TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025

THIS SUNDAY

| St Peter & St Paul Bam 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 (with creche 1-4s, Sunday Club 4-11s and SOS 11-14s groups during the service) 6pm Communion Service: When fear strikes: Psalm 56 | 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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| 5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s) meeting | | | |

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** We had a great time at the Church Family Away Day last weekend. Around 150 of us spent the day together on Sunday, sharing lives & learning more about having Joy in Jesus from Psalm 96 & John 4. A big thank you for all who came and all who helped make the weekend so special. Join us in prayer for fruit from our weekend... and don't miss out next year! *Ben*
- **NEW** The Vision Team are excited to be considering what a **Vision for Senior's Ministry** within our Church family might look like going forward. If you would consider yourself a senior or have an interest in seniors ministry, we want to hear from you what you would like to see happening across our congregations at Tonbridge Parish Church. **Please send your top 3 bullet point suggestions** to alison.minton@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk (or in person via church office) by Tues 15 July.
- NEW Prayer: "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain" (Psalm 127 v 1). We are looking forward to gathering together again this month for our monthly prayer meeting on Thurs 10 July,
 7.45pm at St Peter & St Paul. Also do get your copy of the July / Aug prayer diary which will help us connected together as we unite our prayers over the summer months.
- Family breakfasts: THIS SUNDAY 29 June, 9.30am for creche families.
- **ChurchSuite:** As many of you will be aware, we have been using ChurchSuite (our back-office admin system) for over two 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 teams and 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 <u>jane.thorndike@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk</u> We will be able to give you a blue form to complete, allowing us to enter your details onto ChurchSuite.

• **NEW Tonbridge Parish Church 'Gift of Giving' Facebook group!** We launched this a couple of years ago and thought we would bring it to people's attention again as we continue to have 'Opportunities to show love practically.' We have set up a Facebook Group titled **'Tonbridge Parish Church Gift of Giving'** - a space where we can either GIFT or REQUEST. If you would like to find out how this works, do join this group (find it by searching in Facebook). Any questions, do contact Jane Thorndike at the Church Office.

• 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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• 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". Consider read-

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.

Also there is **still time to join the choir** and be a part of the evening in that way - contact Wendy Balcombe for more info on how to do that: <u>wendyhbalcombe@gmail.com</u>

- **NEW KCC Summer Food voucher Scheme:** Funded by the Department for Work and Pensions on behalf of the UK government, the Household Support Fund scheme supports vulnerable Kent households in need of help with significantly rising living costs. For more info, click <u>HERE</u>
- **NEW Tonbridge u3a Singers** are having an informal and free concert at St Peter & St Paul on Fri 4 July at 11.30am for about half an hour. All welcome to go and enjoy!

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 6 JULY

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| 6pm Evening Service: Saved to sing: Psalm 57 | | | |
| 5-7pm: Refresh (14-18s) meeting | | | |

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