



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024

THIS 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
--	--	--	---

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It was great to celebrate Jesus being the Light of the World with around 40 children from around the town - do pray on that they would continue to ponder the truths they heard and also engage with the Gospel message and leaflet they took home. *Alyson*
- **NEW Church Family Monthly Prayer Meeting, Thurs 14 Nov, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul.** Join us as we gather to praise and pray to God this month. Even if you haven't been before, do come along. Always an encouraging time.
- **NEW Parish Review 'Better Build God's Kingdom'** (for more details on John Truscott, see: john-truscott.co.uk)
John Truscott has now made his final visit to the parish. He has done interviews, group discussions and met with the PCC – thank you to all who have given time to help play a part in this discernment process. The PCC will receive his report in the New Year to read, reflect and discuss together - with John returning to lead them in a morning together as part of that.
The PCC have been clear of the need for change, asking John to help review the parish in terms of our people, buildings and money - how we can organise ourselves to help better build God's kingdom in our parish. We would love to see our vision bear most fruit for the Gospel! They will make their decision in the new year.
Do pray on for John, for the PCC and for ourselves as a church family, Psalm 127:1 *"unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain."*
- **SAVE THE DATES—Christmas services and events! (CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY COMING SOON!)**
 - **Christmas pudding making evening:** Tues 26 Nov, 7.45pm, St Peter & St Paul. 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 18-30s Christmas Social** – Thurs 19 Dec, 7-9pm, St Peter & St Paul, Lower Lounge. Please sign up via the Events Tab on the website or [HERE](#)
- **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!
- **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.
- **NEW** We have organised our **strings** to play for the 6pm evening service, this Sun 10 Nov. As always, do come and enjoy this time of worship together!

OTHER NEWS

- **NEW Singing for the Hospice 10th Anniversary, Sat 23 Nov, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul:** A concert in aid of Hospice in the Weald with Royal Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir and guests. Tickets £10 (available on the door).

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
Mon 11th	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
	Men's Fellowship	7.45pm, St Philip	raytanner_1@btinternet.com
Tues 12th	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Wed 13th	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
Thurs 14th	Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche). OCC Packing Party	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
	St Andrew Open Door	2-4pm, St Andrew	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Church Family Monthly Prayer meeting	7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Fri 15th	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
Sat 16th	Prayer meeting	9-10am, St Peter & St Paul	Richard Roberts / richardbproberts2003@gmail.com
	Open House with Gardening Club	10am-12pm, St Philip	Wendy Carr / wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
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 17 NOVEMBER

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Godliness: 2 Peter 1:1-8 10.45 Morning Service: Godliness: 2 Peter 1:1-8 6pm Evening Service: Sacraments: Baptism	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Godliness: 2 Peter 1:1-8	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Godliness: 2 Peter 1:1-8	St Andrew 9.45 Communion Service: Godliness: 2 Peter 1:1-8
---	--	--	---

Newsletter info: Tel 01732 770962 ext. 24 / email jane.thorndike@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

Parish Office opening hours: **Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)**