



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Giving for God: 1 Chronicles 29: 1-20 10.45 Morning Service: <i>Giving for God: 1 Chronicles 29: 1-20 (with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9))</i> 6pm Evening Service: NO EVENING SERVICE due to our church family event in the afternoon. Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Giving for God: 1 Chronicles 29: 1-20	St Saviour 9.15 Communion Service: Giving for God: 1 Chronicles 29: 1-20	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Giving for God: 1 Chronicles 29: 1-20
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** I read a quote recently that said “We’ve asked more than 50,000 people over the last 10 years why they came to church, and between 75 and 90 percent of respondents say, ‘I began attending because someone invited me’.” That is both an encouragement and a challenge as we seek to share the Gospel with our town and beyond this Christmas. Do take more flyers (main and individual) this week and use them to invite friends and family (and anyone else you may come into contact with!) to our church services and events where they can hear the Gospel this Christmas. *Ben*
- **NEW Advent Book: ‘Hallelujah: Journeying through Advent with Handel’s Messiah’.** If you would like, do pick up a copy of our Advent devotional book - **only £1** and can be found at the back of our church buildings.
- **Annual Gift Day—Sunday 30 November.** This Sunday (23 Nov) we are preaching on giving across the church, ahead of our annual Gift Day next week. Please come ready to listen as we reflect on our giving together. Having had the chance to pray and plan our giving, on **our Gift Day Sunday 30 November**, we will all have the opportunity to return our pledge forms. With many thanks in advance for your financial gifts, and with much anticipation for all the Gospel opportunities the Lord will provide in the year ahead! Contact Andy Kirkpatrick, Treasurer, for further information.
- **NEW Donations for our Christmas events.** We would love any donations of Christmas biscuits / mini mince pies / chocolate rolls etc that we can use at our various events this year. Do drop into to church office or leave outside the office by the pigeon holes. THANK YOU!
- **NEW Thank you** everyone for your generosity. The Stepping Stones Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gift Packing Party were able to make 168 fun filled boxes because of all the beautiful items you donated. These presents will bring joy to children living in difficult places around the world. Letting them know that Jesus loves them, they are cared for and NOT forgotten! Thank you for helping us to support this amazing ministry.
- **‘Remember with Hope’ service:** Sun 30 Nov, 4pm (refreshments from 3.15pm), St Peter & St Paul. A service for anyone who has been bereaved.
- **NEW Jack Ind’s funeral** will take place on Fri 5 Dec at 1pm at St Peter & St Paul. All welcome. Do pray on for Elizabeth and the rest of the family at this time.
- **NEW A thanksgiving service for the life of Eileen Laker** will be held on Wed 17 Dec at 2pm in St Peter & St Paul Church. All welcome. Please hold Derek, Caroline, Suzie and the family in your prayers at this time.

NEW - REMINDER OF OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS AND EXTRA INFO!

Christmas Gift Making evening <i>Book in here by Thurs 27 Nov or via website</i>	Thurs 4 Dec, 7.30-9.30pm	St Saviour
Gingerbread House Making event <i>Book in here by Sat 29 Nov or via website</i>	Sat 6 Dec, 3-4.30pm	St Philip
Explore the Christmas Story: <i>Drop in anytime for refreshments activities and meet live characters</i>	Sat 13 Dec, 2-4pm	St Andrew
Carol Service at the Castle: <i>Inside marquee</i>	Sun 14 Dec, 7-8pm	Tonbridge Castle
Christmas Carol Singing and Concert <i>No need to book</i>	Thurs 18 Dec 2-4pm	St Saviour
Live Nativity <i>Drop in anytime for animals, crafts & refreshments</i> <i>Nativity at 2.30 & 4pm</i>	Wed 24 Dec, 1.30-4.30pm	St Peter & St Paul
Midnight Communion	Wed 24 Dec, 11.30pm	St Peter & St Paul
Christmas Day Celebrations:	8am: Communion at St Peter & St Paul 10am: Christmas Celebrations in all church buildings	

OTHER NEWS

- If you would like to contribute any **Christmas food donations for FEAST larder** that would be much appreciated. Christmas goodies: biscuits, chocs, mince pies, trimmings, (no stuffing!), including items for those with allergies e.g. gluten or dairy free, and preferences e.g. vegetarian. **Delivery: By Dec 14th - St Peter & St Paul box in foyer.** FEAST also welcome deliveries direct to Tonbridge Methodist Church on Wed mornings from 9.30 and St Stephens, Sat mornings. Thank you.

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 30 NOVEMBER - ADVENT SUNDAY AND GIFT DAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4 10.45 All Age Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4 6pm Spoken Communion Service (repeat of 8am) Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4 <i>Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm</i> 3 Dec: Wednesday Communion Service Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4
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Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)

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