



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul

8am Communion Service:
Up and out: Exodus 12: 31-42

10.45 Morning Service:

Up and out: Exodus 12: 31-42

With children's groups: Creche (0-4s), Sunday Club (4-11s) and SOS (11-14s)

6pm Communion Service:

The troublemaker: Psalm 52

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

St Philip

10.45 Morning Service:
Up and out:
Exodus 12: 31-42

St Saviour

9.15 Morning Service:
Up and out:
Exodus 12: 31-42

St Andrew

9.45 Communion Service:
Up and out:
Exodus 12: 31-42

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** We give thanks for our annual church meeting last Sunday. We celebrated the year past and looked to all the opportunities of the year ahead. We pray particularly for the PCC – thank you for all those willing to serve – and as we commission them at services on Sunday morning this week and next, that the Lord might fill each member with wisdom, grace and discernment. For your prayers, our PCC is:

Clergy: Ben Thorndike, Wendy Carr

Churchwardens: David Balcombe, Mike Talbot

Lay members: Camilla Campbell, Paul Black, Derek Fouché, Sarah Francis, Patricia King, Andy Kirkpatrick (Treasurer), Felicity Layton

Deanery Synod reps: Jeremy King, David Mote, Sally Musson (Secretary), David Robins, Sara Thomson

Deputy Wardens - each church building: (StP&P) Robert Kidson & Jan Trayner, (StS) David Robins Amanda Rotchell, (StA) George Gilbert-Smith & Susan Knight, (StP) Jason Carr

CHURCH-FAMILY AWAY DAY

At: Bishop Chavasse School, 2a Baker Lane, Tonbridge, TN11 0FB

A great chance to grow in love and bonds of affection as a church family together



SAT 21 JUNE 5.30PM-9PM

Barn Dance and food for all ages
£8.50 per adult (under 16s free) and BYO drinks



SUN 22 JUNE 9AM-5PM

Morning

Pastries, hot drinks, teaching and worship together (guest speaker)
Separate groups for Children & Young People plus creche provided

Bring and share lunch

Afternoon

Craft, sport, other activities and time to relax together
Followed by all age worship together



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

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)

- Many thanks to all those who **contribute financially** to support the church. If anyone would like a report confirming their total giving over the tax year 2024-2025 please contact Andy Kirkpatrick at: treasurer@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
- Family breakfasts next term:**
1 June (Sunday Club); 15 June (all families for Father's Day breakfast); and 29 June (creche).
- NEW June Monthly Prayer Meeting: Thurs 12 June, 7.45pm, St Peter & St Paul.** *"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain"* (Psalm 127:1). As a church we aim to look for every opportunity to show our dependence on God in prayer. With that in mind, do join us for our monthly prayer meeting. Even if you haven't been before, all those in our church family are welcome. No need to pray out loud, just come along and say 'Amen'.
- NEW PCC commissioning:** This will happen on the following weeks: Sun 25 May: St Philip and St Andrew. Sun 1 June: St Saviour and St Peter & St Paul (10.45am).
- NEW Book Group** starting a new book on Mon 9 June, why not consider joining them as they begin reading 'A Praying Church: becoming a people of hope in a discouraging world' by Paul Millar.
- Reminder: David Fullman's** funeral will be held on Tues 3 June, 2pm at St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

- NEW** It was great to celebrate and thank Lorraine for her work as our cleaner at St Peter & St Paul this week and gift her a little present from the church. We wish her well in her retirement.
- NEW Annual SASRA meeting of Soldiers and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association: Mon 16 June**, St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks, 8pm (light refreshments from 7pm).
- NEW Deanery Ascension Day Service:** Thurs 29 May, 7pm at St John the Baptist, Penshurst.
- NEW A Prayer Festival—to explore different ways of praying:** Sat 7 June, 10am-4pm, St Benedict's, West Malling. For more info and to book visit bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

| Day | Group | Meet at... | Contact |
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| Mon 26th | BANK HOLIDAY | BANK HOLIDAY | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tues 27th | Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers) | Not meeting—half term | teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk |
| Wed 28th | 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 |
| Thurs 29th | Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche) | Not meeting—half term | Josephine Sinclair / josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk |
| | Craft Workshop | 1.30-4pm, St Peter & St Paul | Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com |
| | Connect (Year 6-9) | Not meeting—half term | Ed Pascoe / ed.pascoe@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk |
| Fri 30th | 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 31st | 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 congregations) | Various locations and times | John Schluter / john@schluter.ch |

SUNDAY 1 JUNE

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