



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

THIS SUNDAY - GIVING DAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Commitment: John 15:9-15; Romans 12:9-16; 1 John 4:9-11 10.45 Communion Service: Sacraments - The Lord's Supper 6pm Evening Service: God who provides: 1 Samuel 23	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Commitment: John 15:9-15; Romans 12:9-16; 1 John 4:9-11	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Sacraments - The Lord's Supper	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Commitment: John 15:9-15; Romans 12:9-16; 1 John 4:9-11
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It was great to celebrate with Patricia Osborn last Sunday as she reaffirmed her baptism vows. A great opportunity for Patricia to publicly stand up as a follower of Jesus and reaffirm those promises made on her behalf, for herself.

- **NEW Annual Gift Day – this Sunday 3 November.** Having preached on 'Giving' and heard news from Andy Kirkpatrick about our parish finances and plans for growth do continue to **pray, plan and return your pledge forms this Sunday (boxes at the back of our churches)**. With many thanks for your financial gifts, and with much excitement and anticipation for the year ahead! Do contact Andy K, Treasurer, for more info (or via the Parish Office). *Forms can also be returned during the week via Alison Minton in the Parish Office.*

- **NEW Parish Review 'Better Build God's Kingdom'** (for more details on John Truscott, see: john-truscott.co.uk)

John Truscott makes his final visit to the parish this week before preparing his report for the PCC to consider and make decisions on. **Pray on for John and for the PCC** as it considers this next step in our Parish Review process.

Imagine us being one big cooking pot together, where we put all our buildings, people and money. Where we wait in anticipation of what might come out for the better building of God's kingdom, even if that looks different from what we have now! Be willing to start there, with **'what is best for the parish as a whole?'**; rather than the things you personally like or are involved in and want to keep. As we consider this more together; do honestly consider the following questions and bring those answers to the Lord:

What are you excited about?
What do you *really* want?
Why do you think that is?
Why do you come to church?

What are your expectations?
What are you anxious or fearful about?
What do you think will happen if things change?
Aim is to 'Better Build God's kingdom' – is that what you want?

- **SAVE THE DATES—Christmas services and events! (CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY COMING SOON!)**

- **Christmas pudding making evening:** Tues 26 Nov, 7.45pm, St Peter & St Paul. **NEW** Sign up [here](#) or via EVENTS tab on website, or parish office.

- **Carol Praise:** Sat 7 Dec, 3pm, St Andrew

- **Gingerbread evening:** Wed 11 Dec, 7.30pm, St Philip, BOOKING COMING SOON.

- **Christmas Carol Singalong:** Sat 14 Dec, 4pm St Saviour.

- **Carols by Candlelight:** Sun 15 Dec, 7pm, St Peter & St Paul.

- **Pop up Nativity during 10.45am service:** Sun 15 Dec, 10.45am, St Peter & St Paul.

- **Christingle:** Sat 21 Dec, 4pm, St Philip.

- **Nativity:** Tues 24 Dec, 1.30-4.30pm (drop in for animals, crafts, refreshments, carols, with Nativity at 2 & 3.30pm)

- **Midnight Communion:** Tue 24 Dec, 11.30pm, St Peter & St Paul.

- **Christmas Day Celebrations:** 8am: Communion. Plus 10am: Christmas Celebrations in all our church buildings.

- **NEW SAVE THE DATE Church-Family Away Day 2025!** Following the success of this year's Church-Family Away Day we are planning a similar event on Sat 21 / Sun 22 June 2025—put the date in your diaries now!

- **NEW November Prayer Diary** Join us in praying for our Church Family as well as events and issues both at a local and worldwide level using our monthly prayer diary—do pick up your copy this week if you didn't last week. Do put the date for our next parish prayer meeting in your diaries now, Thurs 14 Nov 7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul.

- **NEW Stepping Stones Ladies** warmly invite you to their **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gift Packing Party** on **Thurs 14 Nov at St Peter & St Paul from 10-11.30am**. Please bring a gift or gifts to pop into a box (suitable gift ideas please visit; samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ). Shoebox gifts can also be dropped at the Church Office from Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Nov.

- **Bishop Given (one of our mission partners)** is visiting the UK next month and will be in Tonbridge on **Tues 5 Nov.** Do let Pam or Ray Tanner raytanner_1@btinternet.com know if you would like to join them with Bishop Given, at their house, 5-7.30pm (37 Exeter Close). Hot dogs provided too! Do also read the **attached document** to this emailed newsletter which contains an exciting update from Kondoa!

OTHER NEWS

- **Time to Remember** those who gave their lives to give us the heritage of peace we have. **Time to bring hope** to those suffering desolation and despair in war torn Middle East. Sat 9 Nov, 10am-1pm: Join Dick and Helen Longley at 40 Rigdeway Crescent. To buy original works of art, seed packets, cards and cakes. Raising money for Embrace the Middle East (UK Christian Charity, working with the most vulnerable for over 100 years).

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
Mon 4th	Book Club	10.15-11.45am, St Peter & St Paul.	Wendy Carr / wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Merry Makers	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com
	Coffee Break (inc. Thought for the Day)	10:30-11.30am, St Saviour	Alison Wise / a.wise.7@btinternet.com
Tues 5th	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Wed 6th	Tiny Acorns (parent & carer under-1's)	10:30am- 12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Sara Thomson / sarajthomson44@gmail.com
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Communion service	10am, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Thurs 7th	Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)	10-11.30am, St Peter & St Paul	Josephine Sinclair / josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk
	Craft Workshop	1.30-4pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com
Fri 8th	Church Family Prayers	9.30-9.50am on Zoom (853 4454 9144)	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Women's Fellowship	7.30pm, St Philip	Marion Evans / marionevans244@gmail.com
Sat 9th	Prayer meeting	9-10am , St Peter & St Paul	Richard Roberts / richardbproberts2003@gmail.com
Various	Home Groups (for all Christians who are part of our church family across any of our four churches)	Various locations and times	John Schluter / john@schluter.ch

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Isaiah 2:1-5 10.45 Morning Service: Isaiah 2:1-5 6pm Evening Service: This is the day: 1 Samuel 24	St Philip 10.45 Communion Service: Isaiah 2:1-5	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Isaiah 2:1-5	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Isaiah 2:1-5
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Parish Office opening hours: **Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)**