



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2024

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Lord in creation: Psalm 19  10.45 All Age Holy Communion Service: Lord in creation: Psalm 19  6pm Evening Service: Mustard seeds and yeast: Matthew 13: 31-33	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Morning Service: Lord in creation: Psalm 19	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Communion Service: Lord in creation: Psalm 19	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Lord in creation: Psalm 19
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** In a world of changing opinions and worldviews, it is great news that the Gospel of Jesus *doesn't* change! What a joy and a challenge we have seen both in home groups and Christianity Explored this week that we are in need of a rescuer—to save us from our sin... but come back next week (to home groups and CE!) as we're going to be reminded that Jesus hasn't left us, but offers us a forgiveness that changes both our today and eternity! **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3 v 16).** Ben
- **NEW February Prayer Diary now out!** Do pick up a copy at the back of our church buildings and join us to pray together during this next month.
- **Burns' Night Ceilidh STILL NOT TOO LATE!** Fri 7 Feb 2025 at St Peter & St Paul: An evening with haggis supper, dancing & short message about the Christian faith. Great to bring a non-Christian friend to. Come and join with the 40+ already signed up - **TICKETS AVAILABLE - [HERE](#)** or via website or Church Office.
- **NEW Lent Course 2025: 6 steps to loving your church** As we collapse our Home Groups programme to all join together from across the church family this Lent, please come and join with us! You don't have to be part of a home group to join - all who are part of our church family in any of our congregations are welcome. Six sessions on loving church! **Tuesday evenings from 7.45-9.15pm at St Peter & St Paul (Tues 4 March, Tues 18 March, Tues 25 March, Tues 1 April, Tues 8 April and Tues 15 April).** Sign ups coming soon!
- We are continuing to build the **Deep Pastoral Care** area of our ministry across our congregations and are excited to be able to share with you a new resource.

Available in the foyer at St Peter & St Paul for the whole church family are **various small booklets covering a variety of pastoral topics and concerns;** from forgiveness, marriage, suffering, parenting to grief and many more. 28 different topics in total. If there is a topic you would find helpful to be covered please do let us know as there are many more titles in the series! These are helpful resources to find support for yourself or a friend, or help you to know how to support a friend. To equip us to come alongside one another through the highs and lows of life, helping us to think more about how we respond as Christians to challenges and how we better equip ourselves in our walk with Jesus and one another.

**Please do make use of this valuable resource, take, read, share and return.** If the book is a resource you would like to keep perhaps consider making a donation to the church office and let Alison Minton know so that we can replenish the stock. *Coming soon* – a list of titles will be available on the new pastoral care tab of our website.

- **Parents and anyone connected with children & young people:** Do come with us to 'Raising Kids in a Confusing World', where author and children's worker Ed Drew will be speaking about some of the messages children are hearing about bodies, gender, sexuality and their sense of self. **Wed 5 March 7.45-9.30pm in Maidstone, £5 or £3.**

*'This evening is to inspire parents and carers that they are God's 'Plan A' for showing their children the Bible's better answers on these topics, which are neither surprising nor confusing to our creator God. Ed will serve up an evening of Biblical truth and practical wisdom, presented with a side order of real-life stories and a generous sprinkling of humour. It is perfect for parents at every stage of family life, from birth through to the teenage years, as well as for grandparents, leaders and anyone else who wants to be part of the wonderful challenge of raising children to lead flourishing lives for Christ.'*

**Book here:** [Buy tickets – Raising Confident Kids in a Confusing World \(Maidstone\) – St Luke's, Foley St, Maidstone](#) and let Alyson know so that we might co-ordinate lifts: [Alyson.bleakley@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:Alyson.bleakley@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk)

- **Upcoming Families Breakfasts:** **SOS: THIS SUNDAY 2 Feb** Creche: 16 March  
All Families: 30 March for special Mothers' Day Breakfast
- **Car parking permits** for the new year are available - do come to the Church Office to collect.

- **Barry Driscoll** went peacefully to be with the Lord on Tues 21 Jan. Please hold Valerie, Simon, Caroline and all the family in your prayers at this time. A thanksgiving service to give thanks for Barry's life will be held on Fri 28 Feb at 2pm at St Peter & St Paul. All welcome.

## 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 church office.*
- **Tonbridge School Community Concert, Tues 4th March 7-9.15pm:** A concert intended for senior citizens - to request a place or for more information contact the church office.
- **NEW** Thank you again everyone for your amazing support for **Operation Christmas Child**. You already know that we sent out 56,000 shoebox gifts from the Tonbridge centre. We can also share that we were able to send 241,015 shoebox gifts from the UK and worldwide 11,927,439 shoebox gifts were donated this year! It is wonderful to celebrate such generosity and to know these gifts will bring smiles of joy to youngsters in some really dark and difficult places around the world.

## REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	Book Club	10.15-11.45am, St Peter & St Paul	Wendy Carr / wendy.carr@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	<b>Coffee lounge</b>	<b>10am-12pm</b>	<b>Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</b>
	Merry Makers	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com
	<b>Coffee Break (inc. Thought for the Day)</b>	<b>10:30-11.30am, St Saviour</b>	<b>Alison Wise / a.wise.7@btinternet.com</b>
<b>Tues 4th</b>	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
<b>Wed 5th</b>	<b>Tiny Acorns (parent &amp; carer under-1's)</b>	<b>10:30am- 12pm, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Sara Thomson / sarajthomson44@gmail.com</b>
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>10am, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</b>
<b>Thurs 6th</b>	Stepping Stones (Women's Bible Study with creche)	10-11.30am, St Peter & St Paul	Josephine Sinclair / josephinedb@yahoo.co.uk
	<b>Craft Workshop</b>	<b>1.30-4pm, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Yvonne Burgess / bidburgess@gmail.com</b>
	Connect (Year 6-9)	5-6.30pm, St Peter & St Paul	Ed Pascoe / ed.pascoe@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
<b>Fri 7th</b>	<b>Church Family Prayers</b>	<b>9.30-9.50am on Zoom (853 4454 9144)</b>	<b>Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</b>
	Coffee lounge	10am-12pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
<b>Sat 8th</b>	<b>Prayer meeting</b>	<b>9-10am , St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>	<b>Richard Roberts / richardbproberts2003@gmail.com</b>
<b>Various</b>	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 9 FEBRUARY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: The gift of suffering: 1 Peter 1: 3-7; Job 2: 7-10  10.45 Morning Service: The gift of suffering: 1 Peter 1: 3-7; Job 2: 7-10  6pm Evening Service: Hidden treasure and pearl: Matthew 13: 44-46	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Communion Service: The gift of suffering: 1 Peter 1: 3-7; Job 2: 7-10	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: The gift of suffering: 1 Peter 1: 3-7; Job 2: 7-10	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: The gift of suffering: 1 Peter 1: 3-7; Job 2: 7-10
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**Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)**