



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Raised up to show my power: Exodus 9: 13-35 10.45 Communion Service: Raised up to show my power: Exodus 9: 13-35 <i>With children's groups: Creche (0-4s), Sunday Club (4-11s) and SOS (11-14s)</i> 6pm Evening Service: Judge breaks silence: Psalm 50 5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s) meeting	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Raised up to show my power: Exodus 9: 13-35	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Raised up to show my power: Exodus 9: 13-35	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Raised up to show my power: Exodus 9: 13-35
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW** There's always good news with Jesus...! Praise God, as **bookings for Holiday Club are nearly full already!** Over 100 children will be coming and learning about King Jesus this summer! We would love a few more volunteers so that we can offer even more places to children — contact the church office asap if you might be interested in this! Pray that God's Kingdom would grow through this work this year. *Ben*
- **Thurs 8 May, from 8pm (for 8.30pm start) ending around 9.45pm: Tonbridge town VE Day Beacon Lighting:** Instead of our May evening prayer meeting, do come along as we seek to connect 'church and town', joining with others to commemorate VE day with a Beacon lighting event. Ben will be leading a short service as part of the event. All at **Tonbridge Castle grounds (Bailey Lawn)** - consisting of band, short service and beacon lighting.
- **Family breakfasts next term:** put the dates in your diary! 11 May (SOS); 1 June (Sunday Club); 15 June (all families for Father's Day breakfast); and 29 June (creche).

Church Family Away Day 2025 - Sat evening 21 June and all day Sun 22 June. Bishop Chavasse school, Tonbridge.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! SIGN UP [HERE](#)

A great opportunity to grow in love and bonds of affection as a church family together. Join with us for barn dance on Saturday evening, followed by a day on Sunday of teaching and worship together (*alternatively, you can come just for the day together on Sunday*) with guest speaker; plus craft, sport and other activities in the afternoon. *Please note there will be no services taking place on that Sunday at any of our church buildings, apart from 8am at St Peter & St Paul*

- **NEW** Sunday 18 May, St Peter & St Paul:
10am Parish-wide morning worship, followed by **10.30am** annual church meeting (APCM).
Join with us at 10am for a short time of public worship, followed by our annual meeting at 10.30am for those who are on the Electoral Roll. Celebrating last year and looking forward to the next!
Children's groups as usual through morning (creche, Sunday Club & SOS).
 - Notices and nomination forms in all church buildings across the parish.
 - There are two vacancies for PCC lay members, do speak to PCC Chair if you would like to know more. (as previously, we ask any newly standing candidate to write a short paragraph explaining "why I want to be on the PCC and how I can help move the vision forward," to the PCC Secretary).
 - Annual accounts and reports are now available in church buildings and on our website.
 - Any questions to be pre-submitted to PCC Secretary, Sally Musson, by Mon 12 May mussonsally@btinternet.com
 - Our Morning Worship will be on Livestream, but not the annual meeting.
 - Each church building also has a copy of the Electoral Roll (names only). 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.

- **Cleaner for St Peter and St Paul:** Lorraine has been cleaning at St Peter and St Paul for many years but is retiring soon. We are therefore looking for someone to clean for 2 hours a day on up to 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday, starting at the end of May/early June. For further information please contact Alison Minton in the church office alison.minton@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
- **NEW Scaffolding and solar panels:** You may have noticed the scaffolding around St Peter & St Paul this last week! We have had solar panels fitted to the roof and we hope this will help reduce our electricity bills and improve our energy footprint. The scaffolding at the front of the building is to repoint the stone work on the tower.
- **Exam prayers:** It's exam time again and the Monday morning prayer group will be praying for young people taking exams. If you would like to add someone to our list then please let Juliet know their name and the exams they are taking e.g. GCSE, A levels, finals etc. Julietr62@btinternet.com and phone 01732 851658.
- **Church Family funerals**
 - **Nanette Gate's** funeral service will be held on Fri 16 May at 2pm in St Saviours church. All are welcome.
 - **David Fullman's** funeral will be held on Tues 3 June, 2pm at St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome.
 - **Dick Longley's** thanksgiving service will be held on Tues 13 May at 1.30pm at St Peter & St Paul. Refreshments served afterwards. All welcome.

Do keep all their family and friends in your prayers at this time.

OTHER NEWS

- **Kisuma Children Trust** (a small Christian charity helping orphans / abandoned children in Kenya) is looking for a new administrator. For more information do take a look at their website www.kisumuchildren.org.uk or contact peterbrierley89@gmail.com

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
Mon 5th	BANK HOLIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 6th	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Wed 7th	Tiny Acorns (parent & carer under-1's)	10:30am- 12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Sara Thomson / sarajthomson44@gmail.com
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Communion Service	10am St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Thurs 8th	Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)	10-11.30am, St Peter & St Paul	Josephine Sinclair / josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk
	Craft Workshop	1.30-4pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com
	Connect (Year 6-9)	5-6.30pm, St Peter & St Paul	Ed Pascoe / ed.pascoe@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Fri 9th	Church Family Prayers	9.30-9.50am on Zoom (853 4454 9144)	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Sat 10th	Prayer meeting	9-10am , St Peter & St Paul	Richard Roberts / richardbproberts2003@gmail.com
Various	Home Groups (for all Christians who are part of our church family across any of our four churches)	Various locations and times	John Schluter / john@schluter.ch

SUNDAY 11 MAY

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Church Office opening hours: **Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)****