



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 6 JULY 2025

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Where are you God? Exodus 17: 1-16 10.45 Communion Service: Where are you God? Exodus 17: 1-16 (<i>with creche 1-4s, Sunday Club 4-11s and SOS 11-14s groups during the service</i>) 6pm Evening Service: Saved to sing: Psalm 57 5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s) meeting	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Where are you God? Exodus 17: 1-16	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Where are you God? Exodus 17: 1-16	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Where are you God? Exodus 17: 1-16
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** Praise God for the great opportunities to connect with those in our local communities (e.g. Open House, coffee lounge, Coffee Break, Open Door at St Andrew, Teddies and Tiny Acorns... to name a few!) Pray that these interactions would be full of grace and truth, with Gospel opportunity, as we hold out the life changing word of the Gospel and live in light of it ourselves. Pray for our communities as they come into our buildings through these contact points. *Ben*
 - The Vision Team are excited to be considering what a **Vision for Senior's Ministry** within our Church family might look like going forward. If you would consider yourself a senior or have an interest in seniors ministry, we want to hear what you would like to see happening across our congregations at Tonbridge Parish Church as we look ahead. **Please send your top 3 bullet point suggestions** to alison.minton@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk (or in person via church office) by Tues 15 July.
 - **Prayer:** "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain" (Psalm 127 v 1). We are looking forward to gathering together again this month for our **monthly prayer meeting on Thurs 10 July, 7.45pm** at St Peter & St Paul. Also do get your copy of the **July / Aug prayer diary** which will help us connected together as we unite our prayers over the summer months.
 - **ChurchSuite:** As many of you will be aware, we have been using ChurchSuite (our back-office admin system) for over two years now. This system is used by our staff and key volunteers. It has really helped us bring together a number of admin areas and is used by hundreds of other churches around the country! Many of you will also be familiar with MyChurchSuite where you can view teams and rotas, add your unavailability dates, find any email communication and search for other church family contact details. As we mentioned last week... as a staff team, we also pray through a section the people in the database when we meet together which helps with our pastoral care too. It is a great tool in many ways - and we will continue to use it in other ways in the coming months and years we are sure!
- If you are a regular member of the church family and not signed up to ChurchSuite, we would love to help you do this!** Contact church office or email jane.thorndike@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk We will be able to give you a blue form to complete, allowing us to enter your details onto ChurchSuite.
- **Tonbridge Parish Church 'Gift of Giving' Facebook group!** We launched this a couple of years ago and thought we would bring it to people's attention again as we continue to have 'Opportunities to show love practically.' We have set up a Facebook Group titled '**Tonbridge Parish Church Gift of Giving**' - a space where we can either GIFT or REQUEST. If you would like to find out how this works, do join this group (find it by searching in Facebook). Any questions, do contact Jane Thorndike at the Church Office.
 - **NEW Janet Weston** went peacefully to be with the Lord on 20 June. Please hold John and the family in your prayers at this time. A service of thanksgiving for Janet will be held on Mon 14 July at 2pm in St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome.

- **Summer Sundays!** Over the summer we have a slightly different programme planned for our children and young people and we would love to give members of our church family an opportunity to help out and get involved, giving some of our regular team some time to refresh. We are looking for a team of three people for each Sunday, one of whom would be DBS checked, and all of whom would have been safely recruited. You would be helping oversee a small group of Sunday Club and SOS combined at StP&P, leaving half way through the morning service. All material will be provided. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, on a Sunday between 27 July and 31 Aug, please let Alyson or Ed know. Thank you.
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OTHER NEWS

- **Book of Life Musical, Absolute Gospel Choir: SAVE THE DATE!** It was a joy to have the Absolute Gospel Choir with us at our June Prayer meeting and we look forward to hearing more from them! We will be hosting the musical 'Book of Life' at **St Peter & St Paul on Fri 10 and Sat 11 October**. Do put the dates in your diary and be thinking and praying who you might like to invite. It is an amazing opportunity to invite unbelieving friends or family along to hear the Gospel message of the Bible presented in a different way.

Also there is **still time to join the choir** and be a part of the evening in that way - contact Wendy Balcombe for more info on how to do that: wendyhbacombe@gmail.com
- **KCC Summer Food voucher Scheme:** Funded by the Department for Work and Pensions on behalf of the UK government, the Household Support Fund scheme supports vulnerable Kent households in need of help with significantly rising living costs. For more info, click [HERE](#)
- **NEW Gelsthorpe Mission Partners:** The next Zoom Prayer Meeting for Japan is on Mon 7 July 9am. Do join them if you can!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81165487307> ID: 811 6548 7307 Password: megumi202!

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

We have a range of midweek activities and groups for all ages.

Do check out our website under 'Church Life' Tab to find out more and contact the church office if you would like further information about any of these things.

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