



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025

### THIS SUNDAY

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| <p><b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b><br/>8am Communion Service: The transfiguration: Mark 9: 2-13</p> <p>10.45 Morning Service:<br/>The transfiguration: Mark 9: 2-13<br/><i>With creche (0-4s), Sunday Club (4-11s) and SOS (11-14s)</i></p> <p>6pm Evening Service: The tenants: Matthew 21: 33-44</p> <p>5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s)</p> | <p><b>St Philip</b><br/>10.45 Morning Service:<br/>The transfiguration:<br/>Mark 9: 2-13</p> | <p><b>St Saviour</b><br/>9.15 Morning Service:<br/>The transfiguration:<br/>Mark 9: 2-13</p> | <p><b>St Andrew</b><br/>9.45 Communion Service:<br/>The transfiguration:<br/>Mark 9: 2-13</p> |
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** Easter really is a great time to share that! Let's be thinking and praying who we can invite to share this good news of Jesus with—do take flyers from church this weekend—one for yourself and one (or many!) to give out to friends, neighbours and family. *Ben*

#### **NEW Easter services & events - FLYERS NOW AVAILABLE - details below**

##### SATURDAY 12 APRIL

at St Philip

**10am-11:30am** Open House Easter Egg Hunt (bookable via website)

##### GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL

at St Peter & St Paul:

**10am** Family Service and hot cross buns (for pre school & primary

**12-1pm** Service of Reflection

**1-2pm** followed by an hour of Private Prayer

at St Andrew:

**2-3pm** Quiet Prayer (with music & hot cross buns to follow)

##### EASTER SATURDAY 19 APRIL

at St Saviour

**2:30pm** Easter Egg Hunt (no booking required)

##### EASTER DAY 20 APRIL

at St Peter & St Paul:

**5:45am** Sunrise Service in the churchyard

**8am** Communion Service

**10:45am** Communion Service (with children's egg hunt)

**6pm** Communion Service

Communion Services also at: **9:15am** St Saviour **9:45am** St Andrew **10:45am** St Philip

- **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.*
- **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.
- **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 Church bells are coming home!** An engineer is booked to arrive on Mon 17 March to firstly do work on the frame in the bell chamber before the bells arrive on Fri 21 March. The plan is to display them in some way so that we can all see them on the weekend of 22/23. Please note the foyer will be closed at times during this period - please use the side door if so.

**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.

- **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-3ebSIWNS>
- **Book Group** is restarting 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 Church family funerals.**  
**John Ray** went peacefully to be with the Lord on Mon 10 March at Hyllden Heights Care Home. Please hold Rhoda and the family in your thoughts and prayers at this time. A thanksgiving service for John's life will be held on Tuesday 15 April at 12 noon in St Peter & St Paul to which all are welcome.  
**Audrey Price** went peacefully to be with the Lord on Friday 7 March at Tonbridge House Care Home. Please hold Andrew, Peter and Ray and the family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

## OTHER NEWS

- **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.
- **NEW** The organisers of **World Day of Prayer** would like to thank all who came to the service last week; for the generous giving of over £525 which will be sent to different worthwhile causes.

## REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

| Day               | Group  | Meet at...                                   | Contact  |
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| <b>Mon 17th</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 18th</b>  | Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)   | 9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul                | teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk                             |
| <b>Wed 19th</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>Communion service</b>   | <b>10am, St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>          | <b>Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</b> |
| <b>Thurs 20th</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 21st</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 22nd</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 23 MARCH

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| <b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b><br>8am Communion Service: Prayer and faith: Mark 9: 14-29<br><br>10.45 Morning Service:<br>Prayer and faith: Mark 9: 14-29<br><i>With creche (0-4s), Sunday Club (4-11s) and SOS (11-14s)</i><br><br><i>No evening service due to Parish Review church family meeting</i><br><br><i>No Refresh due to Parish Review church family meeting</i> | <b>St Philip</b><br>10.45 Morning Service:<br>Prayer and faith:<br>Mark 9: 14-29 | <b>St Saviour</b><br>9.15 Communion Service:<br>Prayer and faith:<br>Mark 9: 14-29 | <b>St Andrew</b><br>9.45 Morning Service:<br>Prayer and faith:<br>Mark 9: 14-29 |
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**Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)**