



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

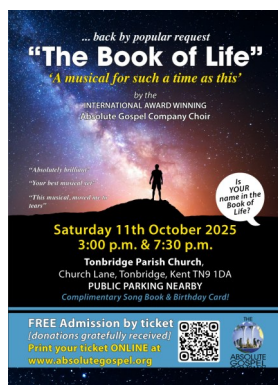
## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2025

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Faith and works: James 2: 14-26  10.45 Communion Service: Faith and works: James 2: 14-26 <i>(with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9))</i>  6pm Evening Service: God is good: Psalm 100  <i>Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm</i>	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Morning Service: Faith and works: James 2: 14-26	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Faith and works: James 2: 14-26	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Faith and works: James 2: 14-26
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- NEW** There's always good news with Jesus...! It was good to finally be able to share an update on behalf of the PCC across our congregations last Sunday, about how we are moving forward with the Parish Review. Six areas: 1) Vision Team, 2) Appointment of Seniors Minister, 3) Congregational service times, 4) 'Looking forward with joy together' event, 5) Healing for our future together, and a 6) reminder of our new Vision strapline: *'Equipping youngest to oldest to live courageous lives for Christ'*. Do pray on as we share more information and updates in the coming weeks. *Ben*



We have a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to share the good news of Jesus across Tonbridge! On **Saturday 11 October, 3pm and 7.30pm**, Tonbridge Parish Church will be hosting **'The Book of Life' musical by Absolute Gospel Company**. Tickets are free but you do need to book one, follow link [here](https://www.absolutegospel.org.uk) or visit:

*(if you need help downloading and printing do ask the office to help!)*

[www.absolutegospel.org.uk](https://www.absolutegospel.org.uk)

A great event to bring a non-Christian friend to. Is your name written in the Book of Life? Take a flyer (at the back of our church buildings) and be praying for who you can invite.

- Sunday morning access at StP&P—security & safeguarding!** Please note that on Sunday mornings, access to St Peter & St Paul building is through the main doors only from now on.
- NEW** We now have a **Lone Working Policy** in place. Our concern is for your safety and if you regularly (or occasionally) might find yourself alone in one of our church buildings, please read and follow the policy which is now on our website. *Thank you, Pam Calvert (PSO)*.
- Glass ramekins!** If you can save glass pots, ramekins, or salsa jar sized, they are needed for the Light Party! Donations gratefully received in box by Ed & Alyson office – thank you!

### Youth, Children & Families Ministry

- Light Party**  
Would you like to support the Light Party, when we invite primary school children from across Tonbridge to celebrate God's goodness and light on **Fri 31 Oct**? Please get in touch with Ed or Alyson if so. The event is 5-7pm, but we would appreciate 4-8pm. If you are unable to help practically, maybe you could commit to praying for the event?  
Children from Y1-6, do sign up [here](https://www.absolutegospel.org.uk), bring a friend and pass on link to other parents!

- **Adventure Club**  
Children (Yr5-7) you are invited to the next Adventure Club (formerly known as Mini Holiday Club), on **Thurs 16 Oct**, do sign up [here](#), bring a friend and pass on link to other parents!
- **Young helpers from our church family!**  
Young people (Yr7-13) wishing to help at the Light Party – you are invaluable! Sign up [here](#)  
Young people (Yr8-13) wishing to help at Adventure Club – you are invaluable! Sign up [here](#)
- **Bonfire Party**  
Young people in SOS (Yr6-9) are invited to Bonfire Party, **Mon 20 Oct 7-8.30pm** sign up [here](#)
- **Sorted**  
Young people in Refresh (Yr10-13), you are invited to join the day out to Sorted, the youth convention in London, on **Sat 8 Nov**. Sign up [here](#). *Early bird tickets close on the 6th Oct so it would really help to know by then!*
- **Family Breakfasts**  
9.30am, come with your children for breakfast and then chance to chat together as parents about the big issues of Growing Up, wrapping up in time to go to the 10.45 service:  
SOS: 23 Nov                      Sunday Club: 14 Sept and 2 Nov                      Creche 12: Oct

***Do contact Alyson or Ed for further information on any of the above***

## **OTHER NEWS**

- **NEW Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal** blesses millions of children around the world every year and may be the only gift these children receive, bringing joy and the wonderful opportunity to hear about Jesus and His love for them. Stepping Stones Bible Study Group will be hosting a Shoebox Gift Packing Party at St Philips on Thurs 13, Nov, 10-11.30am. All welcome (you could bring items to pack in a box/ a donation to help toward shipping (it cost £5 to ship each box) or even a shoebox you have packed at home. For more info, visit [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ) (leaflets also available in our buildings). You can also drop items/donations into the Church Office between 28 Oct –11 Nov. For more information contact Joy Baker: [occwestkent@gmail.com](mailto:occwestkent@gmail.com)
- **NEW Tonbridge School—Mini Concert Series:** Wed 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 12 Nov, 3 Dec, 4 Feb, 25 Feb. 2.30-3.30pm and comprise a 20-30-minute concert (performed by musicians from the Music Department and likely feature small chamber groups or soloists playing mainly classical music or light jazz), followed by tea and cake after, with time for conversation with Year 9 boys (aged 13-14). Do let the Church Office know if you'd like to go so we can pass on numbers for catering purposes.

## **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 12 OCTOBER**

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

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