



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: John 21:1-14 10.45 All Age Service: John 21:1-14 6pm Evening Service: Psalm 118	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Communion Service: John 21:1-14	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: John 21:1-14	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: John 21:1-14
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** Praise God for the wonderful services and events we had to celebrate Easter and for all the visitors and church family we welcomed into our buildings. Pray on for fruit from all that people heard and saw about the risen Lord Jesus.

#### **NEW Job opportunity: Finance Administrator - Tonbridge Parish Church**

An exciting opportunity to join the wider staff team, supporting the Parish Treasurer in the day-to-day administration duties of the parish finances. Part-time, up to 15 hours per week. For more information, an informal chat, or to register your interest, contact Ben Thorndike, Vicar [ben@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:ben@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) 01732 770962 x23

- **BOOKING ESSENTIAL! Christians in Sport Quiz, Sat 27 April, 7pm (first question at 7.30pm).** A great event to bring non-Christian friends and family to. This is a FREE event but you need to register your team (between 4-8 people), or if you have a non-Christian friend or two to invite, you can book a ticket for 2 or 3 people and join with others. **REGISTER YOUR TEAM OR BOOK A PLACE [HERE](#) OR VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE** or contact the Parish Office. Bring your own drinks (nibbles provided).
- **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.
- **NEW** 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 Saviour: Sun 14 April, St Peter & St Paul Sun 21 April, St Philip Sun 21 April.
- **NEW Under the Sea Holiday Club! July 22-26, 9.45am-12.30pm for Reception to Year 6.** We are excited to officially be launching Under the Sea Holiday Club this Sunday - but we would love you, as church family, not to miss out on a place (last year places went FAST!) so please do sign up your child(ren) using [this link](#) NOW (before we launch and places go!) 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. 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 us know by the 28 April. Thank you.
- **NEW Open House starts again this Sat (13th)** and as well as **Hope Explored starting on 20 April** we also have our **'11 o'clock with Jesus'** slot - particularly aimed at children with the opportunity for all to join in – a short Bible story and craft. Do come along and invite a friend. We are still looking to extend the team – why not take this opportunity to come along and see what Open House is all about!
- **NEW 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 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**
- **NEW** We have organised our own **string quartet** to play for the 6pm evening service, this Sun (14th). As always, do come and enjoy this time of worship together!

- **NEW** 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](mailto:julietr62@btinternet.com) / 07989695462.
- **Bring and share plant swap at St Andrew:** Sat 20 April 10am - 1 pm. Bring plants for others to take, and take away some for your own garden. Share what these plants, or gardening in general, have meant to you with the opportunity to talk about creation, the God of creation and to share testimony of trust in Him.
- **Hope Explored course at Open House.** Sat 20 April / 27 April / 4 May, 12-1.30pm (after Open House) with a light lunch. An exciting short 3-week course looking at the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in Luke's Gospel - showing Christianity is about real hope: a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which changes everything about our present! Great for both Christians who want to refresh some of the basics, and for non-Christians to hear about the heart of the Christian faith. REALLY GREAT to invite a friend to join! **SIGN UP [HERE](#) or VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE** or contact the Parish Office.
- **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. It will be fantastic! Drop off at 9am and collection (expected 4pm) from Tonbridge station. Complete **SIGN UP [HERE](#)**

## 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 Dunnett. **SIGN UP VIA EVENTS TAB ON WEBSITE OR [HERE](#)**
- **Daphne Watkins**, a previous member of St Saviour's, died earlier this year. A **Thanksgiving Tea** to celebrate her life will be held at St Saviour's on Tuesday 16th April from 2.30 - 4pm. All are welcome. Please let Roxanne Robins know, as soon as possible for catering numbers, if you are able to come: [roxanneirobins@gmail.com](mailto:roxanneirobins@gmail.com) or 07969 170059
- **Charity St George's Day concert:** Sat 20 April, 7pm,, St Peter & St Paul. Feat. Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir, Tonbridge Community Singers and Rebecca Hooper. Tickets £10 on the door.
- **NEW** Consider signing & sharing a **petition about extending car park charges** to include Sundays using [this link](#) or [https://www.change.org/p/prevent-the-extension-of-charging-hours-in-tonbridge-and-malling-bc-car-parks?source\\_location=search](https://www.change.org/p/prevent-the-extension-of-charging-hours-in-tonbridge-and-malling-bc-car-parks?source_location=search)

## REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
<b>Mon 15th</b>	Book Club <b>Coffee lounge</b> Merry Makers <b>Coffee Break</b> (inc. Thought for the Day)	10.15-11.45am, St Peter & St Paul. <b>10am-12pm</b> Restarts Mon 22 April <b>10:30-11.30am, St Saviour</b>	Alison Minton / <a href="mailto:aslhinton@gmail.com">aslhinton@gmail.com</a> <b>Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b> Yvonne Burgess / <a href="mailto:bidburgess@gmail.com">bidburgess@gmail.com</a> <b>Alison Wise / <a href="mailto:a.wise.7@btinternet.com">a.wise.7@btinternet.com</a></b>
<b>Tues 16th</b>	<b>Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)</b>	<b>9.30-11am, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b><a href="mailto:teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>
<b>Wed 17th</b>	Tiny Acorns (parent & carer under-1's) <b>Coffee lounge</b> Holy Communion Service	10:30am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul  <b>10am-12pm, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 10am, St Peter & St Paul	Sara Thomson / <a href="mailto:sarajthomson44@gmail.com">sarajthomson44@gmail.com</a>  <b>Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b> Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Thurs 18th</b>	<b>Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)</b> Craft Workshop	<b>10-11.30am, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>  Restarts Thurs 25 April	<b>Josephine Sinclair / <a href="mailto:josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk">josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk</a></b>  Yvonne Burgess / <a href="mailto:bidburgess@gmail.com">bidburgess@gmail.com</a>
<b>Fri 19th</b>	<b>Church Family Prayers</b>	<b>9.30-9.50am on Zoom (853 4454 9144)</b>	<b>Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>
<b>Sat 20th</b>	Prayer meeting <b>Open House followed by Hope Explored at 12 (session 1)</b>	9-10am, St Peter & St Paul <b>10am-12.30pm, St Philip</b>	Richard Roberts / <a href="mailto:richardbproberts2003@gmail.com">richardbproberts2003@gmail.com</a> <b>Wendy Carr / <a href="mailto:wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>
<b>Various</b>	Home Groups (for all Christians who are part of our church family across any of our four churches)		John Schluter / <a href="mailto:john@schluter.ch">john@schluter.ch</a>

## SUNDAY 21 APRIL

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 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	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Morning Service: Serving for the Gospel: Acts 6:1-7	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Serving for the Gospel: Acts 6:1-7	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Communion Service: Serving for the Gospel: Acts 6:1-7
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