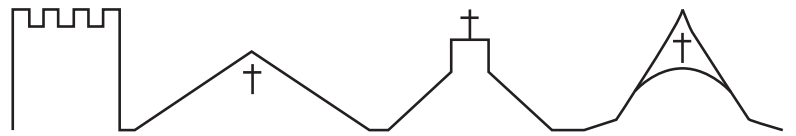




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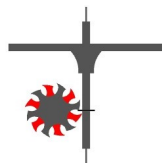
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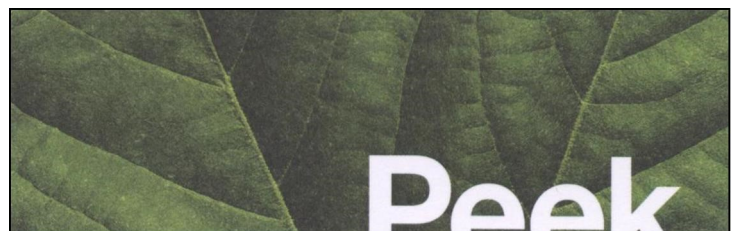


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*Caroline Buck and Jackie Williams*



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Dear Friends,

What is at the heart of your Christmas? Presents, carols, mince pies, or maybe family, turkey, twinkling lights? Or is it perhaps about traditions and memory building?

One of the Christmas traditions we have in our home has been giving our children a Christmas book each year. One such book received some 16 years ago was about a family of mice. The mice gathered various items belonging to other animals from the farmyard and woodland to decorate a Christmas tree. The items stirred memories close to the animals' hearts, but instead of hiding them away they shared these with others to create a beautiful twinkling tree. The picture of the tree in the book still twinkles today!

This year at the parish of St Peter and St Paul, Tonbridge, we will be welcoming our new Vicar Ben and his family into the heart of our Christmas. We are excited to be able to share all that we are and embrace all they will bring too, as we look forward to growing together to enrich the life of the church and community here in Tonbridge.

The Church of England's theme for advent and Christmas 2021 is, 'At the heart of Christmas', an opportunity for churches to welcome communities into the beating heart of Christmas - the living story of a baby who came to earth, revealing to us the great heart of God. His heart that longs not only to be at the heart of our Christmas but also at the heart of our lives.

We look forward to sharing the good news of Christmas this year where the light, love and hope of Jesus can also be at the heart of your Christmas.

Blessings



*The Rev'd Wendy Carr  
Associate Vicar*

# My faith, My Role in the Community

## **How would you introduce yourself?**

I'm happily married to Alyson and father to three wonderful, teenage children, Rosie, Amy and Tom. I am originally from Bangor, County Down, but managed to make my way to Tonbridge in August 2002, via Dublin (university), Glasgow (teacher training), and Nottingham (first teaching job).

I work at Tonbridge School in the role of Second Master (Senior Deputy Head), having been a Housemaster for ten years. My main responsibility is the day to day running of the school, but it is a broad role in the school looking after staff welfare, staff appointments, boys' behaviour, organising large events and deputising for the Head. I also teach a little A-level and GCSE English Literature.

## **Tell us a bit about your journey to and through faith**

Journey is definitely the right analogy, and certainly it has not been plain sailing for me in terms of my own understanding of who Jesus is, what he means to me, and how I relate to God through him.

I could point to attending a Scripture Union camp aged 12 and making a commitment to Jesus as when I 'became' a Christian. Now that I am older, while it was an important moment in my life, much more important was growing up and talking with older Christians who were infinitely patient, non-judgemental and wise.



## **How does your faith relate to your work?**

For me the key is that faith has to relate to all aspects of your life, your family, your friendships, your work, in the sense that you know you are a forgiven sinner, and that the grace of God has placed you where you are for a purpose.

I like to think that being a Christian helps to give perspective to the times we have and also to the challenges that we face. It provides a moral compass to help me in my decisions and also encourages me to think about the importance of each individual I meet. Also, it gives me the confidence to say sorry when I have got something wrong, or been too harsh or hasty in my judgement.

## **John Bleakley**



*John Bleakley is a member of the Parish church and has lived in Tonbridge for nearly twenty years.*

At university, I met James Brown, now of this parish. He has been a great help to me over the past 25 years, and we have an enduring friendship which has a basis in faith. I did consider giving up on faith at the end of my university days, feeling fed up and disenchanted, but the Lord was gracious and put a key figure, Peter Walker, in my path who patiently and lovingly led me back to faith.

Meeting Alyson in Glasgow and seeing her faith and love for those whom she met was genuinely inspiring. In Nottingham, we attended St. Nicholas Church, and helped for three years with the youth work there which was rewarding and enjoyable

Moving to Tonbridge, we joined the Parish Church. I have played in the music group here on and off for a while, helped out at a few Holiday clubs, been involved in the prayer ministry and in leading prayers or reading in church in the morning services.

## **Tell us a little about your other interests of hobbies**

I enjoy reading fiction, having particularly enjoyed 'The Namesake' and re-reading 'Small Island' recently, but also enjoy reading history or nature books, with John Lewis Stempel being a favourite of mine. I would like to say that I enjoy following Tottenham Hotspur too, but it has not been very enjoyable of late! Nevertheless, football is a huge part of my life and I have played and coached for many years. A source of delight and endless wonder when something actually grows is my vegetable patch.

## 'Surprised by joy' Christmas Day 1959

Throughout my childhood we always went to my aunt's, and she provided us with what I thought was the best possible Christmas Day: a very generous roast turkey meal with all the trimmings, and crackers, and then, tiny Christmas presents taken from the (quite small) Christmas tree. We would draw lots for these, and it took me a few years to realise that the lots didn't make any difference - the little gifts would be a tiny notepad, a small pencil, a rubber, a pencil sharpener, some sweets, and similar very small gifts. I loved receiving them.



On this particular Christmas Day in 1959 I was twenty, and on holiday from university. As usual I was delivering post from Croydon Sorting Office. A moment on that morning made such an impression on me, that I have never forgotten

it. I had just started my round and was walking down the hill carrying my heavy bag, looking forward, at the completion of my round, to catching the tram that would take me to my aunt's home in Thornton Heath. Then I found myself walking past a small front garden bordered by a holly hedge with lots of berries. It was a freezing cold morning, and the holly leaves and the berries were all edged with frost. I can still picture it now and each time I remember it, it brings alive again in me the joy of Christmas morning.



Marion Evans

## Times of Joy and Grief

In 1966 Miles and I were expecting our first child who was due on 18th December but arrived on 1st Jan '67! During that time, we were made very aware of the strain Mary and Joseph had to face as they awaited Jesus' birth in very difficult circumstances and the courage they showed.

In 2000 Christmas was special in a very different way as the Lord called Miles Home to Heaven on Boxing Day having given us a wonderful time together as a complete family over lunch on Christmas Day. The fact that Jesus came as a baby in order to open up the way to Heaven, for those who believe in Him, by His death and Resurrection, gave us the assurance that death is not the end, and we shall meet again. This was a great comfort as we grieved.



Sara Thomson

## Christmas Lights



As a child Christmas really began when I entered my Granny's old-fashioned kitchen after our long drive northwards and was enveloped in a big hug. I can hear her voice now saying "Hello, Love". She was the vergar of the local church and whilst she was busily sorting things out there were times when I would wait in the quiet building and gaze at the huge Christmas tree which stood in the corner decorated with glowing lights. Beneath it stood a large brightly lit crib scene with all the figures from the Nativity. There was something that touched my heart in the tall beauty of the tree and the little group of figures in their bright stable below, surrounded by the peaceful atmosphere of the old church.

Morwenna Fernandez

# Meet our New Vicar

**The Rev'd. Ben Thorndike** will be installed as the new Vicar of Tonbridge Parish Church at a service 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. We look forward to meeting Ben and Jane, his wife, with their three children. Here Ben tells us a little about himself and his family.



## ***Tell us something about your family***

I am married to Jane and we have three school-age children. We met at church when we were both teachers in Cambridge. My memory is her bounding over the chairs to put her mobile number in my hand. She doesn't remember the story like that!

## ***What were you doing before you were ordained into the Church of England?***

I have been in full-time paid Christian ministry for over 14 years but was ordained in 2013. Before all that I was a Business & Economics Teacher and Sixth Form Leader in a secondary school. I still love teaching – a large part of the Minister's role is teaching God's word in the Bible to people, that they may come to know and grow in their trust of Jesus.

## ***How did you come to faith in Jesus?***

I could describe it as a love story... perhaps even a love triangle! Jesus loved me, even though I loved someone else. Yet Jesus kept loving me through it and picked me up in the brokenness of a big break up. I saw that Jesus loved me in spite of my failings and how I had treated Him, loving me so much He died in my place on the cross. As I said sorry to Jesus and accepted the call to love Him as the love of my life, He forgave me and has been transforming me in my brokenness ever since.

## ***After the experience of the past two years, what do you think about "online church"?***

Online church has served us all in amazing ways. 'Digital ministry' provides many opportunities, and I am sure will play an exciting role in church life as we look ahead. But one thing I have learnt during this season is that nothing is the same as 'real people doing real things together'. I am an advocate of making real-life connections for life and ministry together and look forward to meeting many of you at our Nativity in the Wild (see opposite) and Christmas Services (see back page).

## ***With many churches looking for new ordained staff, what attracted you to apply to come to Tonbridge?***

It is a fantastic opportunity to come and lead the team here! There is a clear appetite for God's word: a desire to grow together as Christians, and to reach out with the good news of God's love and forgiveness in Jesus to those around us.

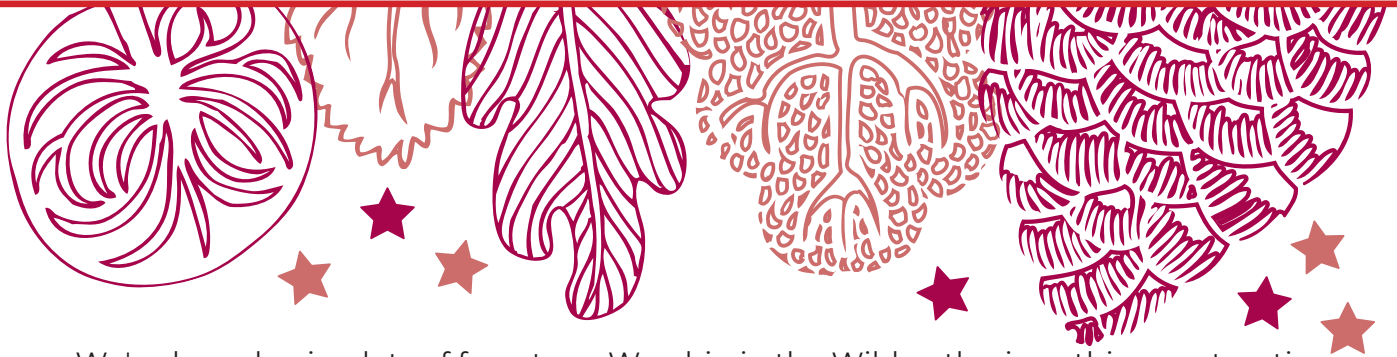


## ***In the broader picture, what do you think are the most important issues confronting the church today?***

The church possesses the glorious truth of God's love and forgiveness in Jesus. A call to turn and trust in Jesus – to believe, belong and be transformed in our brokenness together. A message of present help and future hope. This truth speaks into a post-Covid world. It speaks into a world where people are searching for identity. It speaks into any time and place. The church needs to do its best to help this 'good news' be heard clearly as light and hope in the brokenness of our world and our lives.

## ***Finally – what is your "Best Christmas Memory"?***

Each Christmas my parents would look after a Bed & Breakfast for their friends. I hated it at first – especially because it was like Fawlty Towers, at times just one disaster after another! But I grew to love those Christmases and they are special memories of being together as a family.



We've been having lots of fun at our Worship in the Wild gatherings this year, toasting marshmallows, building houses, making boats, and more as we hear stories from the Bible and get active together. This Christmas we're trying something particularly exciting as we hear about the greatest story ever told - the birth of Jesus. It's not just Worship in the Wild, it's...

# NATIVITY in the WILD



On 24th December - Christmas Eve - we're organising an afternoon of fun in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul with two nativities featuring live animals and it's all FREE! From 12noon until around 16:30 there will be lots to do for all the family, including a stable photoshoot.

- 12:30 Nativity in the Wild <sup>1</sup>

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- 13:30 Christmas mini-market  
to Stable photoshoot <sup>2</sup>  
Animal petting
- 15:15 Carol singing

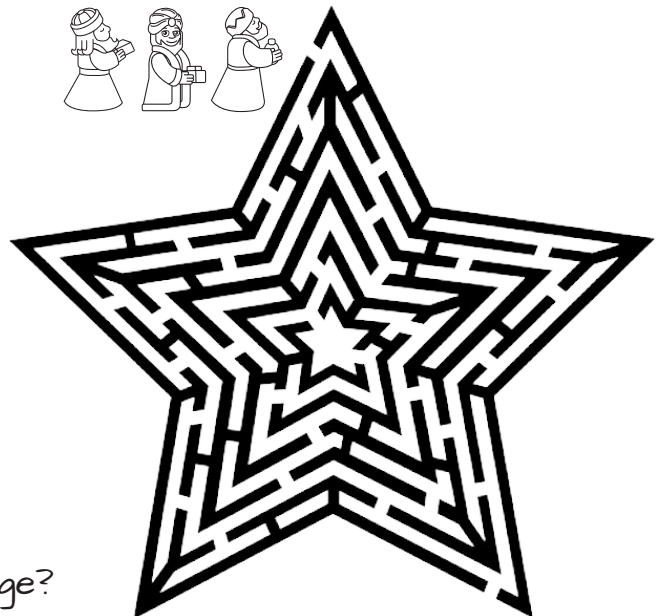
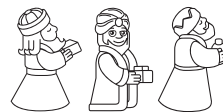
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- 15:30 Nativity in the Wild <sup>1</sup>

1 - Both nativities are the same

2 - 5-minute time slots are available to book in advance or on the day (space permitting). To pre-book contact [ycoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:ycoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)

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At the heart  
of Christmas



# Tonbridge Welcomes Refugees



In March 2016, Helen Longley, writing in Perspectives, mentioned a new Tonbridge charity, Tonbridge Welcomes Refugees. I joined. Now the wheel has come full circle and I have been asked for an update. Our work is mainly with refugees brought to the UK under various Government Resettlement Schemes, though we also support refugees who have been granted asylum.



In the last few months, I have helped retrieve a dustbin swallowed by the bin lorry, driven individuals to vaccine appointments, arranged and attended doctor's and school appointments, demonstrated using a ticket machine and taken children on an outing to the Hop Farm. Helping is invariably rewarding and often fun too.

English teaching is another mainstay of the charity. Until Covid struck, we were using the church rooms twice a week to supplement the English classes which the Government funds. We have a team of retired teachers (primary, English and MFL) who were teaching individuals, pairs or small groups. This was very successful and the students loved the individual attention and informal atmosphere. We have continued teaching on Zoom with a grant for laptops. We also provide support in schools in Tonbridge and further afield.

Since 2016, the numbers we support have grown from 2 adults to 30 adults and 32 children. From 2 teachers, we have grown to 15 and we have an additional team of about 20 befriending volunteers. Other volunteers help to arrange events and raise funds for after school clubs's

Under the Resettlement Schemes, Local Councils decide how many families to support, and they find private landlords. Once a property is allocated, support workers furnish and equip it and TWR helps by appealing for household goods, clothing and toys suitable for the family.

When the refugee family arrives, support workers assist the family with formal matters like benefits and registering the families with doctors and schools. Then we are introduced. Each family has a team of befriending volunteers whose job is to make the family welcome and give general help. Some families are very independent, but others have little English and need more help. How do we communicate? Pidgin English and Arabic, mime, a good helping of Google translate (though occasionally that makes things worse) and lots of laughter.



### What does the future hold?

It looks very busy. TMBC has agreed to take 5 Afghan families provided private housing is available. When properties are confirmed, we shall make appeals for specific items to make their homes comfortable and assemble a team of volunteers to support each family.

If you would like more information about what we do or would like to consider volunteering with us, please email.

*Jane Blessley*  
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## At the heart of Christmas



As the evenings become darker and the weather turns colder, I am reminded that Christmas is just around the corner. I remember last Christmas, when, due to the Pandemic we were not allowed to share Christmas with some of our closest family

I remember feeling a bit cheated, that through no fault of our own, Christmas would be different. However, I remember that we still had good food, warmth, and the comfort of home, albeit without someone so special to our beloved family unit.

My disruption was sad but was nothing when compared to the suffering and the loss that those who must leave their home are forced to endure, through no fault of their own.

My thoughts turn to the refugees who come to this country, particularly at this time of year, in search of safety, security and somewhere to live. How would they view my slightly disrupted festive period?

Then I remember the sacrifice that Jesus made when he decided to replace the comfort of heaven with a draughty stable, to replace amazing riches with poverty and destitution, to be followed by a life of humility and love, then death on the cross.

Through no fault of his own, he came to put right what we had put wrong, in a way that could be done by no one else, and I think to myself - 'What an amazing message!'

*Andrew Kirkpatrick*



**RefugEase** is a local, Tonbridge-based charity which was born in 2015, when RefugEase Founder, Valentina, saw a photo of Alan Kurdi - a three-year-old Syrian boy who tragically drowned in the Mediterranean as his family were trying to reach Europe. Valentina, set up a simple Facebook event in an urgent attempt to gather aid to be sent to Europe. The event went viral, attracting thousands of willing individuals to donate items on the 'needs' list.

Since then, the charity has grown considerably in size; we now have a large team of volunteers who help to run two vintage charity shops - one in Tonbridge and one in Tunbridge Wells, with two more shops to open shortly. Our three main focuses are: providing humanitarian aid to displaced persons in the UK and abroad, education and empowerment projects for refugees, and crisis awareness.

"With the events in Afghanistan a few months ago prompting a renewed focus on the refugee crisis, and as we approach the festive season, many people are asking us what they can do to help refugees" explains founder Valentina. "We hold regular aid collections in the UK, and we also have an online aid shop which allows you to purchase emergency items such as food, hygiene products and clothes for delivery directly to refugees. We're always in need of volunteers to help us to run our shops, workshops for local refugees and to sort aid to be sent abroad at our warehouse."



"If you're interested in helping refugees this Christmas, the online aid shop is an easy and effective way to get aid to those who need it most. You can also buy items as gifts for friends and family. Prices start from as little as £2 for socks!"

To find out more please visit our website: [www.refugease.org](http://www.refugease.org) or contact [Hannah@refugease.com](mailto:Hannah@refugease.com)

# Our German twin



## HEUSENSTAMM FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



Twinning is a link between a Local Authority and its community with a similar body overseas, the objective of which is to develop close contact between them. Tonbridge & Malling has been twinned with Heusenstamm, a town in Germany near Frankfurt am Main, since 1984. The Heusenstamm Friendship Circle is responsible for bringing together those interested in twinning, to encourage them to take part in visits and to receive visitors. Many exchange visits have been made by schools, clubs, societies, families and individuals, and lasting friendships have resulted.

Annual exchanges involving the Judd School take place and contact has also been established with the Slade School and its German counterpart. Every three years there are joint concerts between the Tonbridge Philharmonic Society and the Evangelische Kantorei, as well as coach holidays alternating between England and Germany.

A highlight has always been the St. Nikolausmarkt, an Advent market in the centre of Heusenstamm, which includes a British stall selling marmalade. A group from Tonbridge, sometimes including our mayor, usually attends.

The pandemic, of course, has meant that all activities have been postponed, but the Friendship Circle is making plans for a programme of events to resume with a social evening on Saturday 29th January at Tonbridge Parish Church and AGM and dinner on Tuesday 8th March at the Rose & Crown, Tonbridge.



*The Mayor of Heusenstamm, Herr Oeztas, visiting Tonbridge for Remembrance Sunday in 2018.*

*For more information on the Heusenstamm Friendship Circle visit [www.heusenstammfriendshipcircle.co.uk](http://www.heusenstammfriendshipcircle.co.uk) or contact David Packer on 01892 823884 / [david.packer@talktalk.net](mailto:david.packer@talktalk.net).*

### *German Christmas bakes*

During the Christmas period, the Christmas market becomes a feature of almost every city, town, or village in Germany. Visitors and locals enjoy stalls, entertainment, and savour Glühwein (mulled wine) with other traditional Christmas treats including Lebkuchen (gingerbread) and Stollen (fruit cake).



*The British Stall at the Christmas Market in Heusenstamm*

Many thanks to our friends in Heusenstamm for sharing these classic German Christmas recipes!

## Stollen



Stollen is a quintessential German Christmas cake. It tastes best after it has rested for a while, at least a week, preferably several weeks.

500g raisins	Grated orange peel
100ml rum	2 eggs
500g plain flour	175g Margarine or butter
1 sachet baking powder	250g Quark
1 sachet vanilla sugar	250g Ground almonds
Pinch of salt	150g Chopped candied lemon peel
4 drops almond	100g Chopped candied orange peel
Pinch of ground cloves	<b>After baking:</b>
Pinch of ground cardamom	100g melted butter
Pinch of ground ginger	Powdered sugar
Pinch of ground nutmeg	
Pinch of ground cinnamon	

### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 200°C
2. Soak the raisins in rum for a few hours (ideally overnight)
3. Sieve the flour and mix with the baking powder, sugar, vanilla sugar, salt, spices, grated orange peel and eggs
4. Add the butter, quark, raisins, almonds and candied lemon and orange peel and knead into a smooth dough. If the dough sticks, add a little flour
5. Shape the dough into an elongated loaf and place on a baking tray with baking paper. Bake the stollen in the middle of the oven for 50-60 minutes
6. Brush with melted butter immediately after baking and dust with powdered sugar



## Glühwein



Traditionally drunk in the advent season, often at Christmas markets, mulled wine is usually made with red wine and various spices.

1L dry red wine	7 cloves
50 ml rum	2 cinnamon
2 oranges, sliced	1 star anise
Juice of 2 Oranges	50g brown sugar

### Instructions:

1. Heat the red wine, spices, orange slices and orange juice slowly in a pan, taking care not to boil the wine
2. Stir in the rum and brown sugar and continue to heat slowly without boiling
3. Serve hot!



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# Happy Jolabokaflod!



## What do you spend Christmas Eve doing?

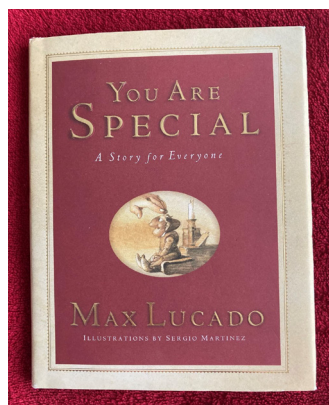
Perhaps hurriedly wrapping a few last-minute presents or prepping some special Christmas dish. Many people in Iceland take part in the tradition of Jolabokaflod (which translates roughly as “Christmas book flood”) in which all the household give each other a new book and then snuggle down to read them in warmth and comfort. This beautiful tradition was born from a time of adversity experienced in World War II, when paper was one of the few things not rationed in Iceland.

## If you would like to join in with the tradition here are some recommendations for wonderful books to warm your heart at Christmas!

### You Are Special by Max Lucado

Recommended for 3-5 Years (or the young at heart!)

The Wemmicks are a community of small wooden people who spend most of their time putting stickers on one another! Pretty or talented Wemmicks get given golden star stickers and those whose wood is rough or paint chipped get grey stickers, One Wemmick, called Punchinello, is struggling to find happiness as he is covered in grey dots until he meets a Wemmick like no other; Lucia has no dots and no stars: stickers just don't stick to her. Can Punchinello discover her secret? Is there a way that he can be free from the stickers that others put on him? This beautifully illustrated little book, perfect for bedtime stories, has a very important message - that we don't need to accept the labels that other people put on us, because we are each special just as we are.



Morwenna Fernandez

For Christian Books – for adults and children – you could go to [www.eden.co.uk](http://www.eden.co.uk)

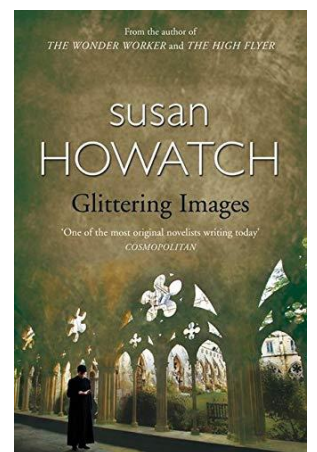
### Glittering Images by Susan Howatch

*Friendship, however begun, is a voyage of discovery full of perils and surprises. (Letters of Herbert Hensley Henson Bishop of Durham 1920 – 1939)*

This is a compelling novel set after WW1, the slump and The Abdication when Chamberlain was poised to turn the country into a vast version of Birmingham. Class structures and social settings are mixed with ecclesiastical intrigue. The highly intelligent Bishop with his simple wife, who share little in common except the tragic still birth of their only son, and her companion Miss Christie live as a 'ménage a trois'. The tension and drama of people in high places reveal desperate longings and the failure to reach them. The reality behind the brilliant glittering images and the uncovering of the mystery of the various personalities is central. Charles Ashworth, the Dean, is sent by the archbishop to untangle the web of relationships, self-delusion and corruption, only to become embroiled in a situation that threatens to expose the secrets of his own past and its control over his life.

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Jean Bowring

# Parish Information & Contacts

## SERVICES FROM JANUARY 2022

### St Peter & St Paul

Church Lane, TN9 1DA

#### **Sunday**

8am Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Service\* (Holy Communion on 1st Sunday of the month)

and children's groups (school years R-5 and 6-9)

6pm Evening Service (Holy Communion on 4th Sunday of the month)

\*Also available online on our YouTube channel

#### **Wednesdays**

10.30am Holy Communion (3rd Wednesday of the month)

### St Philip

Salisbury Road. TN10 4PA

#### **Sundays**

10.45am Morning Service (Holy Communion on 2nd Sunday of the month) and children's groups (school years R-5 and 6-9)

### St Andrew

Hadlow Road, TN10 4LS

#### **Sundays**

9.15am Morning Service (with Holy Communion on 3rd Sunday of the month)

### St Saviour

Dry Hill Park Crescent, TN10 3BJ

#### **Sundays**

9.15am Morning Service (with Holy Communion on 4th Sunday of the month)

## Youth & Children Families MINISTRY

Worship in the Wild on the 4th Sunday of every month in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul. All families welcome. (See page 7 for information on our special Nativity in the Wild with live animals taking place on Christmas Eve)

Looking ahead: Save the date for Christingle in the Wild on Sunday 23rd January 2022

- Sunday Club (school years R-5) and SOS (school years 6-9) every Sunday at 10.45am St Peter & St Paul and 10.45am St Philip

- GRUB and Refresh (school years 10-13) meeting weekly. For more information, please contact [ycoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:ycoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk).

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## GET INVOLVED!

There is a wide range of groups and activities across the Parish: Men and Women's Ministry, Tiny Acorns for parents and carers with under 1's, Teddies for parents and carers with preschool children, Prayer Gatherings, Home Groups, Health Walks and Stepping Stones Bible Study for women.

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## **11th December**

Family Carols (outdoors), 4pm at St Philip

## **19th December**

Candlelit Carol Service, 5pm at St Peter & St Paul

## **Christmas Eve**

Nativity in the Wild (outdoors), 12noon at St Peter & St Paul  
(See inside for more details)

Midnight Holy Communion, 11:30pm at St Peter & St Paul

## **Christmas Day**

Holy Communion, 8am at St Saviour  
Family Christmas Service, 10am at St Peter & St Paul

## **Boxing Day**

Parish-wide Service, 10am at St Saviour

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