



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8  10.45 Communion Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8  6pm Evening Service: Tasting the Lord's goodness: Psalm 34	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Morning Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** A great time was had at the Christians in Sport Quiz last Saturday with lots of non-Christians guest invited along. Close at the top... and bottom (but do ask Wendy Carr which team won!) We also has the chance to think about whose word is most important in our lives. *Ben*

- **Parish-wide morning worship, followed by annual church meeting (APCM). 10am, Sun 12 May, St Peter & Paul.** Come at 10am for a short time of public worship, followed by our annual meeting for all those who are members of the Electoral Roll. Children's groups as usual throughout the morning (creche, Sunday Club & SOS). Celebrating last year and looking forward to the next!

- Notices and nomination forms remain up in all churches across the parish.
- Annual accounts and reports are now available in churches and on our website.
- **Any questions to be pre-submitted to PCC Secretary, David Robins, by Mon 6 May:**  

**pccsecretary@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk**
- Our morning worship will be on Livestream, but not the annual meeting.

*From this Sunday there is, in each church, the Electoral Roll (names only) list for that church. The church affiliation is as each person has declared it. Although we can make no further changes to the Roll before the APCM, please do raise any queries with Sally Musson as Electoral Roll Officer.*

#### **NEW Job opportunity: Parish & Finance Administrator - Tonbridge Parish Church**

An exciting opportunity to join the administration team across our churches, with particular reference to supporting the wider ministry and mission of the parish and daily use of our areas of worship, as well as our parish finances. This will include being a first point of contact with people from outside the church as well as performing some of the day-to-day financial administration duties. Part-time, 32 hours per week. If you are interested and would like an informal chat, or to request a copy of the application pack, please contact Ben Thorndike, Vicar [ben@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:ben@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) 01732 770962 x23. Deadline for applications is midday, Friday 17 May.

- **BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! Church-Family Away Day 2024 - Sat eve 22 Jun & Sun 23 June, at Bishop Chavasse school.**

**Theme: "Let all His people speak His grace"** (Michael Perry, from 'Glory be to God in heaven')

1 Peter 2:4-10 - guest speaker Mike Warren (Vicar, St Peter Tunbridge Wells)

Session 1: **Precious to God**

Session 2: **Precious to one another**

Session 3: **Precious together**

A great opportunity to grow in love and bonds of affection as a church family together. Saturday evening: Join with us for barn dance and food. Sunday: A day of teaching and worship together with guest speaker; plus craft, sport, other activities and relaxation in the afternoon.

**PLEASE BOOK VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE or [HERE](#)** or contact the Parish Office. Please also let us know if you can help with some hospitality over the weekend—many thanks.

- **Families this term!** Do join us at 9.30am for breakfast all together, and then grown ups' discussion as we continue to think about Identity while the children and young people get to spend time supervised together.

**Sunday Club families: 19 May and 16 June**    **SOS families: THIS SUNDAY 5 May and 9 June**    **Creche families: 14 July**

- **NEW Next 'Side by Side' Reading Group** - all welcome! Following massive encouragements in two groups recently read 'Side by Side' together, we are pleased to confirm the next group will meet on the following evenings at 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul: Wed 12June, Mon 17June, Wed 10July, Mon 15July, Wed 31July, Mon 12Aug. We have copies of the books for £7.70 each, payable to the church office (if cost is an issue please do let Wendy Carr know). We plan to meet for an hour and chat through our thoughts and encouragements from reading the book, as we look at **what it means to share in the distinctiveness of Christian Pastoral Care together**, considering what that means for us all as members of our church family. Please do let Wendy Carr know if you would like to come along.

- **Message from Andy Kirkpatrick (Treasurer)** Should you need confirmation of the amount of your registered donations for the tax year 2023/24, please send an email to [Andy-kirkpatrick@outlook.com](mailto:Andy-kirkpatrick@outlook.com) who will reply with the details. Thank you to all those who give by this, or any other method. This enables us to claim tax relief where appropriate. Should you wish to become a regular donor, Andy would be happy to go through the process with you, or you can complete and send him the 'Giving Form' found in the Church Foyer. Thank you.
- **NEW The men's fellowship who meet at St Philip Church** have Andy Wooding Jones (current Archdeacon of Rochester) coming to talk to them on Bank Holiday Monday, 27 May, 7.30pm. Do let Ray Tanner [raytanner\\_1@btinternet.com](mailto:raytanner_1@btinternet.com) know if you would like to join them.
- **NEW Book Group** won't be meeting on 6 May (Bank Holiday) or 13 May but will be starting a new book on 20 May, 10.15am at St Peter & St Paul: "The Air That We Breathe" by Glen Scrivener. New people always welcome!
- **NEW BEWARE EMAIL SCAM ALERT!** Please be aware that there has been another email scam going around from 'Rev'd Ben' (from an incorrect email address). This is NOT from Ben and should be deleted straight away.

## OTHER NEWS



**Rochester Diocese Evangelical Fellowship Conference 'Sharing Jesus Now' - Sat 18 May, 9.30am-4pm, St Margaret's Halstead.** A day conference to equip Christians across our Diocese to seize the opportunities and face the challenges of **engaging with the world in our time and place.** Main speakers: Glen Scrivener & John Dunnett.  
**SIGN UP VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE OR [HERE](#)**

## REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
<b>Mon 6th</b>	Book Club  <b>Coffee lounge</b>  Merry Makers  <b>Coffee Break (inc. Thought for the Day)</b>	BANK HOLIDAY—NOT MEETING	Alison Minton / <a href="mailto:aslhinton@gmail.com">aslhinton@gmail.com</a>  <b>Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>  Yvonne Burgess / <a href="mailto:bidburgess@gmail.com">bidburgess@gmail.com</a>  <b>Alison Wise / <a href="mailto:a.wise.7@btinternet.com">a.wise.7@btinternet.com</a></b>
<b>Tues 7th</b>	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	<a href="mailto:teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Wed 8th</b>	<b>Tiny Acorns (parent &amp; carer under-1's)</b>  Coffee lounge	<b>10:30am- 12pm, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>  10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	<b>Sara Thomson / <a href="mailto:sarajthomson44@gmail.com">sarajthomson44@gmail.com</a></b>  Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Thurs 9th</b>	<b>Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)</b>  Craft Workshop  <b>St Andrew Open Door</b>  Monthly Prayer Meeting	<b>10-11.30am, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>  1.30-4pm, St Peter & St Paul  <b>2-4pm, St Andrew</b>  7.45pm, St Peter & St Paul	<b>Josephine Sinclair / <a href="mailto:josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk">josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk</a></b>  Yvonne Burgess / <a href="mailto:bidburgess@gmail.com">bidburgess@gmail.com</a>  <b>Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>  Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Fri 10th</b>	<b>Church Family Prayers</b>  Coffee lounge  <b>Women's Fellowship</b>	<b>9.30-9.50am on Zoom (853 4454 9144)</b>  10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul  <b>7.30-9.30pm, St Philip</b>	<b>Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>  Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>  <b>Marion Evans / <a href="mailto:marionevans244@gmail.com">marionevans244@gmail.com</a></b>
<b>Sat 11th</b>	Prayer meeting  <b>Open House</b>	9-10am , St Peter & St Paul  <b>10am-12.30pm, St Philip</b>	Richard Roberts / <a href="mailto:richardbproberts2003@gmail.com">richardbproberts2003@gmail.com</a>  <b>Wendy Carr / <a href="mailto:wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>
<b>Various</b>	Home Groups (for all Christians who are part of our church family across any of our four churches)		John Schluter / <a href="mailto:john@schluter.ch">john@schluter.ch</a>

## SUNDAY 12 MAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>  8am Communion Service: Thanks through the tears: Psalm 35  10am Parish Wide service followed by APCM  6pm Evening Service: Thanks through the tears: Psalm 35
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