



Newsletter - 26.7.26 - SUMMER EDITION

SUNDAY 26 JULY - 1 Samuel 15

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service

10am at St Saviour: Morning Service (Traditional worship)

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul: Morning Service (Family worship, summer activities for ages 0-11)

5pm at St Philip: Communion Service (Contemporary worship)

Church Family News

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** Give thanks to our great God for Holiday Club 2026! Around 130 children were 'Lost in the Jungle' and had a fantastic time thinking about how Jesus came to find and save lost people. Some of the spiritual conversations in dens were massively encouraging. Much was enjoyed – craft, games, singing, team chants, biscuits, talks and discussion time and GUNGING! So many people worked so hard to make Holiday Club 2026 happen – a massive THANK YOU to all, and to God for the many answers to prayer. Do pray on that we see some of these families again, and that Gospel seeds sown this week will bear the fruit of faith in God's goodness and timing. *Ben*
- **NEW August Monthly Prayer meet:** 12pm AND 7.45pm Thu 13 Aug, St Peter & St Paul (each meeting is the same, we hope different times are accessible for more people). No need to pray out loud—just come and join in with an Amen!
- **'Keeping going in the later years.'** Wed 26 Aug, 10.45am - 3.30pm at St Philip.

'Aimed at helping Christians keep going in Christ in the later years.'

Two interactive sessions with time together over lunch in the middle!

Guest speaker, Rev Tim Mills (local retired vicar)

COFFEE: From 10.45am

MORNING SESSION:

11.15am - 12.15pm: Christian Community Benefits

12.15pm - 1pm: Enjoying your Faith and Fellowship

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION:

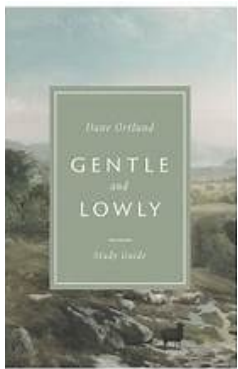
2-2.30pm: Fear of God - Essential

2.30pm - 3.15pm: Love of God and Neighbour - Foundational

Sign up [HERE](#) or via the Church Office. Contact Sally Musson (Minister for Seniors) for more information: sally.musson@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

- **Adventure Club.** Don't forget to sign up for Adventure Club 'Water Games Special' on Thurs 13 Aug, 5-7pm at St Peter & St Paul. For school years aged 5-7. Don't miss out—sign up [HERE](#)
- **NEW Summer Sundays at St Peter & St Paul:** There will be creche (0-4) and Summer activities (4-11) for our children this Summer (26th July - 30th Aug). Our SOS aged children (11-14) will stay in the service.

- **NEW Pastoral Care books.** We do hope the pastoral care lending library has continued to be a helpful resource for the church family. If you haven't already accessed it, it is in the foyer at St Peter and St Paul and works on a borrow and return principle. If you wanted to keep a copy we encourage you to let the Church Office know and consider making a donation to cover the cost of a new copy. The titles we hold are listed on the church website so if you attend one of the congregations in our other buildings do get in touch with the Church Office and we can send the copies you require to other buildings. As we end this summer term it's Book Amnesty Time! If you have a copy of a book and have finished with it **please could you return it to the library.** Do let us know if there is a topic that would be of support to you for a particular area of your walk with Jesus and we will buy further titles in more subject areas. *Wendy.*
- Reminder that it is **Peter Hancox's funeral** on Thurs 13 Aug, 2pm at St Peter & St Paul, followed by refreshments in the church building. If could let Jenny know if you are thinking of coming, that would be really helpful.
- **Coffee Lounge over summer:**
Mondays: Continuing in Aug (not 31 Aug - Bank Hol)
Wednesdays: Not open again until Sept
Fridays: Continuing in Aug (not 28 Aug)
- **NEW Many thanks** to so many who serve on our different teams at church. Do look out for the new rotas for next term (6 Sept—3 Jan) 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.
- **NEW Keswick Convention.** The Keswick Convention is currently on (18 July—7 Aug). If you'd like to catch up / watch any of the seminars and talks, do check them out on YouTube—maybe even get together with a couple of others one day / evening and watch together! <https://www.youtube.com/user/keswickconvention>
- **NEW GOOD READ FOR THE SUMMER! Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund.**



Through this little book, the reader is encouraged to look at their own heart; to recognise their struggles, fears and need for grace. The focus on Jesus' words in Matthew 11:29 '*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls*', reminds believers that Christ's heart is full compassion towards his people. The warmth in these words, instead of driving us away when we are reminded of our sins, weaknesses and failures, should be a door through to drawing us closer to Jesus whose mercy is far greater than our shortcomings. For believers the truths of the Bible shared in this book are both humbling and deeply comforting, as the more we understand our own hearts the more we appreciate the heart of Christ. This is a great read to encourage us in our walk with Jesus, reminding us how as we come humbly and honestly before Him we can grow and rest in his unfailing love. *Wendy*

Other News

- **Vacancy at Petley & Deakin Almshouse charity, Tonbridge.** Accommodation: one person flat, with bedroom, sitting room, kitchen & bathroom, in central Tonbridge. Single occupancy only. Please contact Mrs Emily Case, Warden (07480 591947) or wardenpetleyanddeakin@gmail.com for more info, an application form and financial questionnaire. Closing date for applications: 14 August.

Services over the summer

SUNDAY 2 AUG - 2 Samuel 7:1-17

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service

10am at St Saviour: Morning Service (Traditional worship)

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service (Family worship, summer activities for aged 0-11)

3pm at St Andrew: Taize service

5pm at St Philip: Evening Service (Contemporary worship)

SUNDAY 9 AUG - 2 Samuel 11 - with Mark and Sarah Gelsthorpe visiting St Peter & St Paul

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service - with breakfast

10am at St Saviour: Morning Service (Traditional worship)

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul: Morning Service (Family worship, summer activities for aged 0-11)

5pm at St Philip: Evening Service (Contemporary worship)

SUNDAY 16 AUG - 1 Kings 3:1-15

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service

10am at St Saviour: Communion Service (Traditional worship)

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul: Morning Service (Family worship, summer activities for aged 0-11)

5pm at St Philip: Evening Service (Contemporary worship)

SUNDAY 23 AUG - 2 Chronicles 32:1-23

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service

10am at St Saviour: Morning Service (Traditional worship)

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul: Morning Service (Family worship, summer activities for aged 0-11)

5pm at St Philip: Communion Service (Contemporary worship)

SUNDAY 30 AUG - 2 Kings 22

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service

10am at St Saviour: Morning Service (Traditional worship)

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul: Morning Service (Family worship, summer activities for aged 0-11)

5pm at St Philip: Evening Service (Contemporary worship)

SUNDAY 6 SEPT - Philippians 4:4-9

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service - with breakfast

10am at St Saviour: Morning Service (Traditional worship)

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion Service (Family worship, activities for children aged 0-14)

3pm at St Andrew: Evening Prayer

5pm at St Philip: Evening Service (Contemporary worship)

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.

Church Office opening hours: Mon 10am-1pm, Wed 9am-12pm and Friday 10am-1pm
(not open on 21st Aug)

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