



# TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025

### THIS SUNDAY

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 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>	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Morning Service: Advent 2: Prepare the way: Luke 1: 5-25	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Advent 2: <i>Prepare the way: Luke 1: 5-25</i>	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Advent 2: <i>Prepare the way: Luke 1: 5-25</i>
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### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It has been a joy to talk to others who have also been reading the 'Hallelujah' advent read this week—to share comfort, challenges and encouragements as we think about Emmanuel, God with us. Do continue to share with one another if you are also doing this devotion (there are a handful of copies at the back of our buildings and you have less than a week to catch up if you want to join us—could be the best £1 you spend this December!) *Ben*
  - **NEW December Monthly Prayer Meeting** Do join us for our monthly prayer meeting on Thurs 11 Dec, 7.45pm at St Peter & St Paul—wonderful to gather together to pray for our church and beyond.
  - **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 contact 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!*
- NEW** We are covered for most areas of service now, but are still looking for a FEW MORE volunteers for the Nativity on 24 Dec, in particular **3-5pm outside stewards (with animals!) and 3-5pm refreshments**. Do contact the Church Office if you might be able to help.
- **Donations for our Christmas events.** We would love some more 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!
  - **Christmas Social for 18-30s** – 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.
  - **Sally Musson (Seniors Minister) new email** – please note a change of email address for Sally Musson, which is now: [sally.musson@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:sally.musson@tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk) Do please use this for all correspondence from now on.
  - **NEW** Following our '**Remembering with Hope**' service last week, the tree containing the names of those remembered will be in the foyer at St Peter & St Paul throughout the Christmas period as we commit to praying for the families who have recently been bereaved. There are a few tags left (just at the foot of the tree), and if you would like to remember someone in this way you are welcome to write their name on the tag and hang it on the tree.

- **NEW Children's Activities:** Looking forward to the next couple of Sunday mornings: Sunday Club and SOS end of term party on the 14 Dec and then come and join in the Pop Up Nativity on 21 Dec (come dressed up if you would like!)
- **NEW** Many thanks to all who serve across the church—in seen and unseen ways. Next term **rotas for Jan and Feb are coming out** as we speak—do look out for them in your inboxes (and on MyChurchSuite) over the next week.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS** do continue to take flyers and invite friends and neighbours!

**NEW** This year we are especially keen to make the most of our new venture, our **Carol Service at the castle—Sun 14 Dec, 7pm.** A wonderful opportunity to be there in midst of the community and an easy event to invite others! Do pray and invite far and wide! (NB: this will take place in the main marquee so is weather proof! )

### OTHER NEWS

- **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.
- **Gelsthorpes Prayer Meeting:** Do join if you are around - a great opportunity to support our Mission Partners on Wed 10 Dec, 9am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81165487307> or ID: 811 6548 7307 Password: megumi202!
- **NEW** The **U3A choir** will be having a short concert of Christmas music and carol singing on Fri 12 Dec at 11am at St Peter and St Paul's. All welcome!

### 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 14 DECEMBER

<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> 8am Communion Service: Advent 3: Prepare the way (Advent 3) Luke 1: 26-38  10.45 Morning Service: Advent 3: Prepare the way (Advent 3) Luke 1: 26-38 <i>(with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - YR), Senior Sunday Club (Y1-5) and SOS (Y6-9)</i>  <b>NO EVENING SERVICE OR REFRESH —JOIN US FOR OUR CAROL SERVICE AT THE CASTLE, 7PM AND INVITE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS!</b>	<b>St Philip</b> 10.45 Communion Service: Prepare the way Advent 3): Luke 1: 26-38	<b>St Saviour</b> 9.15 Morning Service: Prepare the way (Advent 3): Luke 1: 26-38	<b>St Andrew</b> 9.45 Morning Service: Prepare the way (Advent 3): Luke 1: 26-38
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**Church Office opening hours:** Mon (10am-1pm), Wed (9am-12pm) & Fri (10am-1pm)

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