



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - EASTER EDITION: SUNDAYS 6, 13 & 20 APRIL

THIS SUNDAY - 6 APRIL

<p>St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45</p> <p>10.45 Communion Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45</p> <p>6pm Evening Service: The talents: Mathew 25:14-30</p> <p><i>Refresh NOT meeting (Easter holidays)</i></p>	<p>St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45</p>	<p>St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45</p>	<p>St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Self-serving and self-sacrificing: Mark 10:35-45</p>
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW** There's always good news with Jesus...! **"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thess 5 v 11).** We thought in our Lent course this week about how we might encourage one another with great truths about God through spiritual conversations over coffee. Perhaps this week we could share one thing that encouraged us, or a question we have, from the sermon? Or perhaps ask one another 'how can I pray for you this week?' Ben

- **Easter events and services coming up in the next 2 weeks**
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
2-3pm Quiet Prayer (with music & hot cross buns to follow)

at St Andrew:
EASTER SATURDAY 19 APRIL at St Saviour **2:30pm** Easter Egg Hunt (no booking required)
EASTER DAY 20 APRIL (see over)

- **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!
- **Calling all young people 18-30ish! Weds 9 April, 7-9pm:** 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](#)
- **Quest for a King Holiday Club 2025 (Mon July 21—Fri July 25).** 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!
- **NEW Electoral Roll** - everyone must re-apply to be on the Electoral Roll this year! It's a really good thing, and particularly helps in our relationship with the Diocese. Please do so by 20 April (Easter day!) Link [HERE](#) or hard copies at the back of each church building.
- **NEW 'Take them a meal' team!** In our Lent course we have been thinking about how to love our church, and thinking practically about what it would mean to be a church that doesn't focus on the 'ministry of the few' but instead the 'ministry of all those in the pews'. We know lots of this goes on already in our church, but as part of our pastoral care for one another, we are launching a new initiative called 'Take them a meal', where anyone who would like to bless someone with a meal (homecooked or shop bought), can sign up to be on our 'providers' list. As and when we know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a meal for a duration, we would then call upon that list to provide meals for one another!

So what can you do to be involved?

- Let Jane jane.thorndike@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk know if you want to join the 'Take a Meal' Team'
- Contact the church office if:
 - you would appreciate a meal rota in the immediate future / for a known date (we can then take details e.g. dietary requirements, address, days needed etc) and / or
 - if you hear of someone who might appreciate some meals, do have a chat with them and find out some details and let the church office know!

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 Connect (our Y6-9 mid week group)** restarts on Thurs 24 April, 5-6.30pm– sign up [HERE!](#)
- **NEW Family breakfasts next term:** put the dates in your diary! 11 May (SOS) 1 June (Sunday Club) 15 June (all families for Father's Day breakfast) and 29 June (creche).
- **NEW Summer Term rotas out!** Many thanks to all those who serve in many and varied ways—we so appreciate all you do. The summer rotas are nearly complete and you should have them delivered to your inbox early next week. Do check junk in case it has landed there and let Jane Thorndike know if you haven't received them. Please note, your rotas can also be found on My ChurchSuite (which are live and up to date).
- **NEW Cleaner for St Peter and St Paul:** Lorraine has been cleaning at St Peter and St Paul for many years but is retiring soon. We are therefore looking for someone to clean for 2 hours a day on up to 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday, starting at the end of May/early June. For further information please contact Alison Minton in the church office alison.minton@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk

OTHER NEWS

- **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
- **NEW Easter flowers.** If anyone would like to donate towards Easter flowers in memory of loved ones, please pass any money to the church office, or to Sue Power at St Peter & St Paul. Many thanks.

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES OVER THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

- **Book Group** - Not meeting on Easter Monday
- **Coffee lounge** - Not open on Good Friday or Easter Monday
- **Merry Makers** - finish 14 April, back on 12 May
- **Coffee break** - Not meeting on Easter Monday
- **Men's Fellowship** - Continues over Easter break
- **Teddies** - Restarts Tues 22 April
- **Midweek Communion Services** - Wed 16 April
- **Sat morning Prayer Meeting** - Continues over Easter break
- **Church Family Prayers on Zoom** - Continues over Easter break (853 4454 9144)
- **Open House** - Easter Egg hunt on 12 April, then restarts Sat 3 May
- **Tiny Acorns** - Continues over Easter break
- **Stepping Stones** - Restarts Thurs 24 April
- **Craft workshop** - finish 17 April, back on 8 May
- **St Andrew's Open Door** - Continues 2nd & 4th Thurs
- **Connect** - Restarts on Thurs 24 April
- **Women's Fellowship** - Continues over Easter break

SUNDAY 13 APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

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SUNDAY 20 APRIL - EASTER DAY

St Peter & St Paul 5.45am Sunrise Service in churchyard: Isaiah 65: 17-25 8am Communion Service: Mark 16:1-8 10.45 Communion Service: Mark 16:1-8 6pm Communion Service: 1 Cor 15:1-11 <i>Refresh NOT meeting (Easter holidays)</i>	St Philip 10.45 Communion Service: Mark 16:1-8	St Saviour 9.15 Communion Service: Mark 16:1-8	St Andrew 9.45 Communion Service: Mark 16:1-8
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NOTE: Next newsletter will come out after the Easter break on Friday 25 April

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Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)

NOTE: Closed Good Friday and Easter Monday