



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Serving for the Gospel: Acts 6:1-7 10.45 Morning Service: Serving for the Gospel: Acts 6:1-7 6pm Evening Service: The hiding place: Psalm 32	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Serving for the Gospel: Acts 6:1-7	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Serving for the Gospel: Acts 6:1-7	St Andrew 9.45 Communion Service: Serving for the Gospel: Acts 6:1-7
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW** There's always good news with Jesus...! Join us in praising God that in less than a week, **over 100 children have signed up** to join us for our Under the Sea Holiday Club 2024 where they will have the opportunity to hear about the good news of Jesus! But also pray on that we would have enough help to love and care for all of these children. Holiday Club NEEDS YOU... NEEDS US ALL! Ben
- **BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!** Church-Family Away Day 2024 - Saturday eve 22 June & all day Sunday 23 June, at Bishop Chavasse school, Tonbridge. 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.
- Ahead of the **APCM on 12 May (which follows an act of worship at 10am at St Peter & St Paul, with no other services that day apart from 8am and 6pm)** we will be reviewing the **Parish Electoral Roll**. If you have been part of our worshipping church family for around 6 months, we would encourage you to consider joining the Roll. It helps us and also means you can attend and take part in the annual meeting. Forms are available in the churches or on the website (to be completed by 23 April) Forms and any queries to *Sally Musson (Electoral Roll Officer)*. Each church will also hold its annual meeting to elect Deputy Wardens. Nomination forms available in each church. These will happen briefly after the morning service on: St Peter & St Paul: Sun 21 April and St Philip: Sun 28 April
- **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](#).
- **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.
- **Open House followed by Hope Explored session 1** THIS Sat (20 April). Pray for this great outreach opportunity!
- **Jane Higgs**, currently our Parish Administrator and Vicar's PA, but who has been a valued member of the staff team for many years now, will be finishing her role in the parish at the start of May to take on a new and exciting job locally! Give thanks for Jane's service to the parish as part of the staff team, and pray on for her to settle into her new job quickly—though she will remain a valued member of the church family at St Philip's! Watch this space for further updates (and please pray on) as we look to recruit.
NEW We would love to give Jane a good send off—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
- The **Monday morning prayer group** who pray for our young people would like to start praying for all those taking exams. If you would like us to pray for you, your children, grandchildren or anyone close to you then let Juliet Roberts know julietr62@btinternet.com / 07989695462.
- **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](#)**

NEW 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.

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 Dunnnett. **SIGN UP VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE OR [HERE](#)**

- NEW** 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
Mon 22nd	Book Club	10.15-11.45am, St Peter & St Paul.	Alison Minton / aslhinton@gmail.com
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Merry Makers	Restarts Mon 22 April	Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com
	Coffee Break (inc. Thought for the Day)	10:30-11.30am, St Saviour	Alison Wise / a.wise.7@btinternet.com
	Men's Fellowship	7.45pm, St Philip	Ray Tanner / raytanner_1@btinternet.com
Tues 23rd	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Wed 24th	Tiny Acorns (parent & carer under-1's)	10.30am- 12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Sara Thomson / sarajthomson44@gmail.com
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Thurs 25th	Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)	10-11.30am, St Peter & St Paul	Josephine Sinclair / josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk
	Craft Workshop	1.30-4pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com
	St Andrew's Open Door	2-4pm, St Andrew	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Fri 26th	Church Family Prayers	9.30-9.50am on Zoom (853 4454 9144)	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Women's Fellowship	7.30-9.30pm, St Philip	Marion Evans / marionevans244@gmail.com
Sat 27th	Prayer meeting	9-10am , St Peter & St Paul	Richard Roberts / richardbproberts2003@gmail.com
	Open House (incl repair café and gardening project followed by Hope Explored at 12-1.30pm (session 2)	10am-12.30pm, St Philip (12-1.30pm Hope Explored)	Wendy Carr / wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Various	Home Groups (for all Christians who are part of our church family across any of our four churches)		John Schluter / john@schluter.ch

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

St Peter & St Paul 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	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: The first martyr: : Acts 6:8-8:1a	St Saviour 9.15 Communion Service: The first martyr: Acts 6:8-8:1a	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: The first martyr: : Acts 6:8-8:1a
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