



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

### THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul	St Philip	St Saviour	St Andrew
8am Communion Service: Partnership in the Gospel: Philippians 1: 3-11 10.45am Church Family Together Service Partnership in the Gospel: Philippians 1: 3-11 (with creche (age 1-4), Jnr Sunday Club (pre-school-Y1), Snr Sunday Club (Y2-5) and SOS (Y6-9) 6pm Communion Service: Restoration, commitment, hope (2): Psalm 146 (Refresh (Y10-13) meeting: 5-7pm)	<b>CHURCH FAMILY TOGETHER SERVICE AT P&amp;P 10.45am</b>	<b>CHURCH FAMILY TOGETHER SERVICE AT P&amp;P 10.45am</b>	<b>CHURCH FAMILY TOGETHER SERVICE AT P&amp;P 10.45am</b>

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It was a great start to the Christianity Explored course this week. Around 20 of us thinking about Jesus being 'good news' (the best news)! A relaxed atmosphere with some great questions asked - do pray all would come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour through this course. Wendy

#### **Clarification of upcoming dates:**

- **Sun 8 March:** First services across buildings in new service pattern:  
**8am at St Peter & St Paul** (Holy Communion service)  
**10am at St Saviour** (Traditional worship)  
**10.30am at St Peter & St Paul** (Family worship)  
**5pm at St Philip** (Contemporary worship)  
*(Plus **monthly service at St Andrew** – First Sunday of the month at 3pm, first service due Easter Sunday, 5 April)*
- Join us for a one-off event '**Journeying to Easter**', at **St Philip, Wed 25 March, 3pm**. David Robins will give an illustrated talk, connecting with Scripture, following the steps of Jesus from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. We will open and close in song and prayer, and enjoy fellowship afterwards over tea and coffee. All welcome, and a great opportunity especially for those unable to get out in the evenings. Contact Sally Musson, Minister for Seniors, for more information.
- **NEW Mothering Sunday Breakfast:** To all mothers with children in crèche, Sunday Club, SOS or Refresh: You are invited to a breakfast with all your family where your children and young people will serve you a delicious breakfast! Upstairs at St Peter and St Paul, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am, followed by the All Age Service at 10.30am. Do sign up [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) if you can come!
- **NEW Week of prayer.** Mon 2nd—Fri 7th March we are holding a week of prayer as we begin a new season in the life of our church family with the new service pattern beginning that week. There will be various opportunities in the week to come together to pray—more information next week once we have finalised details.
- **Many thanks** for all those who serve across the church family in many ways. **March & April serving rotas** have come out this week so please check your inboxes!

- **SAVE THE DATES!** Two great days to build bonds together as a Church Family:
  - **Sat 16 May** we are holding a **Church All Ages Adventure Day** in conjunction with Ed's charity Freedom Camps. Come and enjoy having some adventures with the church family. Children and young people have to bring a responsible adult – preferably the whole family! Grown ups – come as a couple or on your own. This will be a fun-packed day of adventure, at Carroty Wood – laser tag, orienteering, crazy golf, swimming, sports and challenges as well as some teaching and worship. Click [HERE](#) to book in!
  - **Sun 28 June** we are having our **Church Family Away Day**, at Bishop Chavasse, School, with worship and teaching, fun and fellowship, activities and a Barn Dance, ***all on the one day this time!*** Save the date, and watch this space for more details!

- **NEW** Claire Browne went peacefully to be with the Lord on 9 Feb 2026. A thanksgiving service for her life will be held on Tues 17 March at 1.30pm in St Peter & St Paul. All welcome. Please hold Adele, Daniel, Rachel & the family in your prayers.

## **OTHER NEWS**

- **Southern Women's Convention** is on Sat June 13 held at All Saints, Crowborough. A wonderful day of teaching, praise, prayer and encouragement as we gather with up to 400 women from other churches across the local area. Click [HERE](#) for more info and to book in.
- In March 2025, the **Rochester Diocese** secured nearly £11 million of funding from the National Church to support the 'Called Together' vision. A nine-year programme to grow missional churches, with missional leaders and missional disciples. Click [HERE](#) for an update of the diocesan vision.
- **NEW Easter Eggs for Spurgeons** (a local charity working with children and families who need additional support). Our annual Easter Eggs' collection, to send with Easter greetings to families, takes place again on Sundays 8 and 15 March. Please bring your contributions to services on these Sundays so they can be delivered in good time to Spurgeons for distribution. Thank you.
- **Tonbridge School Community Concert: Tues 10 March 2026, 7pm - 9.15pm.** Intended for senior citizens, and the school is happy to provide transport in cars and minibuses to and from the concert for those who would otherwise not be able to attend the event. Do let the Church Office know by Tues 3 March if you would like to attend as spaces are limited.

## **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 1 MARCH**

**8am: Communion:** Philippians 2: 1-18

**10.30am St Peter & St Paul:** Philippians 2: 1-18: Church Family Together service (second healing event) 'Renewal & Hope' with Steve Midgley, marking start of new congregations and service pattern.

**Church Office opening hours:** Mon 10am-1pm, Wed 9am-12pm, Thurs 10am-1pm and Friday 10am-1pm

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