



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Saved by the blood: Exodus 12: 1-30  10.45 Morning Service: Saved by the blood: Exodus 12: 1-30 <i>With children's groups: Creche (0-4s), Sunday Club (4-11s) and SOS (11-14s)</i>  6pm Evening Service: Whiter than snow: Psalm 51  5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s) meeting	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Communion Service: Saved by the blood: Exodus 12: 1-30	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Saved by the blood: Exodus 12: 1-30	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Saved by the blood: Exodus 12: 1-30
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It was a special time yesterday as we remembered VE Day. A focused time of prayer at Stepping Stones Women's Bible study group in the morning, bells ringing out from StP&P with the Union Jack flag flying high in early evening, and then a joy to join with others in the town for the band, service and beacon lighting at the castle as the sun was setting. In the service we looked at Psalm 46 v1, *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble"*. Let's pray that verse would have encouraged those Christians present to keep trusting in God and challenged and encouraged non-Christians to want to find out more about our great God, who is indeed a refuge and strength in times of trouble. *Ben*
- **Family breakfasts next term:** put the dates in your diary! **THIS SUNDAY 11 May (SOS):** 1 June (Sunday Club); 15 June (all families for Father's Day breakfast); and 29 June (creche).

### **NEW Church Family Away Day 2025**

**Sat 21 June & Sun 22 June at Bishop Chavasse school, Tonbridge.**

*A great opportunity to grow in love and bonds of affection as a church family together.*

**PLEASE SIGN UP BY 2 JUNE** [HERE](#) or via EVENTS tab on website or in person at church office.

**SAT 21 JUNE:** Join with us for barn dance on Saturday evening with food.

**SUN 22 JUNE:** A day on Sunday of teaching and worship together with guest speaker; plus craft, sport and other activities in the afternoon.

***You can come just for the day together on Sunday  
(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)***

***YOU STILL NEED TO BOOK IN FOR THE SUNDAY PLEASE!***

- **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](mailto: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.

- **Scaffolding and solar panels:** You may have noticed the scaffolding around St Peter & St Paul the last couple of weeks! We are having 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. **NEW** We are still very much open—just keep an eye out for which door you can enter by!
- **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.*

## **REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES**

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
<b>Mon 12th</b>	Book Club	10.15-11.45am, St Peter & St Paul	Wendy Carr / <a href="mailto:wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm	Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
	Merry Makers	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / <a href="mailto:bidburgess@gmail.com">bidburgess@gmail.com</a>
	Coffee Break (inc. Thought for the Day)	10:30-11.30am, St Saviour	Alison Wise / <a href="mailto:a.wise.7@btinternet.com">a.wise.7@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Tues 13th</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 14th</b>	Tiny Acorns (parent & carer under-1's)	10:30am– 12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Sara Thomson / <a href="mailto:sarajthomson44@gmail.com">sarajthomson44@gmail.com</a>
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Thurs 15th</b>	Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)	10-11.30am, St Peter & St Paul	Josephine Sinclair / <a href="mailto:josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk">josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk</a>
	Craft Workshop	1.30-4pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / <a href="mailto:bidburgess@gmail.com">bidburgess@gmail.com</a>
	Connect (Year 6-9)	5-6.30pm, St Peter & St Paul	Ed Pascoe / <a href="mailto:ed.pascoe@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">ed.pascoe@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Fri 16th</b>	Church Family Prayers	9.30-9.50am on Zoom (853 4454 9144)	Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Sat 17th</b>	Prayer meeting	9-10am, St Peter & St Paul	Richard Roberts / <a href="mailto:richardbproberts2003@gmail.com">richardbproberts2003@gmail.com</a>
	Open House	St Philip, 10am-12pm	Wendy Carr / <a href="mailto:wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Various</b>	Home Groups (for all Christians who are part of our church family across any of our congregations)	Various locations and times	John Schluter / <a href="mailto:john@schluter.ch">john@schluter.ch</a>

## **SUNDAY 18 MAY**

### **St Peter & St Paul**

8am Communion Service: John 13:31-35

10am Short Morning Service followed by APCM @10.30am - Church-Family Together (with children's groups: Creche (0-4s), Sunday Club (4-11s) & SOS (11-14s))

5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s) meeting

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