



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: War and peace: James 3:13 - 4:12 10.45 Morning Service: War and peace: James 3:13 - 4:12 (with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9) 6pm Evening Service: God keeps us: John 10: 27-29 (with Jude 24-25) Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm—NOT MEETING (half term)	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: War and peace: James 3:13 - 4:12	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: War and peace: James 3:13 - 4:12	St Andrew 9.45 Communion Service: War and peace: James 3:13 - 4:12
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW** There's always good news with Jesus...! It was a great start to MEN @ Tonbridge Parish Church this week! A group of men from the church family met at Fuggles for an evening of conversation, sharing faith and connecting with one another. What a wonderful opportunity to **Meet**, **Encourage** and **Nurture**! Do join us in praying that this particular ministry would grow and bear fruit as we seek to be Christian men who "live courageous lives for Christ." *Ben*
- **NEW** If anyone in the church family with a connection to the military would like to lay a wreath on behalf of Tonbridge Parish Church at the **Civic Remembrance Service** on Sunday 9 November, do contact the Church Office.

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**? If you are interested, 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 prayer for the event? Children from Y1-6, 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](#)
- **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](#).
- **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:
Sunday Club: 2 Nov SOS: 23 Nov
- **Refresh Firework trip**
Y10-13 are invited to watch the Fireworks in town together. **Sun 2 Nov**: Sign up [here](#)

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

- **Shoebox Appeal with the young people:** The Processing Centre is not in Tonbridge this year, so instead of taking our young people to help process boxes, we want to run a special 'Connect with Refresh' (school years 6-13) evening, where we take the young people in to town to choose some items to put together for a few boxes. If they can bring some money to donate to the toys that would be great. There will be time for dinner and games too back at St Peter & St Paul. This will be on Thurs 6th Nov, 5pm-7pm - note later finish for regular Connect members. Sign up so we know to expect them:
<https://parishofstpeterstpaulntonbridge.churchsuite.com/events/qmpder6p>
- **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 and/or 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 (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
- **NEW A group of seniors** from across the church family was invited into Hilden Grange this week as part of the school's Wellbeing week, with a specific community-focus. They were delightfully entertained musically and in poetry by extremely talented Year 6 children. Not only that the youngsters were very articulate and hospitable. The group were able to share with the children about FEAST, Open House, Tiny Acorns and Teddies. Please continue to pray on for the different ways our seniors can minister and be ministered to.
- **NEW Gelsthorpes (Mission Partners)** next Zoom will take place on Mon 20 Oct at 9am using details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81165487307>
ID: 811 6548 7307
Password: megumi202!
- **Mission Partner update:** Do see our website for a great update from our brothers and sisters in Kondo. Click [here](#)

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 26 OCTOBER

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Time and Money: James 4:13-5:6 10.45 Morning Service: Time and Money: James 4:13-5:6 <i>(with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9))</i> 6pm Communion Service: Our destiny 1 Thess 5: 9-11 with Romans 8:1 Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Time and Money: James 4:13-5:6	St Saviour 9.15 Communion Service: Time and Money: James 4:13-5:6	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Time and Money: James 4:13-5:6
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