Newsletter – 15.11.26

GOOD NEWS

With Jesus



How wonderful that a group from Refresh (Years 10-13) went to London on Saturday for a day of teaching, worship and fun as they looked at 1 Peter - do ask them if any of them are still wearing their wristbands and what the letters on them stand for! *Ben*

GIFT DAY

On Sun 1 Nov, we preached on giving across the church, ahead of our **annual Gift Day NEXT Sunday (22 Nov).** It was good to hear the finance update too. If you weren't able to be around, do catch up on YouTube listen in - from 34 min 37 secs for update, followed by sermon.

Having had the chance to pray and plan our giving, on our Gift Day Sun 22 Nov, we will all have the opportunity to return our pledge forms. Do take a Gift Day 2026 leaflet this week if you haven't got one already. 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! Do contact Andy Kirkpatrick Treasurer, for more information:

treasurer@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - this week

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday. Care for the vulnerable and those most in need is at the heart of the Gospel. This Sunday we are reminding ourselves that safeguarding is

everyone's responsibility and thanking those who help promote safeguarding in our church. For further information or support, please also see our website.

FAMILY BREAKFASTS



PRE SERVICE FAMILY BREAKFASTS

SOS families

15th 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!

CHRISTMAS - PUBLICITY NOW OUT!

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas as one church family this year, focusing on something that appeals and is accessible to every life stage across our congregations. Publicity now available to take - one for yourself and many more to give to friends and family!

For those coming to the 'Pudding Making evening' and 'Carol Singing & Concert' - do invite a friend along too. We would love this Christmas to be marked by bringing and inviting as we focus on outreach in 2027! Paper invites for both of these available at the back of church.

Christmas SERVICES at

Tonbridge Parish Church



Sun 6 Dec ✦ 7-8pm *(bar open up to 9pm)*

Carol Service at The Castle

Tonbridge Castle, TN9 1BG



Thurs 24 Dec ✦ 11.30pm

Midnight Communion

St Peter & St Paul, TN9 1HD



Fri 25 Dec ✦ 8am & 10am

Join with our congregations for...

Christmas Celebration Services

8am @ St Peter & St Paul, TN9 1HD
(Communion)

10am @ St Peter & St Paul, TN9 1HD

10am @ St Philip, TN10 4PA

10am @ St Saviour, TN10 3BJ

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Christmas EVENTS at
Tonbridge Parish Church



Mon 30 Nov ✦ 7.30 - 9pm
Christmas pudding making evening
St Philip, TN10 4PA

(Booking essential - scan QR code or via church office)



Sun 6 Dec ✦ 7 - 8pm *(bar open up to 9pm)*
Carol Service at The Castle
Tonbridge Castle, TN9 1BG

(No need to book)



Wed 16 Dec ✦ 2-3pm *(refreshments 3-4pm)*
Christmas Carol singing and concert
St Saviour, TN10 3BJ

(No need to book)



Thurs 24 Dec ✦ 1.30-4.30pm
Live Nativity (with Christingle crafts)
St Peter & St Paul, TN9 1HD

(Drop in anytime - indoor live Nativity 2.30pm & 4pm)

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How can you serve?

LOTS of help is needed for us to put these different Christmas services and events together - how might you serve? Sign up online or contact the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY



To highlight

MEN & WOMEN'S MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

In our 10.30am Church Family Together service last week we heard more about supporting men and women in the church. Seeking to i) help one another grow as Christians, ii) support one another pastorally, and iii) share life together as we "live courageous lives for Christ".


MEN@
TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH
MEET
ENCOURAGE
NURTURE
For all Christian men in the church family
Second Tuesday of each month
8-9.30pm at Fuggles
Join as we hang out, followed by book discussion & prayer
Fourth Tuesday of each month
8-9.30pm at St Peter & St Paul
Join as we hang out, share a meal & pray
For more information, contact
Jonathan Taylor at:
taylor.jonathan.andrew@gmail.com
Proverbs 27:17
"as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another"
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Nourish
Cherish
Flourish
For all Christian women in the church family
Join as we catch up & chat through a book to:
Nourish our faith
Cherish each other
Flourish as we grow
DATES FOR 2027
8PM - 9.30PM
(DO COME ANYTIME FROM 7.30PM)
IVY HOUSE, TONBRIDGE
Mon 11 Jan
Mon 8 Feb
Mon 8 March
Mon 12 April
Mon 10 May
Mon 14 June
Mon 12 July
Mon 9 Aug
Mon 13 Sept
Mon 11 Oct
Mon 8 Nov
TBC Dec
For more information, please contact Julie Pascoe on: juliedanielle@hotmail.co.uk
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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6-7)

Other News

Vacancy at Petley and Deakin Almshouse charity, Tonbridge

A one person flat, with bedroom, open plan living and dining area and bathroom, in central Tonbridge. Single occupancy only. For information on eligibility and an application form, please contact Mrs Emily Case, Warden (07480 591947) or wardenpetleyanddeakin@gmail.com Closing date for applications: 30 Nov 2026.

Next two Sundays

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER - 1 Samuel 8: 1-22

Safeguarding Sunday

8am at St Peter & St Paul: Communion

10am at St Saviour: Communion 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

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

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER - Luke 1: 1-4

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