



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

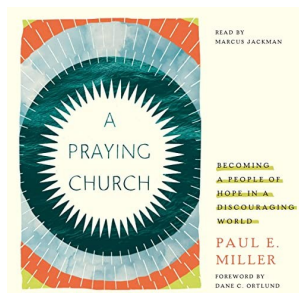
THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service			
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REMEMBER there are **NO OTHER SERVICES** in any of our buildings as we will be away enjoying our Church-Family Away Day at Bishop Chavasse School together.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW** There's always good news with Jesus...! It was a joy to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday at our Father's Day breakfast—sumo suits, darts competition, egg & bacon rolls—and great encouragement to keep going with the task of teaching our children great truths about God as Ed reflected briefly with us on that wonderful verse from the Bible: ***"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deut. 6: 5-7)*** Ben
- **Family breakfasts:** 29 June, 9.30am for creche families.
- **NEW** **Away Day.** We are looking forward to many of us being together this weekend at Bishop Chavasse. Join us in praying that this time together will be one of unity and excitement as we get to know one another better. Please also pray for...
 - ◇ Safety and that practical arrangements for the day would be smooth, and that we would be without incident or accusation.
 - ◇ Our guest speaker, Rich, pastor of an independent church in Cambridgeshire. Rich will be opening up God's word for us as we think more about our love for our glorious Lord and Saviour, and what that means as we live as His people in His world and as part of His church.
 - ◇ Us as we spend a little bit of time at different points thinking about things which might shape our new church vision together.



- **NEW** **Book group:** Paul E Millar says in his book 'A praying church: becoming a people of hope in a discouraging world,' that *"if you grasp the simplicity of prayer – Spirit - Jesus – wonder, then praying together won't be just another burden; it will be the activity that transforms all your burdens"*. Do consider reading along with us and even, if you are able, come along on a Monday to chat through the chapters, as we consider what it would look like for Tonbridge Parish Church to develop further the prayer life of our church family together. Not too late to join the group this term: **Mondays, Prayer Room at St Peter & St Paul, 10.15-11.45am.**
- **NEW** **ChurchSuite:** As many of you will be aware, we have been using ChurchSuite (our back-office admin system) for over 2 years now. This system is used by our staff and key volunteers. It has really helped us bring together a number of admin areas and is used by hundreds of other churches around the country! Many of you will also be familiar with MyChurchSuite where you can view your rotas, add your unavailability dates, find any email communication and search for other church family contact details. As we mentioned last week as a staff team, we also pray through a section the people in the database when we meet together which helps with our pastoral care too. It is a great tool in many ways - and we will continue to use it in other ways in the coming months and years we are sure!
If you are a regular member of the church family and not signed up to ChurchSuite, we would love to help you do this! Contact church office or email jane.thorndike@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk We will then be able to give you a blue form to complete which allows us to enter your details onto ChurchSuite.
- Many thanks to those who have taken **Holiday Club craft** to cut out—if this can all be back to us by the end of June, that would be great!

- **Summer Sundays!** Over the summer we have a slightly different programme planned for our children and young people and we would love to give members of our church family an opportunity to help out and get involved, giving some of our regular team some time to refresh. We are looking for a team of three people for each Sunday, one of whom would be DBS checked, and all of whom would have been safely recruited. You would be helping oversee a small group of Sunday Club and SOS combined at StP&P, leaving half way through the morning service. All material will be provided. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, on a Sunday between 27 July and 31 Aug, please let Alyson or Ed know. Thank you.
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OTHER NEWS

- **Book of Life Musical, Absolute Gospel Choir: SAVE THE DATE!** It was a joy to have the Absolute Gospel Choir with us at our June Prayer meeting and we look forward to hearing more from them! We will be hosting the musical 'Book of Life' at **St Peter & St Paul on Fri 10 and Sat 11 October**. Do put the dates in your diary and be thinking and praying who you might like to invite. It is an amazing opportunity to invite unbelieving friends or family along to hear the Gospel message of the Bible presented in a different way.
NEW Also there is **still time to join the choir** and be a part of the evening in that way —do contact Wendy Balcombe for more info on how to do that: wendyhbacombe@gmail.com
- **Kent Gospel Partnership** are seeking to appoint an **Administrator** to support the work of the KGP, its Director and the Trustees. For further information and to receive an application pack, email: admin@kentgospelpartnership.uk or visit the website www.kentgospelpartnership.uk

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

We have a range of midweek activities and groups for all ages.

Do check out our website under 'Church Life' Tab to find out more and contact the church office if you would like further information about any of these things.

SUNDAY 29 JUNE

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Will God's people trust him? Exodus 16: 1-36 10.45 Morning Service: Will God's people trust him? Exodus 16: 1-36 <i>(with creche 1-4s, Sunday Club 4-11s and SOS 11-14s groups during the service)</i> 6pm Communion Service: When fear strikes: Psalm 56 5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s) meeting	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Will God's people trust him? Exodus 16: 1-36	St Saviour 9.15 Communion Service: Will God's people trust him? Exodus 16: 1-36	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Will God's people trust him? Exodus 16: 1-36
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