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WARDENS

ADAM CALVERT & PAUL WHITE

RESUMPTION OF SERVICES & WIDER RE-OPENING

Thank you for continuing to support our services. Very recently, at the 10AM service at St Peter & St Paul, we were close to our socially distanced capacity – which was great to see.

We had hoped to be able to comment on the move to stage 4 of the Government's Covid-19 recovery strategy and its implications for all our activities. However, at the time of preparing this update, the details are not in the public domain.

So please look out for further announcements.

In the meantime, though, we can confirm that a service of Holy Communion will take place at St Peter & St Paul on the first Sunday of the month at 5PM beginning on 4TH July. All are warmly welcome.

If you would like to volunteer your help with our services, please get in touch with the [Parish office](#).

NEW

NEW VICAR PROGRESS

As announced at the APCM, the vacancy has been re-advertised with a closing date of 30TH June for applications. Interviews are scheduled for 22ND and 23RD July. Please continue to pray for God's guidance in the selection of our new vicar.

UPDATE FROM THE PCC

By the time this newsletter is issued our PCC will have been commissioned with Alison Minton, Susan Knight and David Farquharson joining as new members. The next PCC meeting is scheduled for 12TH July.

The minutes of PCC meetings are available on the [website](#).

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Ray Tanner as the new Parish Treasurer. We wish Ray all the best in this important role.

SAFEGUARDING - CODE OF CONDUCT

As part of our approach to safeguarding, we have prepared a Code of Conduct for our staff and volunteers. This document expresses our commitment to demonstrating God's love by placing the highest priority on the safety of those to whom we minister. It sets out what we expect from anyone who ministers in our church, in both paid or voluntary roles, and is one of the ways we ensure high standards of safeguarding in all we do.

As well as being circulated to our volunteers it is available on the [website](#).

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ASSOCIATE VICAR

REV'D WENDY CARR

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!' Isaiah 52:7

I recently shared this passage at our APCM meeting, emphasising the need for the action of our feet in the spreading of the good news of Jesus, of the gospel. Without movement and action how can the good news be spread on the mountains, the mountains that sit beyond our church walls?

Last year through the life-giving questions initiative many of your responses included the desire to see outreach and community engagement to be central to the life of this parish. Many good initiatives were happening pre-covid and also during the last year, the network of contacts was of enormous support to many, along with Alpha, Feast, Health walks and more. Now, as we begin to look forward, we will have the opportunity to gradually look at how we can extend and develop this area of parish life.

This cannot happen without the feet on the ground! I am looking for people willing to pray, to help practically, to share ideas, to work together across the parish to unite the many good initiatives already happening and to have a foot in the life of the wider community.

Could you see yourself involved in any of these areas?

I pray that these words from Isaiah become a reality in Tonbridge, that the beautiful feet of many who already know the Lord step out to live and breathe the good news of Jesus Christ, through action and word with a desire to engage with our wider community.

If you are willing to dip a toe in the water and see how you can be involved, please set aside the evening of Monday 5TH July and drop me a quick email to say you intend to come: wendy@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk. If you have been a part of the Open House team previously, please do come along. Once I have collated all your responses, I will ensure either a location or a zoom link is sent out.

The good news of peace is beautiful. The message shared is for all creation.
The message of hope is one of salvation.

Let us join together in the Lord's work.

Every Blessing,
Wendy

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YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

Keep Calm and Carry On Meeting Together

We had a great time at our first **Worship in the Wild** on 23RD May, and can't wait for our next gathering on 27TH June. This time we're at St Saviour's church, Dry Hill Park Crescent, and we'll be thinking about 'Wind' so expect paper aeroplanes, rushing about and maybe even a parachute!

If you plan to be there we'd appreciate a heads up so that we can make sure we've got enough craft materials for the session, so **let us know you're coming**.



Grub & Refresh have been enjoying the return to in-person meetings and continue to do so at the usual time at St Peter & St Paul. If you, or someone you know, would like to join either group then **let us know** as we'd love to meet new people.

SOS is currently undergoing a review so is having a brief hiatus. We really want to reconnect with you as soon as possible and don't want to leave anyone behind, so we'd love to hear your responses to our **brief survey** (if you've not already done it). What you tell us will affect how SOS moves forward so please do spare a few minutes to complete it.



We hope that you've been enjoying **Together Time** as much as we have and we'd love to hear your feedback on it. We try hard to make it relevant and engaging for everyone, but if we're missing the mark we want to know.

We're also looking for people to join us putting them together, either on camera or behind-the-scenes, as we intend for it to be around for a while so if you want to get involved **send us an email**.

Thank you for praying for our youth and children. Here are some prayer points to focus on over the next month:

- Andy and his family as they move on 30TH June
- For those who have finished exams - for peace and patience in this time of waiting
- That we would be guided by the Spirit in our decisions about SOS
- Give thanks for good weather and pray that it would continue, to allow our groups to meet outdoors
- For those who have finished school and are looking for Summer work

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PARISH FAMILY NEWS

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More recipes are needed for the parish recipe book planned to raise money for outreach projects and to be ready for sale in November. All types of recipes (starters, main meals, vegetarian, puddings, and baking) from all age groups welcome. Please send your favourite recipe ASAP, but no later than the end of July, to **Pam Tanner** or **Catherine Farquharson** or place in the Coach House post box.

Important news from Mission Action Group (MAG)

Retrak/Hope for Justice has been the Mission Partner (MP) for P&P for a considerable number of years. MAG, the PCC and the leadership team of P&P have decided to end the MP link with Retrak/Hope for Justice.

Going forward, the Langham Partnership (already a parish wide MP for several years) will be the MP for P&P.

POSTPONED

Parish Family Picnic

Following the recent government announcement with regards to lifting restrictions on outdoor gatherings, we regret that the Parish Family Picnic is postponed to a later date in the summer. More information will follow in due course.

Many congratulations to **Isaac King** who has been selected for the UK team of six for the International Mathematical Olympiad in July. This is a competition for school-age students.

What a great achievement Isaac!



TMBC health walk (Tonbridge Parish) continues this Saturday 19TH June from St Philip's church at 10AM. **Book a place** to attend or call 01732 876347.

Keen to grow and learn together in the love of Christ?

Then join a pilot running of the Church of England's 'Pastoral Principles for Living and Learning Well Together'.

More information at:

churchofengland.org/PAG

Come to five sessions on Tuesdays 13TH, 20TH and 27TH July, plus 3RD and 10TH August at 7.00PM in the churchyard at

St Peter & St Paul.

Up to 30 places available.

Contact **Sally Musson** if you are interested (01732 838411).

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

John Barton, 87 died on 13TH May

Eileen Drew, 84 died on 7TH May

David Hails, 79 died on 17TH May

We **rejoice** with Tim and Amy Lucas on the safe arrival of baby Wilfred on 18TH May weighing 9lbs 1oz. A baby brother for Margot.

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THE MONTH AHEAD

LEADERS & PREACHERS AT OUR 10AM SERVICES

Date	Leader	Preacher	Date	Leader	Preacher
20 TH Jun	Andy Kirkpatrick	Felicity Layton	4 TH Jul	Sally Musson	Jeremy King
27 TH Jun	Yolanda Roberts	David Balcombe	11 TH Jul	Deryck Charnock	Rev'd Wendy Carr

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


Date	Leader	Preacher	Date	Leader	Preacher
20 TH Jun	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Jonathan Harber	4 TH Jul*	Rev'd Wendy Carr	Sally Musson
27 TH Jun	Sally Musson	Rev'd Wendy Carr	11 TH Jul	Rev'd Wendy, Emily Speed & young people	

The 10AM Sunday service is available online and in person at St Peter & St Paul.

* New service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

When attending our buildings to worship please ensure you adhere to the [guidelines](#).

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

- 17TH Jun Deanery Synod meeting, 8PM via Zoom, with guest speaker Keith Berry from the Diocese Community Engagement Team. Contact [Sally Musson](#) to join
- 20TH Jun Said Holy Communion services continue on Sundays, 8AM at St Saviour
- 22ND Jun Teddies continues in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul, Tuesdays at 9:30AM - more information [here](#)
- 23RD Jun Tiny Acorns continues at St Saviour, Wednesdays at 10:30AM - [booking](#) required and more information [here](#)
- 24TH Jun Stepping Stones continues on Thursdays at 10AM, via Zoom
- 27TH Jun Second Worship in the Wild gathering, 3PM at St Saviour
- 4TH Jul New service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, 5PM at St Peter & St Paul 
- 5TH Jul Beautiful Feet: Mission, Community Engagement & Outreach evening with Rev'd Wendy Carr (time and location or Zoom link TBC)
- 12TH Jul PCC meeting, 8PM via Zoom
- 13TH Jul Pastoral Principles for living and learning well together, 7PM in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul with Rev'd Wendy Carr / Sally Musson

Please note that information regarding a Wednesday Communion service will follow in due course.