



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Taming the tongue: James 3: 1-12 10.45 Morning Service: Taming the tongue: James 3: 1-12 <i>(with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9))</i> 6pm Evening Service: God delights in doing good: Jeremiah 32: 36-41 Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm Wednesday 15 Oct Communion Service, 10am Taming the tongue: James 3:1-12	St Philip 10.45 Communion Service: Taming the tongue: James 3: 1-12	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Taming the tongue: James 3: 1-12	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Taming the tongue: James 3: 1-12
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** Having shared an update a couple of weeks ago on behalf of the PCC across our congregations (letter also out this week) - about how we are moving forward with the Parish Review - it was then great to commit those to prayer at our Monthly Prayer Meeting this last Thursday. As the Bible tells us: *"Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain"* (Psalm 127 v 1). Ben

Youth, Children & Families Ministry

- Light Party**
Would you like to support the Light Party, when we invite primary school children from across Tonbridge to celebrate God's goodness and light on **Fri 31 Oct**? If you are interested, please get in touch with Ed or Alyson if so. The event is 5-7pm, but we would appreciate 4-8pm. If you are unable to help practically, maybe you could commit to prayer for the event?
Children from Y1-6, do sign up [here](#), bring a friend and pass on link to other parents!
- Adventure Club**
Children (Yr5-7) you are invited to the next Adventure Club (formerly Mini Holiday Club), on **Thurs 16 Oct**, do sign up [here](#), bring a friend and pass on link to other parents!
- Young helpers from our church family!**
Young people (Yr7-13) wishing to help at the Light Party – you are invaluable! Sign up [here](#)
Young people (Yr8-13) wishing to help at Adventure Club – you are invaluable! Sign up [here](#)
- Bonfire Party**
Young people in SOS (Yr6-9) are invited to Bonfire Party, **Mon 20 Oct** 7-8.30pm sign up [here](#)
- Sorted**
Young people in Refresh (Yr10-13), you are invited to join the day out to Sorted, the youth convention in London, on **Sat 8 Nov**. Sign up [here](#). *Early bird tickets close on the 6th Oct so it would really help to know by then!*
- Family Breakfasts**
9.30am, come with your children for breakfast and then chance to chat together as parents about the big issues of Growing Up, wrapping up in time to go to the 10.45 service:
SOS: 23 Nov Sunday Club: 14 Sept and 2 Nov Creche 12: Oct

Do contact Alyson or Ed for further information on any of the above

- **NEW Shoebox Appeal with the young people:** The Processing Centre is not in Tonbridge this year, so instead of taking our young people to help process boxes, we want to run a special 'Connect with Refresh' (school years 6-13) evening, where we take the young people in to town to choose some items to put together for a few boxes. If they can bring some money to donate to the toys that would be great. There will be time for dinner and games too back at St Peter & St Paul. This will be on Thurs 6th Nov, 5pm-7pm - note later finish for regular Connect members. Sign up so we know to expect them:
<https://parishofstpeterstpaulntonbridge.churchsuite.com/events/qmpder6p>
- We now have a **Lone Working Policy** in place. Our concern is for your safety and if you regularly (or occasionally) might find yourself alone in one of our church buildings, please read and follow the policy which is now on our website. *Thank you, Pam Calvert (PSO).*
- **Glass ramekins!** If you can save glass pots, ramekins, or salsa jar sized, they are needed for the Light Party! Donations gratefully received in box by Ed & Alyson office – thank you!
- **NEW Mission Partner update:** Do see our website for a great update from our brothers and sisters in Kondo. Click [here](#).

OTHER NEWS

- **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal** blesses millions of children around the world every year and may be the only gift these children receive, bringing joy and the wonderful opportunity to hear about Jesus and His love for them. Stepping Stones Bible Study Group will be hosting a Shoebox Gift Packing Party at St Philips on Thurs 13, Nov, 10-11.30am. All welcome - you could bring items to pack in a box and/or a donation to help toward shipping (it cost £5 to ship each box), or even a shoebox you have packed at home. For more info, visit samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ (leaflets also available in our buildings). You can also drop items/donations into the Church Office between 28 Oct –11 Nov. For more information contact Joy Baker: occwestkent@gmail.com
- **Tonbridge School—Mini Concert Series:** Wed 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 12 Nov, 3 Dec, 4 Feb, 25 Feb. 2.30-3.30pm and comprise a 20-30-minute concert (performed by musicians from the Music Department and likely feature small chamber groups or soloists playing mainly classical music or light jazz), followed by tea and cake after, with time for conversation with Year 9 boys (aged 13-14). Do let the Church Office know if you'd like to go so we can pass on numbers for catering purposes.

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.

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

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