



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025

THIS SUNDAY - MOTHERING SUNDAY

REMEMBER CLOCKS GO FORWARD!

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Mark 10: 13-16 10.45 All Age Morning Service: Mark 10: 13-16 6pm Communion Service: The ten virgins: Matthew 25: 1-13 Refresh meeting 5-7pm	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Mark 10: 13-31	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Mark 10: 13-16	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Mark 10: 13-16
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** On Mon evening 23 ladies across the church family (aged 25-55ish!) met for the first time as we launched the NCF initiative. It was a time of fun and fellowship as we began to get to know each other and think more about our aims and purpose in meeting each month. We look forward to growing together as we seek to Nourish our faith, Cherish one another and Flourish as we grow as godly women. We are excited to see how God will work in and through this group, great connections have already been had throughout the week! *Wendy*

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)
If you would like to help serve hot cross buns and help steward, please let Alyson Bleakley know

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

- NEW - bookings now open! Maundy Thursday Meal for whole church family:** Thursday 17 April, 7.30pm at St Philip. Join us as we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, including a meal of lamb in pitta bread followed by stewed apple with figs and dates. **Book your place [HERE](#) or via website or church office (tickets £8.50).** Also, please note that this in place of our monthly prayer meeting in April—but this evening will be a great time to come and meet and pray together!
- All families** with children/young people are invited for a **Mothers Sunday Breakfast:** THIS 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.
- Calling all young people 18-30ish!** Join us for a meal and a talk on **Where We Find Hope;** speaker: Tor Maxted from our own church family – sign up via the website or [HERE](#)
- NEW Quest for a King Holiday Club 2025 (Mon July 21—Fri July 25).** We are launching our Volunteer sign up for Holiday Club THIS Sunday - do think and pray about how you might be able to serve this year – there's a role for everyone! **Complete a 'volunteer sign up sheet' (in all church buildings) and drop into the church office, or sign up on the big board at the back of St Peter & St Paul.** Please note we will be launching children's sign ups for Holiday Club on 27 April—watch this space!

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.

- **NEW Church family funeral.** A service of thanksgiving for the life of Audrey Price will be held on Thurs 24 April at 2.30pm in St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

- **NEW Update on the church bells - they are home!** Please note the foyer will be closed at various times so please use the side entrance if so. Also, check out this news article: BBC News - Tonbridge bells set to peal again after revamp <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c86pngx7727o>
- **NEW 228 eggs were delivered to Spurgeons** (charity supporting local families) this week — many thanks for people's generosity and to Alison Wise and her team sorting and delivering these.
- **NEW Prayer Festival: Sat 7 June, 10am-4pm, St Benedict's, Malling Abbey and the Pilsdon Community.** For more info and to book a place email bookings@stbenedictscentre.org
- **Gas works** are taking place on East Street from 7-21 April 25 so please be aware that the road at the junction of Hadlow Road will be closed to through traffic. Access to pedestrians and cyclists will remain.

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Day	Group	Meet at...	Contact
Mon 31st	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
Tues 1st	Teddies (Toddler Group for parents / carers)	9.30-11am, St Peter & St Paul	teddies@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Wed 2nd	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
	Communion Service	10am, St Peter & St Paul	Parish Office / parishoffice@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Thurs 3rd	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
	Connect (Year 6-9)	5-6.30pm, St Peter & St Paul	Ed Pascoe / ed.pascoe@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk
Fri 4th	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
Sat 5th	Prayer meeting	9-10am , St Peter & St Paul	Richard Roberts / richardbproberts2003@gmail.com
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 6 APRIL

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45 10.45 Communion Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45 6pm Evening Service: The talents: Mathew 25:14-30 Refresh NOT meeting (Easter holidays)	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45
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Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)