

What's On Monday 6th February - Sunday 12th February 2012

Mon 6th	9.00am	Powehouse
	4.45pm	KiC cell
	8.00pm	Powerhouse
Tues 7th	9.00am	Re:Fresh
	12.00	Restore
	3.30pm	Blend
	6.30pm	Souled Out
Wed 8th	9.15am	Alpha
	10.00am	Bumps & Babes
	11.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 9th	9.30am	Toddlers
	10.00am	Men in Winter
	3.30pm	Blend
	7.00pm	Marriage course
Fri 10th		No Refresh
Sat 11th	10.00am	Healing on the streets
Sun 12th	7.45am	Holy Communion - Rodney Webber
	10.30am	All Age Service - Sheila Perkins
	6.30pm	The Evening Service - Group

Homegroups meet on the following days:

- Tuesday 8pm
- Wednesday 10am & 8pm
- Thursday 8pm
- Friday 9.30am (Woman to Woman)

If you would be interested in joining one of our many homegroups, please contact the Church Office.



Family News

If you have anything that you would like to put in the family news section please contact the office

There will be a Thanksgiving service for Bill Love, who died on Friday 20th January in the Hospice in the Weald, on Friday 10th February at 11.30am in St Stephen's Church followed by refreshments. All Welcome. Marion is wearing her red coat, please join her with colour.

Please pray for the family as they go to the Crematorium to say goodbye.

Donations for Mission Aviation Fellowship or Hospice in the Weald, either to Abbey Funeral Directors or in the collecting box at the service.



If you were one of the lovely people who cooked for the Schluters please collect any pots that belong to you that have been returned to the back of church. Thank you.

PRAYER SPACE - FEBRUARY

This month is based around the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the wisdom and faithfulness of Simeon and Anna.

We asked some of the older members of our church to contribute something that they would like to pass on to the next generation - a poem; verse from a the Bible; a hymn; or something God has shown them.

Do take this opportunity to see how they responded and to thank God for them.

ELECTORAL ROLL

We need to update the electoral roll. If there are any amendments that we need to know about please complete the form that can be found at the back of church.

Thank you .

St. Stephen's Church

Tonbridge

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Services for Sunday 5th February

7.45am Holy Communion

Leader: Penny Stephens

Preacher: Penny Stephens

*Tears are the diamonds of heaven - mourn
Luke 19:28-46*

10.30am Holy Communion

Leader: Mark Barker

Preacher: Penny Stephens

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6.30pm The Evening Service

Leader: Sheila Perkins

Preacher: Group

Health

**A warm welcome to
St. Stephen's
Church**

**powerhouse
day**

Please join us tomorrow for Powerhouse - do come
and pray for our church and our community.
9.00am and 8.00pm

ALL WELCOME



After

*the Sunday evening service, you
are welcome to stay for a time to
hang out, play board games and
eat toast. We'll be keeping
church open until 9.15... hope to
see you there!*



WHO'S WHO

Vicar

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Youth & Childrens Pastor

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MATTHEW RUSIKE CHILDREN'S HOME, ZIMBABWE

Matthew Rusike Children's Home (MRCH) looks after about 150 deprived Zimbabwean children at its residential centre on the outskirts of Harare. The children – many of whom have been neglected, abused or traumatised – live with house mothers in small, caring family groups with professional staff helping them to develop into secure, well adjusted individuals.

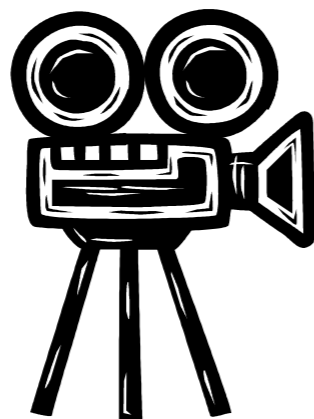
The Early Childhood Development Centre at MRCH looks after very young children, both from the home and from the surrounding area. Its staff now includes Shelley Cooling, a childcare specialist from the UK who's there on a three-year placement. Please pray for Shelley as she tries to build up the work of the Centre. To find out more of what she's doing, email her on waif_uk@yahoo.ie or follow her daily updates (electricity-permitting!) on Facebook.

Most of the running costs of the home are met by the UK-registered charity, Friends of Matthew Rusike Children's Home (www.friendsofmatthewrusike.org). The Friends also need lots of prayer and financial support as they try to keep up with the costs of food, staffing, transport and education at the home.

More details are in the leaflets at the back of church.



The MRCH Early Childhood Development Centre



Come and join us for the screening of the film "The King's Speech" In Church, Tuesday 21st Feb At 8.00pm The Lent Course, called "Finding a Voice", will follow with discussion based on the film on subsequent Tuesdays at 8.00pm, culminating in the Maundy Thursday Passover Meal. See John Perkins or the Office for more details



The Bishop of Rochester will be leading some Quiet Days during Lent.

Each Quiet Day will start at 10.30am and will end around 3.30pm (take a packed lunch) and will include times of shared worship, some addresses by the Bishop and space for personal prayer and reflection. The overall theme will be 'Home Thoughts from Abroad'.

The nearest venues to St Stephen's are St Peter's Pembury on the 1st March and St John's Hildenborough on the 23rd March.

Contact 01634 842721 to book

Lent at The Centre, St Andrew's Edenbridge

The Sisters of St Andrews are running two days during lent, 'Taking a Towel, a Lenten Quiet day with the Servant King' led by Rev Roger Hagon, and 'Fasting or Feasting, a Lenten paradox' led by Sr Diane Reynolds, and Maureen Roberts.

Both start at 10am for 10.30am.

Please see the notice board for further details or visit their website www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com



St Stephen's football is today! 2.30 at Hayesbrook 3G pitch. Oranges provided free!

SITUATIONS VACANT

We Want YOU! *Holiday Club is coming! Do you want to be involved?*

We need people to:
Lead small groups
Run the AV and videos
Be in the band
Lead some up front fun
Head up our workshops

2nd-5th April
9-12.30
Can't make all week?
No worries, speak to the Y+C team anyway

Do you love working with children?

Understand all the technology in church?

Play an instrument?

Don't mind looking a little silly?

Or are really enthused by sport, craft or drama?

Speak to one of the Y+C team
Or face being Hased by the Hoff



Wanted: Female Leaders in Youth Work

Blend and the Mix are a great opportunity for young people in the community to come and hang out, play pool, sports, and games consoles, drink milkshakes and make crafts. It's also an amazing opportunity for the team to talk with young people, getting to know them, supporting them and sharing faith in a relevant way.

This is possible by building up strong relationships with young people over time. **The Mix team and Blend are having a boom of girls coming along** (due to the good looking interns) **and we could really do with some female help to work alongside the girls.** If you have a heart for young people and mission in this area, we'd love to have you involved. Blend runs on Tuesday and Thursday after school each week, and the Mix on alternate Saturdays in the evening.

For further info, please see Matt, or drop him a message:

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Volunteers needed for Woodgate!

Teams of volunteers from St Stephen's lead a short church service at Abbeyfield Woodgate, a local home for the elderly and those with dementia, every Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm. We provide reassurance to the residents and others that even those who are among the least and most vulnerable in society are not forgotten by God and his people.

However, we do need a few more volunteers if we are to provide a service every Sunday. Please speak to Daphne Males (malesfamily@yahoo.co.uk; 01892 822139) if you would like more information.

If you would like us to pray for you please contact:

Kathleen Hider, 01732 358842
8am - 6pm
Row & Ann Wills 01732 356437
6pm - 10pm



Book Launch

Encountering Depression

by Andrew & Elizabeth Procter

FAQ's answered for Christians

If you would like to join TCBC and Rev Andrew & Dr Elizabeth Procter for the launch of their new book 'Encountering Depression' being held at Plaxtol Memorial Hall, TN15 0QD, please contact TCBC (364897) or Rev A Procter (811081) to reserve a ticket (£3.00 each) Friday 24th February, 7.45pm, coffee & dessert included. Book price, £8.00 on the night with ticket

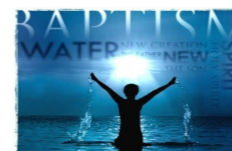


re:refresh

Please note that Refresh will not take place on the 10th February.

CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM

There will be a Baptism by immersion service on the 11th March at 10.30am and a deanery wide Confirmation service on Thursday 15th March at 7.30pm If you want to be a candidate in either, or both, services, or if you would like



to reaffirm your baptismal vows, please speak to Mark or Matt for further details.



Finance Update

We have finished the year with a surplus of income over expenses despite initially budgeting for a significant deficit. The main factors that have brought this about are:

- Higher than expected giving – thank you for your generosity
- Lower energy costs due to the mild autumn
- Below budget spending in most other areas
- Rental income from 20 Woodfield Road

We have taken account of these factors in our budget for 2012 which forecasts a small deficit. Thank you to all who have given and continue to give to support the work of the church.

Zak Ramsden - Treasurer