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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
 we pray for the people of Ukraine.
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for justice to be done.
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow;
 that as people turn to Christ,
 your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace,
 for godly wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide
 their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your children, at risk and in fear,
 that they would know the protection of their Heavenly
 Father.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
 AMEN

Based on a prayer by Archbishops Welby and Cottrell

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Dear Friends,

Christmas is gone and Spring beckons. It will soon be time to ready the ground, plant seeds, and then enjoy the fruit of our labours... we hope! Agricultural illustrations run throughout the Bible, perhaps most famously when Jesus tells a story and compares little seeds with the word of God (Matthew 13).



The seed, the word of God, is the good news of God's love for us in Jesus, and he tells the listening crowds that we are each like the different soil where the seed is sown. Some of us hear about Jesus' offer to fix our naturally broken relationship with God – but that news bounces over us. We might even react against it. Others have a vague interest... but the moment passes and the greater concerns of our lives – family, money, rest and relaxation – mean that we give it short shrift. 'There's always another day to find out more about this Jesus,' we say to ourselves.

The pandemic has been a stark reminder in the past two years of our fragile mortality. As we now emerge from that, we are confronted by the tragedy of war in Europe, death and destruction, the spectre of millions of fleeing refugees. Surely these events stir us to see the brokenness of the world and our lives? On what do we base our security? Who can be trusted? Where is our hope?

So at this moment, let Jesus' amazing news grab you afresh – the offer of a restored relationship with the God of the universe who, the Bible tells us, made us and loves us more than we could ever imagine. As Easter approaches, find out more! Hear more! Explore more! Come and find in Jesus the fulfilment of everything we have been looking for in all those other places. As Jesus said, sometimes the seed "produces a crop, yielding thirty, sixty, a hundred times what was sown."

God is in the business of offering us new hope and transforming broken human lives. Our church family meets at four different locations each Sunday. On the back cover of this magazine, you will also find our Easter Services schedule. We would love you to join us; all are welcome!

*The Rev'd Ben Thorndike
 Vicar*

My Faith, My Role in the Community

Sandy Chapman has lived in Tonbridge all her life, and been a member of the Parish Church for over 30 years. From her start as a hospital chaplaincy volunteer, she has also trained as an Anna Chaplain. Read more below.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I started my life in Pembury where I attended the village primary school and Sunday school. My secondary school years were spent in Tunbridge Wells and on completion I joined Tunbridge Wells School of Nursing to train as a nurse, which in those days was residential. When I married Michael, who also lived in Pembury, we moved to Tonbridge, first to Pembury Road and then to Shelton Close where we still live. Our son Sean was born in 1978 and he started school at Hilden Oaks in Dry Hill Park Road aged 3½. At that time he was one of 8 boys to start at the school but it has now opened up for more boys to attend.

How did your Christian faith develop?

Sean attended Anchor Boys and Boys Brigade at Tonbridge Baptist Church where I also helped with the Sunday school. When Sean grew out of Boys Brigade, I decided to join St Philip's Church in Salisbury Road because that was really where I felt I belonged. It was hard at first and I would stand outside and listen to sermons afraid to enter. Eventually I plucked up courage to go in and was part of the congregation for many years. I became very involved: flower rota, coffee duty and Tuesday 'Open Doors', taking over from Linda Beesley. I also became involved in helping those who were bereaved and those who were alone on Sunday involving afternoon tea once a month. This also provided the opportunity to sing with Judy Roberts and Molly Taylor on the piano, outings and talks. As a result Gill Tovar the curate at St Philip's put me forward to become a pastoral assistant and I have had the privilege of 21 years of service so far. Then Stephen Baker, Chaplain at Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, sent an email to the Parish Church asking if anyone would be interested in volunteering to become a chaplain for the hospital. Seven members came forward and I was



accepted after various interviews and training. I started on the geriatric ward and later the dementia ward for 21 years and look forward to going back.

Tell us about Anna Chaplaincy

Anna Chaplaincy was a natural development from my years working as a chaplain in the hospital. I am able to go into nursing and care homes, singing with a group, playing games with residents and chatting to them to encourage real human contact and show that someone cares. I go in on

a weekly basis and know that both staff and residents really appreciate the visits.

How do you like to relax?

I am not one for sitting around and like to keep busy, but when I do relax, I like drawing and painting, doing puzzles, gardening, walking the dog with my sister and being with my family –especially the younger ones.

Jean Bowring



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

*In recent years, we have all become aware of the increasing incidence of Dementia and Alzheimer's among the elderly in our population, and most of us feel ill-equipped to cope with the challenges it presents. **Christine Parker** tells us of her experience since training as a Dementia Champion.*

In March 2015, I attended a dementia awareness session which was run by the Alzheimer's society. The trainer asked if anyone would be willing to train as a dementia champion and deliver similar sessions in their own communities. I willingly took the challenge. There was an established Kent dementia action alliance which was trying to engage with local communities and grow a dementia friendly culture. However, there was nothing in Tonbridge at that time and so I set up Tonbridge Dementia Friendly Community (DFC) in July of that year.

I was able to pull together a group of people who were interested in supporting the project, drawing from all parts of the community: churches, businesses, sports clubs, and the local council. To begin with we were simply delivering information sessions, raising awareness, and encouraging businesses to become dementia friendly.

Early in 2019 the Alzheimer's society announced that they would be ceasing all frontline services, which included things like dementia cafés and support groups for carers. Those services would end in March 2020. The arrival of Covid made that happen slightly earlier. There was a full 18-month period where almost no support was provided for those who were living with dementia or those who care for them. The best that could be offered during that time was telephone support from ourselves and the Alzheimer's society.



When the world woke up last summer, I realised that Tonbridge DFC needed urgently to replace those services which had previously been delivered by the Alzheimer's society. With some very willing partners across the borough, we now have five dementia cafés, (e.g. Time to Talk Café, Memory Café etc.), three choirs, two carer support groups and a whole variety of sporting and well-being activities including swimming and bowling. Some are monthly, some fortnightly and others weekly.

More recently I have become concerned for the plight of some of our carers who have just experienced the worst two



years of their lives. Many are desperately in need of short periods of respite. I began to set up the carer buddy scheme at the end of last year with some very strict measures in place to ensure absolute safety for everybody. Our first four buddies are now available to our carers to take care of their relative for a couple of hours once or twice a month. This allows the carer some much needed 'me' time.

If anyone would like further information about anything that we are doing, please contact me on chrisparker002@icloud.com.

You can also look on our webpage: www.tonbridgedfc.org.uk

Chris Parker

Launched From Lockdown

1 WALK TONBRIDGE

At the beginning of the first lockdown I pulled out an old map and wandered off into the countryside, beginning a journey that led me to create Walk Tonbridge - a website to help people find local walks during the height of the pandemic.



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Walking the quiet footpaths that led out from my hometown, gave me the physical and mental headspace to take a moment's peace from the stresses and strains of the new world we found ourselves living in.

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As we emerged from months of isolation, it became apparent just how many people had resonated with Walk Tonbridge, using the walks I had curated to help them navigate their own lockdown experience.



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These new connections and the time I was blessed with to explore our countryside have helped me grow to truly love the town where I live, as well as better understanding its historic past.

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The gratitude from these fellow walkers, coupled with my own new passion for exploring the surrounding rural landscape, encouraged me to continue my walking adventures into the subsequent lockdowns.



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Two years, thousands of miles and a walking festival later, Walk Tonbridge has helped me make new friends and form meaningful relationships with local charities and businesses - somewhat ironic given that my walks began by trying to avoid people!

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Although the future of the pandemic is still uncertain, I am determined to continue using Walk Tonbridge as a tool to help our community and celebrate the countryside around us.

*James Pavlou,
Founder of Walk Tonbridge*

Virtual Choirs

Fairly early on during the first lockdown I heard about The Self-Isolation Choir (which has now been renamed Choir of the Earth, <https://choiroftheearth.com/>). I signed up to sing Handel's Messiah, "attending" rehearsals on YouTube with a professional conductor. We all learnt a lot about technology as well as the music! The process involved listening to the backing track using my laptop and headphones, whilst watching the conductor on the laptop, reading my score and singing into my phone. Some of the recording involved video, whilst later works were just done on audio. Other works I sang included Mendelssohn's Elijah and Mozart's Requiem. Thousands of people sang in the choir, so the sound technicians had their work cut out to put it all together. It was exciting to watch the concerts on YouTube, with the instrumental and solo parts performed by professional musicians.



I was pleased that our Parish also made the most of our local Virtual Choir, using a similar process. It was great to be able to sing the different hymns, songs and carols that Andy Gibb and Steve Minton so skilfully put together; these were used as part of our YouTube services during lockdown.

I enjoyed getting to know some of the other singers in the Self Isolation Choir on YouTube, but it is even better that we are now able to sing again in person at church. It was good that we could encourage each other to praise God using technology, but it is so much better that we can do so again together in church.

Patricia King

Evidence for the Resurrection

First a pandemic reminded us of our mortality, and the fragile nature of our existence. Now it is the utter horror of war on our doorstep in Europe - the death and destruction, the millions of fleeing refugees taking with them no more than they can carry. What are the foundations of our security, the basis of our future hope? Despite the distractions of eggs or rabbits, Easter is primarily about an empty tomb, about a dead man who was raised to life again, and the hope we may therefore have.

Why is the Resurrection so important?

It tells us there's life after death. It's a question almost everyone asks - what happens when we die? Do we just cease to exist, or does life carry on in some form? If Jesus rose again then we can be certain that there's life beyond the grave. (John chapter 3 verse 16)

It authenticates all Jesus' promises. Jesus told his followers that he was going to rise again. If he could fulfill that supreme promise then we can trust him for all his other promises - especially those relating to eternal life with him. (Mark chapter 9 verse 31)

It means Jesus is alive and with us now. The apostle Paul wrote: "He cannot die again, death no longer has mastery over him". So, as he promised, Jesus can be with us always, as not only saviour and lord, but also friend, guide and companion. (Galatians chapter 4 verse 6)

Christianity stands or falls on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

But how can we be sure Jesus rose again?

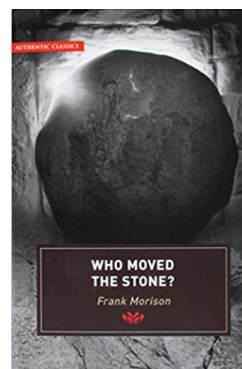
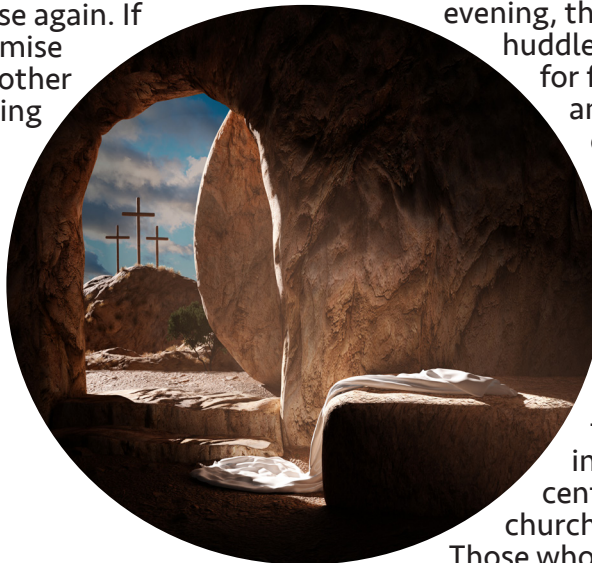
The empty tomb. Jesus' death was confirmed by Roman soldiers. He couldn't have recovered from a crucifixion, rolled a heavy stone away, and walked out of the tomb. But the disciples went to the tomb and found no body. Who had removed it? Not they, they were baffled and dismayed. If the authorities had removed it, they could have disproved Jesus' resurrection by producing it. The most telling words are from John who "saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. It was folded up by itself, separate from the linen". The body of Jesus had risen, leaving his grave clothes behind, exactly in place. (Matthew chapter 28 verses 5-7)



The resurrection appearances. The Bible mentions at least seven occasions when Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection. They tell us that he could appear suddenly in a locked room, he could speak, eat, even light a fire. His body was solid, not like a ghost. And on one occasion he appeared to over five hundred people at once, most of them still living when the account was written. Anyone unsure only had to ask an eyewitness. (1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 3-6)

The change in the disciples. That first Easter Sunday evening, the disciples were a timid group, huddled together in a locked room for fear they might be rounded up and executed. Even when told by others that Jesus had appeared, many didn't believe till they'd seen Jesus for themselves. But as Jesus appeared to them on successive occasions they gained in confidence. And the Acts of the Apostles records how Peter, who had been so afraid that he denied he even knew Jesus, began to preach boldly of his resurrection in Jerusalem itself. In the first century of the Christian Era, the young church underwent dire persecutions. Those who knew Jesus first-hand could never have remained faithful had they not seen him for themselves after his resurrection. What could they possibly gain by perpetuating a lie? (Acts chapter 2 verses 36-41)

George Gilbert-Smith



See Back Page
for Easter Services

To find out more, why not join us on a Sunday morning at one of our churches, or sign up for the next Alpha Course? On Alpha you can learn more about the Christian faith, explore together with others who are coming from a similar place, and have the opportunity to raise your own questions with those leading the course! Frank Morison's Book 'Who Moved the Stone?' is a detailed examination of the evidence for the resurrection.

Tonbridge



Old Fire Station

Tonbridge may not be London, Paris or Vienna, and the River Medway may not be the legendary blue of the Danube, but today it boasts an art venue to match some of the finest in the world.

Art has a unique power to capture the imagination, to inspire, to connect us with something beyond ourselves. Art can awaken parts of the brain that may have been frazzled by exposure to an unhealthy overdose of social media on small screens. Art brings colours and patterns to life; details of the natural world around us which passed unnoticed spring to our attention.

Walk into ESCAPE Art Centre at Tonbridge Old Fire Station and you find yourself in a world which is far more than just a place to drink a coffee hunched over your computer and emails. The ground-floor is dedicated to an exhibition of art, changing every 6 – 8 weeks, which would fit any upmarket gallery in London, Paris or New York.

Guy Portelli, Creative Director of Escape Art Centre, and resident in Tonbridge for many years, is fulfilling his dream of a place where creativity of the highest order is exhibited, without cost or obligation, to anyone who has the time for a coffee. The exhibitions have a variety of styles – paintings, mosaics, sculptures, even sculptures in paper. As Guy explains, all good art draws you in, commands your attention. Inspired artwork is accessible, even at times challenging.

Guy is himself an artist of long experience, originally a sculptor, but also a painter, and now focusing on mosaic. Each of his pieces displayed in the workshop upstairs tells a unique story. As he explains the meaning of the works on the wall in the studio on the first floor (also well worth a visit), his passion and enthusiasm are abundantly evident. He also gives classes in drawing and painting for those interested. His membership on the board of the Royal Society of British Artists (founded in 1823) has given him wide connections across the world of art. He has no lack of potential exhibitors lining up.



Tonbridge Old Fire Station was originally built in 1901 to house the first professional fire crew to be employed in a provincial town in the UK. Up to then, they had only existed in major cities. It is since 2020 that the idea of Escape Creative Art saw the light of day, not the most propitious moment to start such an enterprise, just as Covid took its toll. Yet it is ideally located behind the castle in the old part of town, which is also home to many local businesses. The ground-floor space has been creatively adapted and can accommodate all sorts of artistic events, including small book launches or musical evenings.

It may take a little time until Tonbridge is recognised as being the ultimate destination for the art connoisseur. Guy continues to work towards that dream, and with the continuing support of Richard Collins, owner of the building, who generously provides the space and shares that vision, the coming months and years should see us moving in a positive direction towards his ambition.

In the meantime, it's still a great place for a cup of coffee, providing space and opportunity to open your mind to the beauty and wonder of the world which surrounds us – and happily, the coffee is very good too!

John Schluter



Guy Portelli, Creative Director

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In the High Street, just round the corner from the Parish Church, you will find the Artspring Gallery. Founded in 2016, this is a cooperative artist run gallery, which showcases the work of over a dozen local artists. Visitors are welcome, and the gallery has a friendly

atmosphere, where you can enjoy their paintings, sculptures, etchings, photography, digital art, ceramics, glass, textile mixed-media and jewellery.



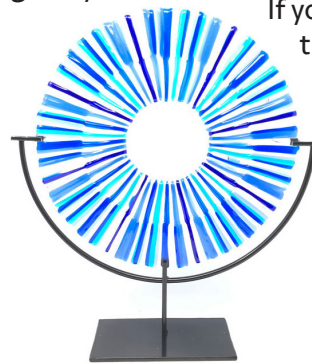
Guest artist exhibitions are regularly featured and the gallery's 2D artists renew their work every 8 weeks, so there's always something new to see and be inspired by.



Meet the Artist events are held on the first Saturday of every month between 2-4pm, where you are invited to enjoy a glass of prosecco and chat with the artists.

One of the artists is always present in the gallery during opening hours (11am - 4pm Wednesdays through Saturdays) and they will be glad to talk with you about the work shown in the gallery.

If you enjoy art and are looking for something to do this summer, consider going on the Open Studio Trail for 3 weeks, beginning 3rd June. This year 297 artists will be exhibiting their work across Kent and the South-East which are open during this period to visits from the public.



SEED POD
PAINTING ON PANEL
BY SARAH DEMATTOS



Spring 2022 Guided group walks



Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation.

You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try out a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join. If you are new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you.

Here is a sample of our Spring rambles (Sunday dates also available – see website). We look forward to welcoming you on a walk soon!

Wednesday 6 April	Moderate circular walk from Horsmonden through orchards, fields and woods and across streams. One long uphill stretch.	5.5 miles
Wednesday 13 April	Moderate circular walk from Lullingstone Park to Shoreham along the River Darent and past Lullingstone Castle with views over the Darent Valley and viaduct.	6 miles
Wednesday 20 April	Moderate circular walk from Wrotham to Stansted. Fairly steep climb to the top of the ridge for great views towards the Downs.	5.2 miles
Thursday 5 May	Moderate walk girdling the hilltop village of Goudhurst with lovely views. Some stiles and hills. Mostly tracks and fields with some quiet road walking. A very steep climb at the end of the walk.	6.5 miles
Wednesday 11 May	Moderate circular walk from Leeds village through Kingswood and Broomfield. Dogs welcome but must be on leads when in the castle grounds.	5 miles

Walks usually start mid-morning. For start times and walk leader contacts, see the Upcoming Walks link at www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk or email info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk



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We are pleased to announce that St Peter and St Paul has been recognized as a Bronze Level Eco Church. What, do I hear you say, is an Eco Church?

Eco Church is an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for all of God's earth. It is run by a Christian charity called A Rocha UK which is a member of a global family of conservation organizations working together for the protection and restoration of the natural world.

Part of their vision is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of their mission of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.

A Rocha provide supporting resources designed to equip individual churches to find practical ways to express our care for God's world in worship and teaching, how the church looks after its buildings and land, how it engages with our local community and in global campaigns, and how members of the congregation can adapt their own lifestyles.

Their focus is divided into 5 key areas:

- Worship and Teaching
- Management of Church Buildings
- Management of Church Land
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle



A Rocha aims to help as many churches as possible celebrate what they are already doing to care for the environment and to look in practical ways at what issues they can tackle next. These range from big steps like switching to a green energy supplier to more quickly achievable options like moving to low energy LED lighting or committing to using Fairtrade tea and coffee supplies.



Great progress has been made since the Eco Church initiative was launched just over 6 years ago. All of the Church of England dioceses in England and Wales have now registered for the Eco Diocese scheme, over 4,500 churches across England and Wales are now part of the Eco Church community and more than 1,500 awards have been achieved.

Want to get involved? A Rocha also run a Wild Christian scheme to encourage families and individuals who are interested in exploring the connections between our Christian faith, the natural environment, and how we live. Those who join are invited to share their stories, ideas and learning to find together ways to live more joyfully and sustainably with the rest of God's Creation.

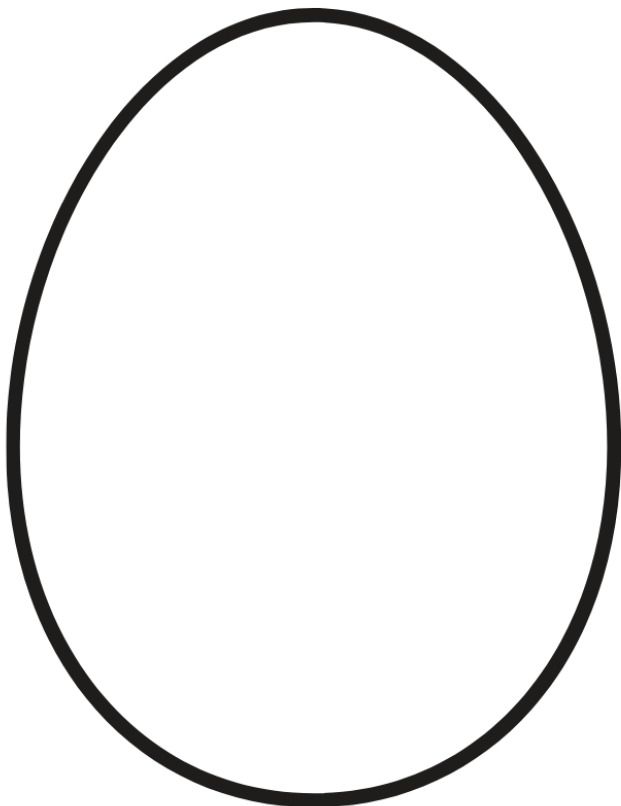
You can find out more at: <https://arocha.org.uk/>

Morwenna Fernandez



We're really egg-cited about Easter this year, as on **Sunday 17th April** - Easter Day - we're going to be having an egg-stra special Worship in the Wild - **the BIG hunt!** Some things have gone missing and we need your help to find them again. So join us in the churchyard at **St Peter & St Paul at 3pm** when we'll be beginning the search. We look forward to seeing you there, and don't forget to invite your friends - it's going to be egg-cellent!

DESIGN AN EGG!

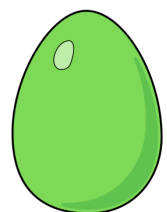


Use this outline to create your own Easter egg! We'd love to see your design, and you can send a picture of it to us via email at ycoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk.



HOW MANY EGGS?

We've hidden Easter eggs throughout this edition of Perspectives, waiting for you to discover them, and there are prizes up for grabs for everyone who manages to find them all! All you have to do is write the number of eggs you find (excluding the ones on this page) in this little egg and email a picture of your result to the address on the left by **Sunday 1st May**. If you're correct we'll let you know and send you your prize.



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A GREAT WARRIOR FOR JUSTICE

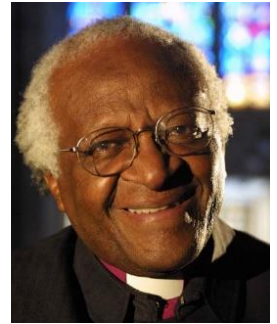
“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”

- Desmond Tutu

This year Desmond Tutu the Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town died at the age of 90. His funeral reflected the values of his life; in keeping with his insistence that there should be 'no lavish spending' his body was carried in 'the cheapest available coffin' adorned with only 'a bouquet of carnations from his family'. After the funeral his body was aquamated - a greener alternative to cremation using water and chemicals.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby described him as “a great warrior for justice who never stopped fighting – whether it was for those in his own country, for inclusivity in the South African Constitution, or for those suffering injustice around the world”.

Desmond Tutu began his career as a teacher, but infuriated by the segregated education, he left teaching and joined the church. As a Christian leader, he felt compelled to take action against injustice. While other leaders, like Nelson Mandela, were sent to prison, Archbishop Tutu continued to take part in peaceful protests against the government. In 1986 he became the first black Archbishop of Cape Town, the head of the Anglican Church in South Africa. He travelled the world to bring pressure on the government of South Africa to end apartheid.



In 1994 he described the joy of voting in South Africa's first democratic election as being “like falling in love”, coining the term “Rainbow Nation” to describe his dream for a united future. Far from retiring, he continued to campaign for truth and for reconciliation until the end of his life.

Morwenna Fernandez

KONDOA CATHEDRAL of St. PAUL the EVANGELIST

We heard the amazing news on Christmas Eve 2021 that, just in the nick of time, the new Kondoza Anglican Cathedral of St. Paul the Evangelist was usable, although the exterior was not quite complete, for the televised Nationwide Christmas Eve Service for Tanzania. It is the tradition in Tanzania, that each year, Christmas services are televised nationally from a different part of the country. In 2021, which just happened to be Tanzania's 60th year of Independence, it was Kondoza's turn—the Christmas Eve service was filmed in the new Anglican Cathedral and the Christmas Day service from the Kondoza Catholic Church.

(The link to the complete video of the service (in Swahili) and Bishop Given's comments, can be found on the Kondoza Anglican website using the following link:

https://kondoza.anglican.org/Groups/268676/Latest_news_from.aspx



Bishop Given Gaula and the Director of National Communications ahead of the televised National Christmas Eve service—the first service in the Anglican Cathedral of St. Paul the Evangelist, Kondoza!

The new Cathedral is a two-storey building that can seat around 500 people in one service—very different from the previous 'Cathedral', which was actually the Kondoza Parish Church of the Good Shepherd, which seated only around 50. Adjacent to the new sealed road of Kondoza, now in the heart of the new town, the Cathedral stands out like a beacon of Christianity in an area that is ~80% Muslim. Alongside the new Kondoza Primary and Pre-Primary School, these two buildings are open to all—folk of all faiths—both teaching a strong Christian message. Work has continued in 2022 on the outside of the Cathedral with a target of full completion—ready for the official commissioning and opening of the building on Sunday, 5th June, 2022.

Parish Information & Contacts

SERVICES

St Peter & St Paul

Church Lane, TN9 1DA

Sundays

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) plus crèche for pre-schoolers

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

*Also available online on our YouTube channel

Wednesdays

10.30am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Wednesdays 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)



- **Worship in the Wild** on the 4th Sunday of every month in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul. All families welcome. (See page 11 for the information on 'the BIG hunt', Easter Sunday, 17th April at 3pm in the churchyard at St Peter & St Paul)

Looking ahead: Save the date for Holiday Club on the weekend of 16th and 17th July

- **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

- **Refresh** (school years 10 - 13) meets weekly on Sunday evenings. More information can be found on our website or by emailing 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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Mark 16: 5-7

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14TH APRIL

7:45pm Holy Communion Service at St Saviour

GOOD FRIDAY 15TH APRIL

at St Peter & St Paul

10:30am Quiet time for personal reflection

11am-12pm A service of reflection

12pm Quiet time for personal reflection

EASTER DAY 17TH APRIL

at St Peter & St Paul...

5:45am Sunrise Service in the churchyard

8am Holy Communion Service

10:45am All ages together - Holy Communion Service

3pm The BIG Hunt in the churchyard (see inside for details)

6pm Holy Communion Service

...and across the parish

9:15am Holy Communion Service at St Andrew

9:15am Holy Communion Service at St Saviour

10:45am All ages together - Holy Communion Service at St Philip

All are welcome to join with us!

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