



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: The first martyr: Acts 6:8-8:1a  10.45 Morning Service: The first martyr: : Acts 6:8-8:1a  6pm Evening Service: Sing joyfully: Psalm 33	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Morning Service: The first martyr: : Acts 6:8-8:1a	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Communion Service: The first martyr: Acts 6:8-8:1a	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: The first martyr: : Acts 6:8-8:1a
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## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** Give thanks for Hope Explored at Open House which started last week looking at how Jesus gives real hope because he's the Mighty God, with the power to meet our deepest needs. Pray on for the second session this Sat (27th); that all who attend would be struck how Jesus also offers real peace because he's the Prince of Peace, who tears down the barrier between us and God. *Wendy*

- **NEW Parish-wide morning worship, followed by annual church meeting (APCM). 10am, Sun 12 May, St Peter & Paul.** Come at 10am for a short time of public worship, followed by our annual meeting for all those who are members of the Electoral Roll. Children's groups as usual throughout the morning (creche, Sunday Club & SOS). Celebrating last year and looking forward to the next!
  - Notices and nomination forms remain up in all churches across the parish.
  - Annual accounts and reports available in churches and on our website shortly.
  - **Any questions to be pre-submitted to PCC Secretary, David Robins, by Mon 6 May: [pccsecretary@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:pccsecretary@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)**
  - Our morning worship will be on Livestream, but not the annual meeting.

- **BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! Church-Family Away Day 2024 - Sat eve 22 Jun & Sun 23 June, at Bishop Chavasse school.**

**Theme: "Let all His people speak His grace"** (*Michael Perry, from 'Glory be to God in heaven'*)

1 Peter 2:4-10 - guest speaker Mike Warren (Vicar, St Peter Tunbridge Wells)

Session 1: **Precious to God**

Session 2: **Precious to one another**

Session 3: **Precious together**

A great opportunity to grow in love and bonds of affection as a church family together. Join with us for barn dance and food on Saturday evening, followed by a day on Sunday of teaching and worship together with guest speaker; plus craft, sport, other activities and relaxation in the afternoon.

**PLEASE BOOK VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE** or [HERE](#) or contact the Parish Office. Please also let us know if you can help with some hospitality over the weekend—many thanks.

- **Under the Sea Holiday Club! July 22-26, 9.45am-12.30pm for Reception to Year 6.** Join in the fun games and Bible stories as Marina and her friend Sub discover what's happening on the shore above them from their cave under the sea of Galilee. £10 per child for the week. Not many places left—do sign up NOW if you haven't already using [this link](#) or visit our website.
- **HELP** is required in many different areas for Holiday Club to take place. It is great to be part of this big church family effort to host the largest outreach event of the year. Please let the office know if you can offer to assist in any way from praying to registration to cutting out in advance, to helping with a group. More detailed volunteer forms available to sign at the back of our churches. **Please let the Parish Office know by the 28 April.** Thank you.
- We would love to give Jane Higgs a good send off as she leaves her paid role in the parish—do pop into the lower lounge at St Peter & St Paul between **2-3pm on Mon 29 April for coffee and cake.**
- **Families this term!** Do join us at 9.30am for breakfast all together, and then grown ups' discussion as we continue to think about Identity while the children and young people get to spend time supervised together.  
**Sunday Club families: 19 May and 16 June      SOS families: 5 May and 9 June      Creche families: 14 July**
- **Sorted Nano 2024** for those aged 11-14 (SOS age): Sat 11 May, London: Sorted Nano is a great day out for 11-14s to get together with hundreds of others to grow in their faith. The day is a mix of Bible teaching, sung worship, games and more. All fantastic! Drop off at 9am and collection (expected 4pm) from Tonbridge station. Complete **SIGN UP [HERE](#)**

**Parish Office Opening hours.** Please note from the start of May, the Parish Office normal opening hours will be 10am-1pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

- **NEW Message from Andy Kirkpatrick (Treasurer)** Should you need confirmation of the amount of your registered donations for the tax year 2023/24, please send an email to [Andy-kirkpatrick@outlook.com](mailto:Andy-kirkpatrick@outlook.com) who will reply with the details. Thank you to all those who give by this, or any other method. This enables us to claim tax relief where appropriate. Should you wish to become a regular donor, Andy would be happy to go through the process with you, or you can complete and send him the 'Giving Form' found in the Church Foyer. Thank you.

## OTHER NEWS



**Rochester Diocese Evangelical Fellowship Conference 'Sharing Jesus Now' - Sat 18 May, 9.30am-4pm, St Margaret's Halstead.** A day conference to equip Christians across our Diocese to seize the opportunities and face the challenges of **engaging with the world in our time and place.** Main speakers: Glen Scrivener & John Dunnett.  
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- On behalf of the charity **Barnabas Aid and Medical.gives** there is now a Tonbridge collection point off Whistler road for crutches, frames and working wheel chairs which will then be given to struggling Christians (for example in Ukraine). Text to Chris Thorogood: 07786 875228 for more information.

## REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
<b>Mon 29th</b>	Book Club	10.15-11.45am, St Peter & St Paul.	Alison Minton / ashminton@gmail.com
	<b>Coffee lounge</b>	<b>10am-12pm</b>	<b>Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</b>
	Merry Makers	Restarts Mon 22 April	Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com
	<b>Coffee Break (inc. Thought for the Day)</b>	<b>10:30-11.30am, St Saviour</b>	<b>Alison Wise / a.wise.7@btinternet.com</b>
<b>Tues 30th</b>	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
<b>Wed 1st</b>	<b>Tiny Acorns (parent &amp; carer under-1's)</b>	<b>10:30am- 12pm, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Sara Thomson / sarajthomson44@gmail.com</b>
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	<b>10am Holy Communion service</b>	<b>10am, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</b>
	PrayerTime@St Philip	7.30pm, St Philip	Wendy Carr / wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
<b>Thurs 2nd</b>	<b>Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)</b>	<b>10-11.30am, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Josephine Sinclair / josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk</b>
	Craft Workshop	1.30-4pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com
<b>Fri 3rd</b>	<b>Church Family Prayers</b>	<b>9.30-9.50am on Zoom (853 4454 9144)</b>	<b>Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</b>
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, st Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
<b>Sat 4th</b>	Prayer meeting	9-10am , St Peter & St Paul	Richard Roberts / richardbproberts2003@gmail.com
	<b>Open House (followed by Hope Explored at 12-1.30pm (session 3))</b>	<b>10am-12.30pm, St Philip (12-1.30pm Hope Explored)</b>	<b>Wendy Carr / wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</b>
<b>Various</b>	Home Groups (for all Christians who are part of our church family across any of our four churches)		John Schluter / john@schluter.ch

## SUNDAY 5 MAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8 10.45 Communion Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8 6pm Evening Service: Tasting the Lord's goodness: Psalm 34	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Morning Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Persecuted church scatters: Acts 8:1b-8
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