



TONBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS - SUNDAY 11 JANUARY

THIS SUNDAY

St Peter & St Paul	St Philip	St Saviour	St Andrew
<p>8am Communion Service: Grasping God's love: Ephesians 3:14-21</p> <p>10.45 Morning Service Grasping God's love: Ephesians 3:14-21 (with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - Y2), Senior Sunday Club (Y3-5) and SOS (Y6-9))</p> <p>6pm: Evening Service: Lament, confession, repentance (1): Psalm 77 (Refresh (Y10-13) meeting 5-7pm)</p>	<p>10.45 Communion Service: Grasping God's love: Ephesians 3:14-21</p>	<p>9.15 Morning Service: Grasping God's love: Ephesians 3:14-21</p>	<p>9.45 Morning Service: Grasping God's love: Ephesians 3:14-21</p>

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **NEW There's always good news with Jesus...!** It was a joy to see people serving together over Christmas, especially mixed across the congregations - and also in both seen and unseen ways. **Many thanks** to all who helped enable such a wide range of different services and events across our buildings. Pray that many of those who don't know Jesus would want to return to church and maybe come to our Christianity Explored course coming up. Do think who you might invite along! Ben

- **Christianity Explored** - an informal and relaxed seven-week course. For anyone who wants to think about the meaning of life, or explore the claims of Christianity. Also great if you want to brush up on the basics of the Christian faith or to invite non-Christian friends or family to. You don't need to know anything about the Bible and you won't be asked to pray or sing! You can ask any question you like, or you can just sit and listen. Whoever you are, whatever you are thinking, CE is a place for you to explore what life's all about. It might just be the best news you've ever heard!



- Open to anyone
- **Starting on Tues 17 Feb, 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Peter & St Paul for 7 weeks**
- Sign up [HERE](#) or via website 'Church Life' & 'Course' tabs, or contact Church Office)

- **NEW Lent Course: Real Change** - a great course for any Christian who wants to find out how the Gospel changes us from the inside out, who wants to take a look at what is going on in their heart and grow with God's help to see 'Real Change.'
- Open to all Christians within the church family
- **Starting on Thurs 19 Feb, 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Philip for 6 weeks**
- Sign up [HERE](#) or contact the Church Office



Andrew Nichols & Helen Thorne
David Powis

We are aware the courses above take place over the same weeks and would encourage you, if you are either i) still investigating the Christian faith, or ii) you are a Christian with a friend you would like to bring along - to prioritise the Christianity Explored Course.

- **NEW** Do note down that the **Repair Café will be at Open House** (1st and 3rd Sat in the month, 10am-12pm) on Sat 17 Jan and Sat 21 March.
- **Family breakfasts: 9.30am:** Come with your children for breakfast and then chance to chat together as parents about the big issues of parenting wrapping up in time to go to the 10.45 service:

Sunday Club: 18 Jan – upstairs
SOS : 1 Feb – upstairs
Creche – 15 Feb – downstairs
- We have **two Church Family Together services** planned for Sun 25 Jan and Sun 22 Feb, 10.45am at St Peter & St Paul. A wonderful opportunity to come together as one church family, especially as we continue to prepare and look ahead to the new congregations and service patterns beginning in March.
- **NEW Joan Fenner** went peacefully to be with the Lord on 19 Dec. Her funeral service will be held at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Fri 30 Jan at 11.30am and all are welcome. Please hold Caroline, Julie and the family in your prayers at this time.
- **NEW** We are looking forward to **Charlotte and Scyld Shafer** being baptised at our morning service at St Peter & St Paul next Sunday (18 Jan). Let's join together to pray for them this week as they prepare make this profession of faith.

OTHER NEWS

- **NEW Household Support Fund** scheme supports vulnerable Kent households in need of help with significantly rising living costs. This final round of Household Support Fund will run from Jan to end Feb 2026. Do follow link for more info:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/adult-social-care/paying-for-care/benefits/household-support-fund>

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 18 JANUARY

St Peter & St Paul 8am Communion Service: Knowing God's will: Colossians 1: 3-14 10.45 Morning Service (with baptism) Knowing God's will: Colossians 1: 3-14 (with creche (age 1-4), Junior Sunday Club (pre-school - Y2), Senior Sunday Club (Y3-5) and SOS (Y6-9)) 6pm: Evening Service: Lament, confession, repentance (2): Psalm 130 (Refresh (Y10-13) meeting: 5-7pm)	St Philip 10.45 Morning Service: Knowing God's will: Colossians 1: 3-14	St Saviour 9.15 Communion Service: Knowing God's will: Colossians 1: 3-14	St Andrew 9.45 Communion Service: Knowing God's will: Colossians 1: 3-14
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Church Office opening hours: Mon 10am-1pm, Wed 9am-12pm, Thurs 10am-1pm and Friday 10am-1pm

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