



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul

8am Communion Service:

10.45 Church-Family Together All Age Holiday Club Commissioning service

PLEASE NOTE: no 6pm service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It is such a joy to partner with others to share the good news of Jesus around the world and has been so good for some of us to join with the Gelsthorpe Family over Zoom to pray with them this last term. See below for more exciting updates from another of our mission partners and their work in Kondo...

NEW In my role on MAG supporting Kondo it was a privilege to chat and pray with Conjester this week (something we were praying about at the prayer meeting last week!) – Headteacher at St Peter & St Paul school in Kondo. She was able to share that the school now has 320 children attending and there are plans to open a nursery for 1 and 2 year olds from Jan 2026! The new water well has not only ensured safe water to drink and wash with, but has also given each class the opportunity to grow vegetables, including spinach, carrots and tomatoes. There is great excitement when the children get to eat the vegetables they have grown! Chemba school will be open from Sept for the children from government schools to have English lessons before starting their education, in English, from Jan 2026! Do pray on for the crops to be planted successfully in Dec for harvest next year, the imported food this year is very expensive! Looking forward to sharing more news in this way with the church family. Wendy



- **NEW** The Vision Team want to **acknowledge and thank** all those who engaged in looking forward positively and sharing three bullet points of what you would like to see as we develop a vision for seniors ministry across our church family. We will look at these in line with our new church vision in the coming weeks. See Ben's sermon from last week https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfO_IYPQ87 (start @52mins) if you want a little more about our new vision... with more to follow in coming weeks.
- **NEW Many thanks** to so many who serve on our different teams at church. Do look out for the new rotas for next term (7 Sept–28 Dec) as they land in your inbox over the next couple of weeks (some have already landed!). And a reminder that these rotas are now also available to view in My ChurchSuite under 'My rotas' and will be a up to date.
- **Mini Holiday Club** We are delighted to be inviting the older attendees of Holiday Club to come back more often. One evening a month of fun, games and thinking more about Jesus. If you are interested in supporting the new venture of Mini Holiday Clubs, third Thursdays of the month, (4.30-7pm at St Peter & St Paul) from 21 August, Alyson or Ed would love to hear from you – even if you are available only occasionally, we'd love to hear from you! And if your child is starting in Year 5-7 in September, do book them in and invite a friend! Click [HERE](#)
- **Opportunity to serve!** Do you have a spare bit of time to help with the cleaning of the church?! Do contact Judy Roberts judithr54@icloud.com who would love to hear from you!
- **Open House** - last Open House of this term will be Sat 19 July and we won't return until Sat 6 Sept.
- **NEW Fire alarm!** We now have a fully functioning fire alarm system in place at St Peter & St Paul. Should you hear the alarm go off (you won't miss it!) do leave the building by your nearest exit!

- **NEW Miriam Archer** (longstanding member of the church family and volunteer in the church office) died on 2 July 2025. Her funeral will be at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Wednesday 30 July at 1.45pm. Please hold Karina, Hester and the family in your prayers at this time.

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.

NEXT WEEK - HOLIDAY CLUB!

Please note all our regular activities and groups (including coffee lounge, the church office and Zoom prayers) will not be happening / open this week due to Holiday Club.

The last chance to gather as a church family to pray before the Holiday Club is at 4pm THIS SUNDAY (20 July) – all are welcome. A chance to see around the entire church building, which will be transformed into a Medieval castle.

All are also welcome also to Worship and Word 9.00–9.30am (including team briefing) each day of Holiday Club – 21-25 July (though church car park is primarily for those then staying to help!)

And please do use the following points to aid your prayers this week:

- Health and safety of all involved – children and grown ups! That we would be protected from incident, accident and accusation.
- Good listening to the talks and good conversations after the talks.
- Holy Spirit to be at work in hearts and minds to draw us all closer to Jesus.
- Good contacts to made with families especially on the Friday when invited back for a taste of Holiday Club at pick up and then to join in the BBQ.
- Smooth running of all practicalities, technicalities and dry weather especially on Friday!

SUNDAY 27 JULY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Hidden and revealed gospel: Luke 10: 17-24 10.45 Morning Service: Hidden and revealed gospel: Luke 10: 17-24 <i>(with creche 1-4s and Summer Activities for pre-school - Year 5)</i> 6pm Communion Service: Scatter the enemies: Psalm 59	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Hidden and revealed gospel: Luke 10: 17-24	St Saviour 9.15 Communion Service: Hidden and revealed gospel: Luke 10: 17-24	St Andrew 9.45 Communion Service: Hidden and revealed gospel: Luke 10: 17-24
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