



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025

THIS SUNDAY - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Peace with God: Romans 5: 1-11 10.45 Church Family Together Service: Peace with God: Romans 5: 1-11 (with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9) 6pm Evening Service: Sacrifice and Security Romans 8: 35-39 Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm	St Philip JOINT Church Family Together at St Peter & St Paul, 10.45am	St Saviour JOINT Church Family Together at St Peter & St Paul, 10.45am	St Andrew JOINT Church Family Together at St Peter & St Paul, 10.45am
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It was a joy for the young people on Thursday to have their own 'Operation Christmas Child Packing Party'! They went into town, bought items and came back to pack their boxes that will be sent around the world. Keep praying on for the practical Christian witness of Operation Christmas Child throughout the world. *Ben*
- **NEW Monthly Prayer Meeting: Thurs 13 Nov, 7.45-9.15pm, St Peter & St Paul.** Do join with the rest of the church family as we pray together to our great Heavenly Father.
- **NEW** Next week is **Safeguarding Sunday**. Care for the vulnerable and those most in need is at the heart of the Gospel. On 16 Nov across our services, we are thanking those who are working to keep us safe, and reminding ourselves that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. There will be more detail about safeguarding in next week's newsletter, but for more information and help, please refer to our website.
- **NEW Civic Remembrance Service:** For those wanting to support this town event please note this service will begin with the traditional parade leaving Tonbridge Castle at 10.30am.

Armistice Day Act of Remembrance - as usual, we encourage you to join together as a Christian witness in town for the Armistice Day Act of Remembrance. Tues 11 Nov, 11am at the War Memorial by the bridge.

- **NEW 'Lamenting the Past & Looking Forward Together': Sun 23 Nov, 3.00-4.30pm.** Do look out for your individual sign up coming in an email shortly to book your place.
- **Annual Gift Day.** On Sun 23 Nov, we are preaching on giving across the church, ahead of our annual Gift Day. Please come ready to listen as we reflect on our giving together. Having had the chance to pray and plan our giving, on **our Gift Day Sunday 30 November**, we will all have the opportunity to return our pledge forms. With many thanks in advance for your financial gifts, and with much anticipation for all the Gospel opportunities the Lord will provide in the year ahead! Do contact Andy Kirkpatrick Treasurer, for further info.
- **NEW Open House** returns on **15 Nov, 10am-12pm at St Philip with Repair café** - all welcome!
- **NEW** Reminder! All are invited to join the **Stepping Stones 'Shoebox Gift Packing Party' for Operation Christmas Child** this Thurs 13 Nov 10 - 11.30am at St Philip.
- **Valerie Driscoll** went peacefully to be with the Lord on 26 Oct. Please hold Caroline, Simon and the family in your prayers at this time. A thanksgiving service for Valerie's life will be held on Fri 28 Nov at 1pm in St Peter & St Paul. All are welcome.

- **'Remember with Hope' service:** Sun 30 Nov, 4pm (refreshments from 3.15pm), St Peter & St Paul. A service for anyone who has been bereaved.

SAVE THE DATES - Christmas services and events! (CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY COMING NEXT WEEK)

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| - Christmas Gift Making evening: | Thurs 4 Dec, 7.30-9.30pm | St Saviour |
| - Gingerbread House Making event: | Sat 6 Dec, 3-4.30pm | St Philip |
| - Explore the Christmas Story: | Sat 13 Dec, 2-4pm | St Andrew |
| - Carol Service at the Castle: | Sun 14 Dec, 7-8pm | Tonbridge Castle |
| - Christmas Carol Singing and Concert: | Thurs 18 Dec, 2-4pm | St Saviour |
| - Live Nativity: | Wed 24 Dec, 1.30-4.30pm | St Peter & St Paul |
| | <i>(drop in for animals, crafts, refreshments, carols, with Nativity at 2.30 & 4pm)</i> | |
| - Midnight Communion: | Wed 24 Dec, 11.30pm | St Peter & St Paul |
| - Christmas Day Celebrations: | 8am: Communion at St Peter & St Paul
10am: Christmas Celebrations in all church buildings | |

Youth, Children & Families Ministry

- **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:
Next one: SOS: 23 Nov
- **SAVE THE DATE! Holiday Club 2026** will be on **Mon 20 July - Fri 24 July!** Do pop the date in your calendar and listen out for more information nearer the time!

OTHER NEWS

- **Singing for the Hospice:** A concert in aid of Hospice in the Weald with the Royal Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir: Sat 15 Nov, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul. Tickets £10 on the door.

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 16 NOVEMBER - SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Matthew 5: 13-16 (with Isaiah 41:10) 10.45 Morning Service: Matthew 5: 13-16 (with Isaiah 41:10) <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: Matthew 5: 13-16 (with Isaiah 41:10) Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Matthew 5: 13-16 (with Isaiah 41:10)	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Matthew 5: 13-16 (with Isaiah 41:10)	St Andrew 9.45 Communion Service: Matthew 5: 13-16 (with Isaiah 41:10)
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Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)

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