



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Advent 3: Prepare the way (Advent 3) Luke 1: 26-38  10.45 Morning Service: Advent 3: Prepare the way (Advent 3) Luke 1: 26-38 (with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9)  5-6.40pm: Refresh (Y10-13) with the opportunity to go together to Carols at the castle  <b>NO EVENING SERVICE - JOIN US FOR OUR CAROL SERVICE AT THE CASTLE, 7PM (INSIDE MARQUEE &amp; WITH SEATING PROVIDED)</b>	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Communion Service: Prepare the way (Advent 3): Luke 1: 26-38	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Prepare the way (Advent 3): Luke 1: 26-38	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Prepare the way (Advent 3): Luke 1: 26-38
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW** There's always good news with Jesus...! Praise God for the events and services that have already taken place across our buildings in order to share the good news of the true Christmas story. Pray on for seeds sown and fruit grown! *Ben*
- **NEW** **Message from the Finance Team:** Thank you for your generous response to our Gift Day appeal. We are still doing the sums but we wanted to mention that, so far we have received £38,000 in one-off donations including tax relief on receipts. **This is exactly the same as our reported deficit to the end of October 2025!** We thank you for your generosity and we thank God for his AMAZING provision and, we believe, affirmation of the past year - *'God provides the resources for the ministry He wants us to do.'*
- **NEW** **Christmas donations (from Christmas services)** will be split equally between our church general fund and our mission partners across the world, via the church Mission Action Group.
- **NEW** Children are invited to come to 10.45am at St Peter & St Paul in any costume (relevant to Christmas Story!) **next Sun, 21 Dec, to take part in the Pop Up Nativity.**
- **NEW** Big thanks for all who serve across our church family (in seen and unseen ways). Serving **rotas for next term have now been emailed out** - do check your email inboxes! For ALL in the church family - please also check physical pigeon holes, so you don't miss out on the Christmas cards starting to appear!
- **NEW** **Pastoral care:** Do check out our website for some updated information on what we do to pastorally care for people; this week we have updated our information on Seniors Ministry.

- **Christmas Social for 18-30s** – we would love to see you! Friday 19 December, 7-9pm, St Peter & St Paul Lower Lounge. Book [here](#) and feel free to bring a friend.
- **NEW Family breakfasts: 9.30am:** Come with your children for breakfast and then chance to chat together as parents about the big issues of parenting wrapping up in time to go to the 10.45 service:

**Sunday Club: 18 Jan – upstairs**

**SOS : 1 Feb – upstairs**

**Creche – 15 Feb – downstairs**

- **NEW Coffee Lounge over Christmas:** Closed on Wed 24 Dec, Fri 26 Dec, Mon 29 Dec, Wed 31 and Fri 2 Jan

## **OTHER NEWS**

- **NEW Tonbridge Community Singers Friends & Family event:** Wed 17 Dec at St Peter & St Paul, 7-8.30pm: All welcome to come and listen to some festive singing. Entrance is free, although there will be a raffle for some festive hampers!

## **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 21 DECEMBER**

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Advent 3: Prepare the way (Advent 4) Luke 1: 39-56  10.45 Morning Service with pop up nativity Advent 3: Prepare the way (Advent 4) Luke 1: 39-56 <i>(with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9))</i>  6pm: Communion Service: Prepare the way (Advent 4) Luke 1: 57-80	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Morning Service: Prepare the way (Advent 4): Luke 1: 39-56	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Communion Service: Prepare the way Advent 4): Luke 1: 39-56	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Communion Service: Prepare the way (Advent 3): Luke 1: 39-56
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**Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)**

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