

15th APRIL



“We do not know what we ought to pray for...”

Romans 8:26b



St Peter & St Paul • St Philip • St Andrew • St Saviour

From the Treasurer

Vital work is needed, but so are funds - can you help?

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From the Associate Vicar

Prayer - sometimes difficult but always essential!

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Youth, Children & Families Ministry

What was, what is and what is to come

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Parish Family News

Eggs, flowers & new life - Spring has truly arrived!

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The Month Ahead

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TREASURER

LES NAYLOR

St Saviour

If you worship at St Saviour or have a love for the place, you may wish to help fund the levelling of the uneven path from the gate in Dry Hill Park Crescent. There is also a desire to create some garden spaces in the area cleared where the trees were taken down on the south side. A sum of £10,000 is required for the work on the path and £6,000 to landscape and equip some spaces in the garden.

Audio-Visual Equipment

From the responses to Life-Giving Questions, it was evident that most of you appreciate the facility to do online services, and wish for that capability to be continued after we return to worship in the church buildings. An improvement in our audio-visual facilities is required to do this and to stream live services, mainly at St P&P, but also upgrades are required at St Philip and St Andrew. At St P&P the work will be in three phases:

- Phase 1 has been fully costed at £2750 and approval to proceed has already been granted. It will provide new HD cameras, microphones and control equipment.
- Phase 2 will cost around £25,000 and will provide new projectors, screens, additional cameras, and control software which will be far easier for more people to operate the AV.
- Phase 3 is mainly concerned with upgrading the sound system at St P&P, the upgrade of equipment at St Philip and new facilities at St Andrew. An additional £12,500 is estimated for this phase.

General Fund

As Parish Treasurer, and on behalf of the Trustees of the charity (the members of the PCC), I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued financial support throughout the duration of this pandemic. It has meant that the accounts for 2020 show a small deficit of £1800. The bulk of our income comes from you, the regular donors, and you have remained faithful throughout this challenging period. The final accounts for 2020 have been signed off by the PCC and will be available on our website by the end of the month.

For 2021, the assumption has been made that we are unlikely to be back to 'normal' full services in the near future. Our ability to hire out the church buildings and open the coffee lounge will be delayed and we are unlikely to have a new Vicar much before the fourth quarter. The budget therefore shows a deficit of £12,000 this year; your help in bridging this funding gap would be appreciated.

If you would like to make a contribution, raise your level of regular giving, or even start to support the work of the Parish, please look at the **2021 Appeal** or **email me**.

Thank you.

Les Naylor

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ASSOCIATE VICAR

REV'D WENDY CARR

'In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.'

Romans 8:26-27

Prayer: what is the first thing that springs to your mind when you read that word - prayer? Perhaps a sense of dread that the rest of my words to you are going to urge you to join a prayer meeting, join the intercessions team or Is it that fear of praying out loud!

It shouldn't be a surprise to us that prayer isn't always easy - even the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. It was also the disciples that fell asleep when told to stay awake and pray! And in the verses above from Romans we read, 'we do not know what we ought to pray for'.

And yet prayer is one of the most important acts that a Christian can take part in, both individually and corporately. It is a privilege, it is a gift, and it is our opportunity to spend time in the presence of God. Prayer is a space for us to share intimately all that is on our hearts with our Father in heaven.

A great place to start is to heed the words of Pete Grieg who encourages us to pray small prayers continually rather than big prayers occasionally.

Did you know that the book of Acts makes reference to prayer around 30 times! The early church were devoted to prayer, in fact, prayer came before almost every major event of the early Church.

Our Parish prayer gatherings have grown over the lockdown, some individuals have found they have had more time to pray, perhaps we have each felt more need to pray.

Our sermon series throughout April and the beginning of May will be looking at prayer, through the prayers of Paul. I pray that you find encouragement in this season to focus on your own prayer life, not in order to compare yourself to others, but to know that when we pray things happen!

Every Blessing,

Wendy

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YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

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What was, what is and what is to come

So much has already happened in April - we've had Easter (and probably eaten a little too much chocolate), begun enjoying meeting others outdoors and we've just finished our joint Easter Holiday Club, **Let's Go!** The Egg Hunt & QR Code Trail are still up for a limited time so why not head down to St Peter & St Paul or walk to one of the other churches to take part and have some Easter fun!

Tiny Acorns resumed on 14th April at St Saviour and **Teddies** kicks off again on 20th in the churchyard at St P&P - for more info & booking details head to their **Facebook page**.

The new school term will be starting very shortly and so will the groups for our young people - **Grub** returns on 20th April and **SOS & Refresh** resume on 25th (**contact us** for more details). While we're still operating mainly online, **Sunday Club** will be having a hiatus and instead we'll be focussing our energies into making the Sunday morning service as inclusive & engaging as possible for everyone, with something new starting during our service on 25th.

Thy Kingdom Come will soon be upon us, and in addition to the prayer stations & prayer walk that will be happening (see **Parish Family News**) we're planning an interactive prayer trail that will take you around the Parish using our new friends, QR codes! We're also challenging you to learn the Lord's Prayer in Makaton and get involved doing it during our Sunday services.



We know so many of you keep our youth and children in your prayers so here are some prayer points to focus on:

- The return to school following the Easter break & young children adapting to being around lots of other children
- Preparations for Thy Kingdom Come
- Exams happening over the next few months that will help guide results

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coming soon!

More details in next NFTP



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PARISH FAMILY NEWS

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For community and Diocesan news please check our **community engagement** tab on our website. An update on Operation Christmas Child 2020 can be found there, as well as details about a new allotment that FEAST have which they **need help preparing**.

We plan to have some prayer stations in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul as part of **Thy Kingdom Come** (see **The Month Ahead**) to encourage people to pray. If you would like to help deliver these please contact **Barbara Lloyd**. We would also encourage you to pray for five people to come to know Jesus.



Pair up and pray on Sunday 16th May - a prayer walk as part of **TKC** around Tonbridge starting from St Peter & St Paul at 3:30PM. You will be sent a map, and when you arrive you will be paired up to walk and stop for prayer on the way. Return in time for 5PM service in the church. To register contact **Melissa**.

A big **THANK YOU** for all the Easter eggs that were dropped off at St Saviour last month. We were able to give 165 to Fegans for them to distribute to children in their pre-schools.

Stepping Stones bible study will be meeting in the churchyard of St Peter & St Paul from 22nd April, 10-11:15am. Bring your own chair/blanket and booking necessary via **Melissa**

Gyms are opening and good weather is coming, so why not spread the word with a Parish t-shirt! Available from **Yolanda** for £7.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of parishioners who have gone to be with the Lord including:

Bernard Pickerill, 90 died on 7th March
Carol Arnold, 82 died on 21st March



Christian Aid celebrate their 75th anniversary this year and they are asking us now, as individuals and as a church, to mark their 75th anniversary with a gift which can transform lives, e.g. £30 could pay for 200 seedlings for 10 people to plant trees.

You can donate **here** but if you want to do your own fundraising for Christian Aid Week you can visit **caweek.org** for ideas and more.

The Parish Profile, for the recruitment of the new Vicar, will be available on the website from 23rd April

For any further information on any of the above please contact Sally Musson in the first instance **mussonsally@btinternet.com** (01732 838411)

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THE MONTH AHEAD

LEADERS & PREACHERS AT OUR 10AM ONLINE SERVICES

Date	Leader	Preacher	Date	Leader	Preacher
18 th Apr	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Holly Adams	2 nd May	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Sally Musson
25 th Apr	Felicity Layton	George Gilbert-Smith	9 th May	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Andy Page

LEADERS & PREACHERS AT OUR 5PM 'SIMPLY JESUS' SERVICES

Date	Leader	Preacher	Date	Leader	Preacher
18 th Apr	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Jonathan Harber	2 nd May	David Balcombe	Rev'd Wendy Carr
25 th Apr	Melissa Lavin	Sally Musson	9 th May	Andy Kirkpatrick	Felicity Layton

A lot of work is going on behind the scenes as we develop a 'hybrid' service which will be available to those at home and those wishing to attend worship in church. We hope to update you on this shortly.

When attending our buildings to participate in acts of worship please ensure you abide by the **guidelines**.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

14th April / Tiny Acorns resumes at St Saviour, Wednesdays at 10:30AM - **booking** required & more info **here**

18th April / Holly Adam will be our guest preacher at our 10AM service. Holly, previously with the Church Urban Fund, now works for the Connexional Team of the Methodist Church in Evangelism and Growth.

20th April / Teddies resumes in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul, Tuesdays at 9:30AM - **booking** required & more info **here**

22nd April / Stepping Stones resumes on Thursdays, 10AM in churchyard at St Peter & St Paul (see **Parish Family News** for more info)

2nd May / Good news! From today there will be a Said Holy Communion service on Sundays, 8AM at St Saviour

10th - 16th May / Christian Aid Week - more info at **www.caweek.org**

13th May / Ascension Day service, 7PM at St Peter & St Paul

13th - 23rd May / Thy Kingdom Come - global prayer initiative with prayer activities planned around the Parish (see **Youth, Children & Families Ministry** & **Parish Family News**)

23rd May / John Dunnett, General Director of CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) who are our patron, will be coming to preach on Pentecost Sunday