



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Healthy living: James 1: 22-25; Romans 8: 28-30; 2 Corin 3: 17-18 10.45 Morning Service: Healthy living: James 1: 22-25; Romans 8: 28-30; 2 Corin 3: 17-18 <i>With creche (0-4s), Sunday Club (4-11s) and SOS (11-14s)</i> 6pm Evening Service: The two sons: Matthew 21: 28-32 <i>5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s) (not meeting)</i>	St Philip 10.45 Communion Service: Healthy living: James 1: 22-25; Romans 8: 28-30; 2 Corin 3: 17-18	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Healthy living: James 1: 22-25; Romans 8: 28-30; 2 Corin 3: 17-18	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Healthy living: James 1: 22-25; Romans 8: 28-30; 2 Corin 3: 17-18
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It was such an encouragement that nearly 50 of us met as a church family on Tuesday for our Lent course - thinking about how to love our church - and in particular how we walk into church! We were challenged to **pray as we walk into church, that God would direct us to the people He wants us to sit by and talk to** - do join us in praying that prayer for this Sunday! *Ben*
- **NEW Praying! March prayer diary** now out - hard copies at the back of church buildings. Do take one if you didn't last week as we unite in prayer together for our church, our world and those we love.
Also **Monthly prayer meeting** on Thurs, 7.45pm, St Peter & St Paul (no Lent course meeting this Tues)
- **Nourish, Cherish, Flourish:** Throughout this coming year we are looking at growing our **commitment to and encouragement for ladies in our church family between the ages of 25 & 55 ish(!)** How? Through a small group opportunity to gather together to Nourish our faith, Cherish one another through life and to Flourish as we grow in our love and commitment to Jesus and one another. Please pray for us as we consider what it is to grow a Biblical picture of friendship; where we can share accountability, deepen our prayer lives and share life with one another. *If this is something God maybe putting on your heart for yourself, do contact Wendy Carr for more details.*
- **NEW Lent & Love in Action** As Christ's followers we are called to love God and our neighbour. See attachment (email version and hard copies at back of church) for some practical ideas on how we can do that this Lent - with special thanks to Helen Longley.
- **Upcoming Families Breakfasts:** Creche: 16 March
- **All families** with children/young people are invited for a **Mothering Sunday Breakfast:** Sun 30 March, 9.45am upstairs at St Peter & St Paul. Mothers - you are invited to breakfast with your family where your children will serve you delicious pastries, yoghurt, tea and coffee! Crafts and activities too.
- **NEW** A group of us attended a **Faith In Kids evening** last week and it was so encouraging to hear the many ways we can support our children grow in faith as they navigate the confusing world we live in. We heard the incredible statistic that 75% of adults say they came to faith before the age of 18! **Please pray** for our youth, children and families ministry as the teams seek to support families and grow this vital area.
- **NEW Spotify link:** For those who have started **'In Quietness and trust' by Matt Searles** as our Lent read and who listen to Spotify, do check out this album that accompanies the devotions:
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4fgnpWmZ21qrZp8JOSJLZC?si=Vi6TAzGaT96nIEFm3LZNIw&pi=JxjF-3ebS1WNS>
- **NEW Book Group** are not meeting next week but restart on 17 March, looking at the Lent book 'In Quietness and trust' - an ideal time to join the group if you haven't been before..
- **NEW Valerie Driscoll and family** would like to thank the church family for their support at Barry's Thanksgiving Service last week and for the prayer, care, cards and kind messages received. It was all much appreciated.

GET THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY—MORE INFO AND BOOKINGS SOON! Church Family Away Day 2025 - save the date!
Saturday evening 21 June and all day Sunday 22 June. Bishop Chavasse school, Tonbridge.

A great opportunity to grow in love and bonds of affection as a church family together.
Join with us for barn dance on Saturday evening, followed by a day on Sunday of teaching and worship together with guest speaker; plus craft, sport and other activities in the afternoon.

OTHER NEWS

- **Southern Women's convention, 'None greater!' (looking at Micah 6v8) with keynote speaker Carolyn Lacey:** Sat 7 June, 9.30am-4.15pm, All Saints church, Crowborough. Bookings open on Sun 16 Feb—books up quickly to do sign up using this link [HERE](#). and let the church office know if you are planning to come to we can arrange lifts together.
- For those passionate about raising the next generation to know Jesus and live for God's glory! Do come to **Fortify: 'Handing Down the Faith'** on **Sat April 5, 10am-4pm, in Wallington, South London, £18**. Run by a team from Growing Young Disciples. They *'will be helping participants to think deeply about what the Lord God says on the issue of passing on the faith to the next generation... who are growing up in an increasingly post-truth / post-Christian culture.'* Do join us as we mine the riches of God's Word for help & guidance, sing the praises of our loving Father, and unite in prayer for the young people entrusted to us. Contact Alyson Bleakley for more info.
- **NEW Easter Eggs for Spurgeons** (a local charity working with children and families who need additional support). Our annual Easter Eggs' collection, to send with Easter greetings to families, takes place again on Sundays 16 and 23 March. Please bring your contributions to services on these Sundays so they can be delivered in good time to Spurgeons for distribution. Thank you.

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
Mon 10th	Book Club	Not meeting this week	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	7.30pm, 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
	Church Family monthly prayer meeting	7.45pm, 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	7.45pm, 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 MARCH

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