in Jesus Christ!

Change can be scary, can be daunting, can feel like stepping into the unknown but in Christ we are changed and continue to be changed as God works both for us and in us. What an incredible gift that is, a gift for the here and now, for us to receive. God longs to do a new thing in your life.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all every blessing for whatever these summer months may hold as you reflect on the endings and look forward to new beginnings.

Wendy

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YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

Get ready for a Summer of fun!

The Summer holidays are just around the corner, and now that we're allowed to gather together in larger numbers we've got some activities planned for the Mondays during the school break. These will be starting this coming Monday 19TH July and continuing until Mon 23RD Aug, and we'll be doing things like having picnics, going for walks and even a cinema day (BYO snacks)! More details will be coming out shortly and



some activities will be age specific so keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) and check your email inboxes for updates from ycoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk.

Refresh meet for the final time this Sunday 18TH July and we'll be saying farewell to those in year 13 who will be leaving the youth ministry this term for other things in September.

Please do encourage those year 13s you know to come and join us at 7:45PM in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul.

During the 10AM services on 1ST, 8TH & 15TH Aug we'll be having **Summer Sundays @ St P&P** - activities in the churchyard for those who are in school years R-9. We'll be playing games, telling stories, making crafts and generally enjoying time together.

You'll need to book onto the sessions you want to come to so please click the relevant date - [1/8, 8/8, 15/8](#) - or [contact the YCF team](#).

Thank you for praying for our youth and children. Here are some prayer points to focus on over the next month:

- For the YCF Ministry team as they plan for the Autumn term
- Those young people looking for employment
- That teachers and all those in the education sector will have a restful break over the Summer
- The continued easing of restrictions - for safety and understanding in all quarters



SUMMER SPECTACULAR: MINI HOLIDAY CLUB!

Please save Tuesday 10TH and Wednesday 11TH August, 10AM-12PM for our mini Holiday Club, open to all primary aged children and their parents/carers. Join us for two fun filled mornings of games, crafts, stories, songs and activities. Outdoor location TBC!

More information to follow on our [Facebook page](#).

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PARISH FAMILY NEWS

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A message from Ali and Jonathan Harber (do please pray for them both): we're saying goodbye to St Peter & St Paul as we're moving to Winchester this summer. Jonathan has been part of the church family for 18 years and Ali has been there formally since 2009 when Mark married us. We've been most grateful for our home group, thanking God for those friendships and sharing in God's word. We were delighted to run Refresh for a few years. We have been hugely blessed to be part of the church and grateful for all the discipling love, care and concern that has been extended to us. Jonathan will be exploring pastoral and ministry opportunities in Winchester and London. Ali has been appointed as Deputy Head Pastoral at Winchester College. This is currently an all-boys school and one of Ali's tasks will be to oversee the introduction of girls. We are very sad to leave – we trust God has opened these doors for us and prepared good works for us to do for him and his glory.

Skills HUB

HUB is defined as 'the central or main part of something where there is most activity.'

YOU are our HUB; we are blessed to have so many wonderful people and talents in our church family.

If you would like to be in the hub of things, look no further! This month we are looking for those who have **photography skills**.

If you have a passion and a keen eye for beautiful photography, **please get in touch**.

Taking a break...

Stepping Stones and Teddies have now finished for the summer and plan to restart in September.

Tiny Acorns will continue throughout the summer for under-1s and their parents/carers.

More information [here](#).

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of parishioners who have gone to be with the Lord including:

John McCallum, 80 died on 11TH June

Shirley Wright, 87 died on 16TH June



Thank you to all the contributors to the parish recipe book so far.

Unfortunately we have not received many recipes so are postponing the book until next year. We look forward to receiving your favourite recipes over the coming months and hope to put something together for sale towards the end of 2022!

Pam & Catherine

Prayer meeting for the new Vicar: the next gathering will be at 7:00PM on Wednesday 21ST July in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome.

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THE MONTH AHEAD

HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 8AM ST SAVIOUR

Date	Leader	Preacher	Date	Leader	Preacher
18 TH Jul	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Jenny Macpherson	1 ST Aug	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Sally Musson
25 TH Jul	Deryck Charnock	George Gilbert-Smith	8 TH Aug	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Norman Whitfield

MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY 10AM ST PETER & ST PAUL

Date	Leader	Preacher	Date	Leader	Preacher
18 TH Jul	Felicity Layton	James Brown	1 ST Aug	David Balcombe	Rev'd Wendy Carr
25 TH Jul	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Sally Musson	8 TH Aug	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Andy Kirkpatrick

'SIMPLY JESUS' SUNDAY 5PM ST PETER & ST PAUL

Date	Leader	Preacher	Date	Leader	Preacher
18 TH Jul	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Andy Kirkpatrick	1 ST Aug*	Melissa Lavin	Rev'd Wendy Carr
25 TH Jul	Norman Whitfield	Rev'd Wendy Carr	8 TH Aug	Andy Page, Emily Speed & Young People	

The 10AM Sunday service is available online and in person at St Peter & St Paul.

* Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

When attending our buildings to worship please ensure you adhere to the [guidelines](#).

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

- 17TH Jul TMBC Health Walks continue on Saturdays from St Philip's church at 10AM. [Book a place](#) to attend or call 01732 876347 - *note there is no parking available at St Philip on 17TH & 24TH July, or 14TH August. Please check our [website](#) for possible changes to meeting place on 24TH July & 14TH August*
- 17TH Jul **NEW!** Outdoor Service, Saturday, 11:30AM in the lower car park at St Philip
- 20TH Jul Pastoral Principles for living and learning well together, 7PM in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul with Rev'd Wendy Carr / Sally Musson
- 21ST Jul Tiny Acorns continue throughout the summer at St Peter & St Paul, Wednesdays 10:30AM - [booking](#) required and more information [here](#)
- 25TH Jul Worship in the Wild family gathering, 3PM at St Peter & St Paul
- 28TH Jul Holy Communion service, Wednesday, 10:30AM at St Peter & St Paul*
- 8TH Aug **NEW!** Morning Service, Sunday, 10AM at St Saviour
- 11TH Aug Holy Communion service, Wednesday, 10:30AM at St Peter & St Paul*
- 14TH Aug **NEW!** Outdoor Service, Saturday, 11:30AM in the lower car park at St Philip

*Midweek Holy Communion second and fourth Wednesday of the month