



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2024

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Learning to pray: Luke 11:1-13 10.45 Morning Service: Learning to pray: Luke 11:1-13 6pm Evening Service: The purpose of parables: Matthew 13: 101-7	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Communion Service: Learning to pray: Luke 11:1-13	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Learning to pray: Luke 11:1-13	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Learning to pray: Luke 11:1-13
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** And it was so great to share that good news with hundreds of people in our town this Christmas at our different events and services. **Many thanks for all who served over Christmas - in seen and unseen ways** - we couldn't have done it without everyone's help and support. Do pray on that many of these visitors might return to our churches to hear more about the good news of Jesus. *Ben*

*(An update on Christmas donations will be available next week)*

- **NEW Parish Review - John Truscott report.** The PCC have now received the report on our Parish Review and will be meeting with John Truscott on Saturday 18 January. Do pray on for the PCC as they review the report, its recommendations and meet with John. An update to church family will follow as soon as possible after this meeting. Whilst waiting is hard for all of us, this is a moment God has given us to be prayerfully patient, showing our trust in His plans and timing, which are always perfect. So, please **pray that the PCC would unite around the report, and that we might be prayerfully patient as we wait.**

- **Christianity Explored - STILL NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!** Seven informal evenings for anyone who wants to think about the meaning of life. A great course if you want to brush up on the basics of the Christian faith or to invite non-Christians friends or family to. Whoever you are, whatever you are thinking, CE is a place for you to explore what life's all about. It might just be the best news you've ever heard. **Starting THIS WED (15 Jan), 7.45pm for 7 weeks. Sign up [HERE](#) or via the 'Church Life' and 'Course' tab on website (or contact the Parish Office).**



**NEW** Even if you can't come, please pray for those coming and those helping lead around tables. Also, **could you help serve refreshments on evening?** Do contact the Parish Office if so who would love to hear from you (particularly looking for help on 22nd Jan, 5 Feb, 12 Feb and 2 March).

- **New group 'CONNECT' for School Years 6-9 starting Thurs 23 Jan!** Like food? Like fun? Come along to our midweek Connect group! You'll find an array of games on offer, or just chill out with friends. Have some great food and listen to some great talks that help us think about what God means for our lives. Why not bring a friend, or seven! We'd love to see you all! Link to sign up - [HERE](#)

**Opportunity for all ages and stages!** Interested in helping with Connect? (see above!) Particularly with cooking/serving tea? We'd love to hear from you if you are interested in serving this way. Do contact Ed or Alyson.

- **NEW Burns' Night Ceilidh** Fri 7 Feb 2025 at St Peter & St Paul: An evening with haggis supper and dancing and a short message about the Christian faith. Great to bring a non-Christian friend. **TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE - [HERE](#)** or via website or Parish Office.

- **Upcoming Families Breakfasts:** *Sunday Club: 19 Jan SOS: 2 Feb Creche: 16 March All Families: 30 March for special Mothers' Day Breakfast*

- **NEW** Thank you to those who have donated **Lego—no more is now needed** but do pray on for the new Lego Bible club starting at Bishop Chavasse School this term!

- **NEW** The British Museum contains many items linked to the Bible. St Peter & St Paul Leadership Team are exploring the possibility of **arranging a tour in 2025** led by DayOne, a Christian organisation, of Biblically related exhibits in the Museum. We would like to assess the extent of interest before making a firm booking. The tour would most likely be during term time on a weekday. If you would be interested, please let Robert Kidson know at [robertkidson@aol.com](mailto:robertkidson@aol.com)

- **NEW Book group will be starting a new book** on Mon 13 Jan. Meeting for an hour and a half in the prayer room from 10.15am and new members always welcome! The first week they will be chatting about the introduction to 'No Greater Love' by Rebecca McLaughlin – a Biblical Vision for friendship.



## OTHER NEWS

- **Kent Men's convention:** Sat 1 March, 10am-3pm, St Nicholas' Church Sevenoaks. 'Real Strength: Depending on God and His word through life's highs and lows'. Click [HERE](#) to find out more and book tickets. *If you are thinking of going and would be happy to coordinate lifts, please do contact the Parish Office.*
- The **Restored Lives course** is also coming up at St. Nic's in Sevenoaks from 23 Jan for 8 weeks (7-9.30pm). A course supporting people through separation and divorce. To book, or for more information please see [www.restoredlives.org/sevenoaks](http://www.restoredlives.org/sevenoaks)
- **NEW Celtic Spirituality—Relevant for today?** Peter Ruxton (who some will remember as part of our church family a few years ago) is leading this one day retreat at West Malling on 25 Jan. For more info and to book, please contact [bookings@stbenedictscentre.org](mailto:bookings@stbenedictscentre.org)
- **NEW** As from 2 Jan, **Park and Ride schemes** are in operation for Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone hospitals. More info found [HERE](#)

## REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
<b>Mon 13th</b>	Book Club	10.15-11.45am, St Peter & St Paul	Wendy Carr / <a href="mailto:wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
	<b>Coffee lounge</b>	<b>10am-12pm</b>	<b>Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>
	Merry Makers	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / <a href="mailto:bidburgess@gmail.com">bidburgess@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Coffee Break (inc. Thought for the Day)</b>	<b>10:30-11.30am, St Saviour</b>	<b>Alison Wise / <a href="mailto:a.wise.7@btinternet.com">a.wise.7@btinternet.com</a></b>
	Men's Fellowship group	7.45pm, St Philip	<a href="mailto:raytanner_1@btinternet.com">raytanner_1@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Tues 14th</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 15th</b>	Tiny Acorns (parent & carer under-1's)	10:30am- 12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Sara Thomson / <a href="mailto:sarajthomson44@gmail.com">sarajthomson44@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Coffee lounge</b>	<b>10am-12pm, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a></b>
	Communion service	10am, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Thurs 16th</b>	<b>Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)</b>	<b>10-11.30am, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Josephine Sinclair / <a href="mailto:josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk">josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk</a></b>
	Craft Workshop	1.30-4pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / <a href="mailto:bidburgess@gmail.com">bidburgess@gmail.com</a>
<b>Fri 17th</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>
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / <a href="mailto:parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Sat 18th</b>	<b>Prayer meeting</b>	<b>9-10am , St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Richard Roberts / <a href="mailto:richardbproberts2003@gmail.com">richardbproberts2003@gmail.com</a></b>
	Open House	10am-12pm, St Philip	Wendy Carr / <a href="mailto:wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk">wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</a>
<b>Various</b>	<b>Home Groups (for all Christians who are part of our church family across any of our four churches)</b>	<b>Various locations and times</b>	<b>John Schluter / <a href="mailto:john@schluter.ch">john@schluter.ch</a></b>

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