



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025

THIS SUNDAY - GIFT DAY AND ADVENT SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4 10.45 All Age Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4 6pm Spoken Communion Service (repeat of 8am) Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4 <i>Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm</i> 3 Dec: Wednesday Communion Service Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Advent 1: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 1-4
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** What joy for 'Stepping Stones' ladies Bible Study group to remind themselves of some Christian history yesterday! They watched a film (with popcorn!) about James Hudson Taylor and the story behind OMF. Do read more about Hudson Taylor and the Cambridge Seven, and be encouraged as we think about our own outreach opportunities with the Gospel this Christmas! *Ben*

Annual Gift Day—Sun 30 Nov. We will all have the opportunity to return our pledge forms today. 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!
Contact Andy Kirkpatrick, Treasurer, for further information.

- **NEW December Prayer Diary out now!** Do pick up your copy and join us in praying for the many things happening over the next month in our church and world.
- **Advent Book: 'Hallelujah: Journeying through Advent with Handel's Messiah'.** If you would like, do pick up a copy of our Advent devotional book - **only £1** and can be found at the back of our church buildings.
- **NEW Many thanks** for everyone's offers of help for our events over Christmas. Team Leaders will be in touch (they may have been already!) with further information as they get in touch with the teams. *If you offered more than one event (thank you!), you may not be needed at all those, so don't worry if you don't receive an email for everything you signed up for!*
- **Donations for our Christmas events.** We would love any donations of Christmas biscuits / mini mince pies / chocolate rolls etc that we can use at our various events this year. Do drop into to Church Office or leave outside the office by the pigeon holes. THANK YOU!
- **NEW Christmas Social for 18s-30** – we'd love to see you! Fri 19 Dec, 7-9pm, St Peter & St Paul Lower Lounge. Book [here](#) And feel free to bring a friend.
- **NEW Sally Musson (Seniors Minister) new email** – please note a change of email address for Sally Musson, which is now: sally.musson@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk Do please use this for all correspondence from now on.
- **'Remembering with Hope' service: THIS SUNDAY** Sun 30 Nov, 4pm (refreshments from 3.15pm), St Peter & St Paul. A service for anyone who has been bereaved.
- **NEW Vicky Coleman**, regular worshipper at St Saviour, died peacefully on 18 Nov. Her funeral service will be held in St Saviours Church on Wed 10 Dec at 11am. All are welcome. Please hold her daughter Tracey and the family in your prayers at this time.

NEW - REMINDER OF OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS AND EXTRA INFO!

Christmas Gift Making evening <i>Do pray on for this event—and praise God especially for those visitors who have signed up!</i>	Thurs 4 Dec, 7.30-9.30pm	St Saviour
Gingerbread House Making event <i>Last chance to book in here or via website</i>	Sat 6 Dec, 3-4.30pm	St Philip
Explore the Christmas Story: <i>Drop in anytime for refreshments activities and meet live characters</i>	Sat 13 Dec, 2-4pm	St Andrew
Carol Service at the Castle: <i>Inside marquee</i>	Sun 14 Dec, 7-8pm	Tonbridge Castle
Christmas Carol Singing and Concert <i>No need to book</i>	Thurs 18 Dec 2-4pm	St Saviour
Live Nativity <i>Drop in anytime for animals, crafts & refreshments</i> <i>Nativity at 2.30 & 4pm</i>	Wed 24 Dec, 1.30-4.30pm	St Peter & St Paul
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	

OTHER NEWS

- **NEW Self Delusion in Jane Austen's Novels with Prof John Mullan:** 10 Dec, 2.30-4.30pm, St Peter & St Paul. Tickets £10 on the door, tea and cake available.
- **NEW Gelsthorpes Prayer Meeting:** Do join if you are around - a great opportunity to support our Mission Partners: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81165487307> or ID: 811 6548 7307 Password: megumi202!

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 7 DECEMBER

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Advent 2: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 5-25 10.45 Communion Service: Advent 2: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 5-25 (<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: Prepare the way: Advent 3: Matthew 1: 18-25 <i>Refresh (Y10-13): 5-7pm</i>	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Advent 2: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 5-25	St Saviour 9.15 Morning Service: Advent 2: <i>Prepare the way: Luke 1: 5-25</i>	St Andrew 9.45 Morning Service: Advent 2: <i>Prepare the way: Luke 1: 5-25</i>
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Church Office opening hours: Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)

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