



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2024

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 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	St Philip 10.45 Communion Service: The gift of suffering: 1 Peter 1: 3-7; Job 2: 7-10	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: The gift of suffering: 1 Peter 1: 3-7; Job 2: 7-10	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: The gift of suffering: 1 Peter 1: 3-7; Job 2: 7-10
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW** There's always good news with Jesus...! **"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done" (Psalm 78 v 4).** What joy that Jesus is for all generations! With that in mind it has been great to start Connect (for Years 6-9) on Thursday evenings this term - do pray on for that group to grow in number, friendship and spiritual encouragement to each other. *Ben*
- **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.
- **NEW THIS Thursday** (13th Feb), do come along to our **Monthly Prayer Meeting** - St Peter & t Paul, 7.45pm (note the slightly later start time to enable people benefit from the free parking in the area!)
- **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 your 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).**
NEW: LENT COURSE SIGN UP [HERE](#) or via website or church office.
- 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
- **Upcoming Families Breakfasts:** *Creche: 16 March
All Families: 30 March for special Mothers' Day Breakfast*
- **NEW** We are needing to **replace the table tennis table** upstairs at St Peter and St Paul. If anyone has one they are seeking to rehouse, or would like to donate specifically towards this, please let the church office know.

- **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

- 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
Mon 10th	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 group	7.45pm, St Philip	Ray Tanner / raytanner_1@btinternet.com
Tues 11th	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Wed 12th	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 13th	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
	St Andrew Open Door	2-4pm, St Andrew	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Connect (Year 6-9)	5-6.30pm, St Peter & St Paul	Ed Pascoe / ed.pascoe@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
	Monthly prayer meeting	7.45-9.15pm, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Fri 14th	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 group	7.30pm, St Philip	Marion Evans / marionevans244@gmail.com
Sat 15th	Prayer meeting	9-10am, St Peter & St Paul	Richard Roberts / richardbproberts2003@gmail.com
	Open House	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 16 FEBRUARY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: The family doctor: John 3: 1-8; Romans 8: 9-17 10.45 Morning Service: The family doctor: John 3: 1-8; Romans 8: 9-17 6pm Evening Service: The net: Matthew 13: 47-50	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: The family doctor: John 3: 1-8; Romans 8: 9-17	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: The family doctor: John 3: 1-8; Romans 8: 9-17	St Andrew 9.45 Communion Service: The family doctor: John 3: 1-8; Romans 8: 9-17
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Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)