



Newsletter – 6.9.26

Good news with Jesus

It has been great to learn from this summer, both in our sermon series as well as the children's summer groups, of the different kings in the Old Testament and how they point us to the greatest King of all - King Jesus! Let's continue to pray that God would work through His word, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in His people in our church family - for continued encouragement and fruit as we enter a new sermon series in 1 Samuel this coming term. *Ben*

Church Family News

Serving teams

"There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body" (1 Corinthians 12 v 12). It is wonderful to see so many serving across our church family - some faithfully serving for many years, others new, and to new teams! Thank you for all those who are faithfully serving the Gospel in the life of our church. If you are considering where (or whether!) you might serve in the life of the church family please do speak to Ben or Wendy our congregational leaders, speak to our team leaders, or if you don't quite know who else to speak to do come to the Church Office in the first instance! It will be a delight to chat with you more, liaise with team leaders, and talk about safer recruitment and anything else that might help as you consider this.

Safeguarding update

As a new term begins we want to thank you for the many ways you each contribute to ensure safeguarding is a priority in the life of our church - for engaging in training, the safer recruitment process, and for sharing questions and concerns. Thank you.

Last term, after three years as Parish Safeguarding Officer, Pam Calvert stepped down from the role. At its July meeting, and in consultation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, the PCC agreed Wendy Carr would stand as interim PSO. The contact details remain the same for the PSO as indicated in all our buildings and on the website. We shared this news with the Holiday Club team just before the summer, but at the start of the new term wanted to make sure this has been clearly communicated more widely

across the church family. We also want to extend more widely thanks given to Pam for all the time and energy she invested in the role over the past three years. Again, contact details remain the same for the PSO as indicated in all our buildings and on the website.

Creation in Christ

We had an email from the diocese this week to let us know there will now be a new Feast in the Church of England, assigned to the first Sunday in September. This coming Sunday we will celebrate with special liturgy at some of our services. It is an opportunity for Christians to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, to reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world, and to pray for its renewal.



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FREEDOM CAMPS

Tonbridge Parish Church

The poster features a QR code in the top left, a list of activities in the middle left, and two circular images on the right: a campfire at night and a person archery. Logos for Freedom Camps and Tonbridge Parish Church are at the bottom left.



PRE SERVICE FAMILY BREAKFASTS

SOS families:	13th Sept & 15th Nov
Creche families:	20th Sept
Sunday Club families:	4th Oct & 28th Nov

Come at 9.15am for breakfast altogether, followed by a chance for the children to play (supervised) and parents to chat about parenting - its joys and challenges!





Harvest Sunday



Mission Partners – Gelsthorpes visit

It was a joy for us to welcome Mark and Sarah Gelsthorpe (along with Isaac and Caleb - we missed Grace) to our service at St Peter & St Paul in August.

Great to hear how things are going for them in Japan, to hear Mark open up God's word to us, to pray for them and spend time together.

To highlight

Church Family Prayer Meeting

THURS 10 SEPTEMBER
St Peter & St Paul
12pm AND 7.45pm



Tonbridge
Parish Church

No need to pray out loud—just come and join in with an Amen!

Our **September Prayer Diary** is also out - do pick up a copy if you haven't already!

Other News



The Big Knit
making miracles

Do you enjoy crochet or knitting?
Would you like to support your local baby loss charity and meet new friends?
If you answered yes to the above then please join us at one of our knitting events, The Big Knit.

 Date: 10th October 2026 Venue: Rochester Cathedral, Kent ME1 1SX Time: 10am - 1pm Entry: Free Contact: Jody Deamer: jody@makingmiracles.org.uk 07784 287 749	 Date: 9th October 2026 Venue: St Luke's Church, Sevenoaks TN13 1XT Time: 10am - 1pm Entry: Free Contact: Sarah Rogers: lakesevenoaks.office@gmail.com 07989 622 220
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KENT WOMENS CONVENTION 2026

SENT

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

MAIN SPEAKER
LIZZY SMALLWOOD

SATURDAY
10
OCTOBER

St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks | £12 Ticket

Do come and support this community event - also raising money for the organ at St Peter & St Paul



Next two Sundays

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER - Philippians 4 v 4-9

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion

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*). Also with Children and Young People's commissioning

3pm monthly service at St Andrew: Evening Prayer - Mark 8 v 34-38

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

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER - 1 Samuel 1 v 1 - 2 v 11

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

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

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

Refresh (Year 10-13) meeting at St Philip 6.30pm-8pm

