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### Our New Piano!

St Peter's Church is delighted to be the owner of a Bechstein upright piano. Robin, a friend of Danny of the Darenth Diversions was no longer able to use it, and was keen to donate it to St Peter's. After some deliberation on the practicalities, it was agreed that we should accept

Robin's kind offer.

It has been well-used since its arrival: both Karen and Claire of our music group have played it and it was relayed outside for the Songs of Praise service on 20th August. It will be a benefit and blessing long into the future.



### Services at St Peter's

#### October

1st  
1st, 15th, 29th  
8th  
22nd

#### Morning Services

8:00am Holy Communion  
11:00am Family Service  
11:00am Family Communion (**Harvest Festival**)  
11:00am Family Communion

#### Evening Services

1st, 8th, 15th, 29th  
22nd

6:30pm Evensong  
6:30pm Holy Communion

#### November

5th  
5th, 19th  
12th  
26th

#### Morning Services

8:00am Holy Communion  
11:00am Family Service  
Remembrance Sunday  
**Advent Sunday** - 11:00am Family Communion

#### Evening Services

5th, 12th  
19th  
26th

6:30pm Evensong  
6:30pm Holy Communion  
6:30pm Choral Evensong with Reigate Choir

### Dates for your Diary

#### October

3rd 7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council in St Peter's Church  
7th Harvest Supper in the Village Hall  
8th 11:00am Harvest Service at St Peter's Church  
23rd - 28th School half term holiday

#### November

7th 7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council in St Peter's Church  
15th 7:30pm St Peter's PCC meeting in St Mary's Church

#### December

9th Christmas Show in the Village Hall (TBC)

**Front cover: Louise Jones and her unicorn (Winter) at the Pet Service**

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## From the Editorial Team—New Editor Sought

There will be changes afoot in the production of Tandridge Parish News. After seven years and over 40 magazines, I have decided to hang up my hat as Editor. My last will be the Dec2023/Jan2024 edition. Having recently become a septuagenarian, I would like to give up some of my activities and this is one of them. I have been involved with the original 'Tandridge News' in the 1990s and then in 2016 I was asked to re-start it and together with a team of ladies, who search out the news, we renamed it Tandridge Parish News. It is sponsored by St Peter's Church and distributed free through over 400 doors in the civil parish of Tandridge. For the first time, it was in colour and printed in Cornwall by Parish Magazine Printers, who have produced a professional magazine.

Most of all is a big 'Thank you' to all our advertisers, our contributors, distributors and those who have written articles. May you continue to do so with the new Editor, who we have still to find. If you would like to contribute to the publishing of this magazine, please contact me (01883 730330) and we will be pleased to tell you more. It really is not difficult.

Martin

## Giving to St Peter's Church

The church costs over £1,000 a week to run, before the cost of maintenance and renovation is considered. The traditional methods of collecting donations are via the weekly offering during a service and standing order instructions to your bank.

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You do not need to wait until next Sunday to use it in church, why not try it now?



Martin Lloyd

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE

#### Worship - Sunday Services:

8:00am (1st Sun) Holy Communion  
11:00am (2nd, 4th Sun) Family Communion  
(1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday) All Age Worship  
6:30pm Evensong except:-  
(3rd Sun) with Holy Communion

#### 1st Wednesday of the month

10:00am Holy Communion

**See page 3 for specific services during the current two months.**

#### Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### Care of the Church and Churchyard:

To help keep the church in good repair and fit for divine worship, please contact:

<b>Church Flowers:</b>	Sue Mallinson	714775
<b>Brass Cleaning</b>	Annette Schmidt	07397 978566
<b>Church and Churchyard Maintenance:</b>	Mike Hodgson	723041

**Developing the Life of the Church:** Responsibility is shared between the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council. St Peter's works with St Mary's Oxted in the Oxted Team Ministry, which includes St John's Hurst Green and St George's Crowhurst. We are also a member of Churches Together in Oxted & District (CTOD).

<b>Team Rector, Oxted Ministry;</b>	Revd James Ashton	380750
<b>Team Vicar</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>Curate:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>Assistant Priest:</b>	Revd David Weightman	715420
<b>Churchwarden:</b>	Lynne Lloyd	07906 600437
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<b>Organist:</b>	Nigel Bates	
<b>Church Electoral Roll Officer:</b>	Mike Hodgson	723041
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Fay Prater	01342 893380
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Chair:	Neil Mesher	07767 300500
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### **Tandridge Village Pre-School**

Mrs Emma Heyburn	07491 143833
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Chair: Fay Prater	01342 893380
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From our Team Rector ...

Dear Friends,

The months of autumn bring a different pattern with them. The nights begin to draw in a little, and we often wake, hopeful that the day will be brightened and warmed by the sun. It is a season of thanksgiving, remembering and hopefulness.



Soon, we will celebrate our Harvest Festival; a joyful moment in the church, and an opportunity to show generosity to those around us. Yet we also pause to reflect on how hard the harvest is in many parts of the world – both near and far. Farmers across the UK are finding the harvest yield to be reduced by several factors: weather instability and the Ukraine war are two of these factors. May we pray for and support our friends in farming.

Then, the season moves towards All Saints' and Remembrance. We adorn ourselves in poppies and recall the sacrifice made by so many. We also think of those we love, but see no longer. May we hold on to treasured memories and live in the light cast by them. In church there will be special services at this time of year, please come along to give thanks, and to remember.

And eventually, Advent will come into view, which is a wonderful season of waiting and hopefulness. Why not come along to Evensong on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, where the combined Reigate Grammar and Reigate Prep School choir will be leading us? It is a beautiful sound in our beautiful church.

We are also looking for someone who might be interested in developing a 'St Peter's Churchyard Tour' that we could hold every so often. When we walk amongst the gravestones and memorials, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We would love to be able to tell more people about their lives. Please get in touch if you would like to explore this possibility.

With my love and prayers

*James*

## Andrew Rumsey—Evensongs

A wonderful evening was had by all, with the “homecoming” of Rt Revd Dr Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury (Diocese of Salisbury), C of E Marlborough, Wiltshire and the co-lead bishop for church buildings and cathedrals. Andrew being the former Rector of Tandridge and Oxted.



Clare Addison and Natasha Copp teamed up to organise this fabulous event, which was enjoyed by young, old and everyone in between alike.

The Revd James Ashton, opened proceedings with a welcome to the beautiful, atmospheric St Peter’s Church, with its brilliant acoustics.

Andrew, the celebrated songster and poet, then took the stage and proceeded to entertain us with songs from his new album ‘Evensong’, accompanied by David Perry, both strumming their guitars. Andrew’s melodious voice took us through a journey of his experiences in song, echoed inspirationally in the environs of St Peter’s Church, giving a very spiritual feel.

An interval of nibbles and a glass of something gave a break from the pews and a chance to mingle.

Songs were interweaved with some hilarious, and other reflective extracts from his acclaimed book ‘English Grounds’. This is a pastoral journal, which follows his personal journey through unlikely corners of our country’s heritage.

*“The book is about places, the way that we shape them and they shape us” explained Andrew in his recent blog, “It’s about memory and belonging and heritage, Christian heritage especially, and the way in which the Church has shaped the nation’s story for good and ill over many centuries, and my hope that the Christian narrative can yet help us to tell a more hopeful story about England’s future.”*

Both Andrew’s music and book are available, through good bookshops and online, with this event raising much-needed funds for St Peter’s Church Heritage projects.

Annette Schmidt

## BARN THEATRE BLUEHOUSE LANE, OXTED RH8 0AA DIARY 2023

### OCTOBER

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### NOVEMBER

**Oxted Musical Theatre Company – Scrooge** (The perfect pre-Christmas Show, "Scrooge" being performed by OMTc).

Wednesday 8th – Saturday 11th at 2.30pm (Sat) and 7.30pm. Tickets £15.00 available from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

**The New Aquarian Opera Company – The Marriage of Figaro** (A comic opera in four acts performed in English with a chamber ensemble). Thursday 16th - Saturday 18th at 7.00pm. Tickets £20.00 available from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

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**Oxted Comedy Night** (When did you last have a good laugh? Change that and come and see Lee Hurst and the comedians from House of Stand Up). **16+** Saturday 25th at 7.45pm. Tickets £20.00 available from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

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**Save the date!**  
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**Christmas Show**

**Saturday 9th December**  
**7.30pm until late**  
**in the Village Hall**

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## Tandridge Parish Council Update of Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in St Peters, Tandridge

### Summary of Planning Applications Reviewed:

2023/1008	Gardenia, Tandridge Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LL
2021/75/Cond	Oldencraig, Tandridge Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LL
2023/884/PA	Drewsherne Barn, Crowhurst Lane End, Tandridge, Surrey, RH8 9NT
2023/626	Godstone Golf Club, Rooks Nest, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8BY. (Amended plans)
2023/67/NMA	Coach House, Southlands, Southlands Lane, Tandridge, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9PH
2023/770	The Cottage, 23 Oldencraig Mews, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6GU
2023/856/N	Ardenrun Showground, Tandridge Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LL

### Future Statutory Parish Council Meetings:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023  
Tuesday 7th November 2023  
Tuesday 5th December 2023  
Tuesday 16th January 2024  
Tuesday 6th February 2024  
Tuesday 5th March 2024

Ivor Stamp (Chairman), Andrew Nosworthy, Colin David, Sylvia Pocock, Kay Moynihan and Caroline Wallace

Contact details for the Parish Council are provided under the Useful Telephone Numbers section. Please get in touch if there is anything that you have a concern about. Councillors are always interested in comments you may have about such things as the parish environment, planning issues/concerns, improvement suggestions, etc.

## Revd James Ashton appointed Team Rector



Following the departure of Anna Eltringham, who became Bishop of Ripon, Revd James Ashton, previously our Team Vicar, was collated on Monday 11th September, as Team Rector in the Oxted Team Ministry. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Croydon, The Right Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett at St Mary's Church, Oxted. The Team Ministry consists of the parishes of St Mary's Oxted, St Peter's Tandridge, St John's Hurst Green and St George's Crowhurst.

St Mary's Church was filled with friends and supporters from the four parishes.

Martin Lloyd



### From the Registers of St Peter's Church, Tandridge

We welcome into God's house  
**Coraline Nicholas**  
who was baptised on 23rd July 2023



## Coaching at the Edenbridge and Oxted Show 2023

Visitors to the Edenbridge and Oxted Show were entertained by six entries to the Coaching and Multiples class this year. Competitors travel large distances for the opportunity to drive around a course through local lanes and farmland. The standard of entry is always high, this year being judged by King Charles' head coachman, Matthew Power, whose professional eye for detail could not be disputed.

This year the competitors left the showground beside the Red Barn and travelled an



anticlockwise circular route up Ray Lane, along Lingfield Common Road and Crowhurst Lane as far as the private track through beautiful farmland belonging to Crowhurst Place and Kingswood Farm. The teams are judged at four points – before they commence the drive, when they turn left at the Crowhurst Lane junction, at the farm belonging to John and Pat Young, and then finally when they arrive back at the ring. The cleanliness and accuracy of the turnout as well as the way the horses are driven are all included in the final decision-making process.

The teams were all given a break in the farmyard, during which time horses and humans are all offered welcome and delicious refreshments, kindly donated by John and Pat Young.

This year the winners of the Coaching, Four in Hand class were the team of black Friesian horses driven by Sonny Hillier. Sonny, from the east of Kent, uses his horses for weddings and funerals and is a regular, successful contestant across the showing circuit. His vehicle is a road coach that was restored by a small family coachbuilding company called Fairbourne Carriages near Maidstone.

A lot of people will know that there were two 'volunteers' from Tandridge who, despite never having ploughed before, entered the respective classes for their tractors. Neil Mesher was on his 1967 Massey 135 and David Ledesma (*right*) on his 1950s 'Little Grey Fergie'. We did find time for them to have an hour or so to practise the week before, but a lot of the other competitors have been ploughing regularly for 40 odd years, compete in upwards of 10–12 ploughing competitions annually and take it all very seriously. Both Neil and David gave it their all and thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the day. Neil was unfortunate to have a particularly hard bit of baked out clay in his plot which made it even more difficult. David's wasn't much better, but to his, and possibly our, surprise and delight he won first prize for the best Novice on the day. Brilliant!



Alastair Roberts







When everyone had gone home Claire and I sat outside with some friends for a glass or two, only for Claire to suddenly



point at the sky and exclaim that she could see a flying elephant. My first thought was, 'What have you had that we haven't?', but when I looked there was indeed an elephant heading towards us, albeit about a mile away, having come over the trees and the River Eden behind Foyle Farm. Another friend on Gibbs Brook Lane confirmed that 'Ellie' the hot air balloon had landed in our field at Hollybush. Carefully avoiding the road, after a social day, we went down through the farm to Hollybush and opened the gate so the balloon team could recover the basket and the balloon. That earned us a bottle of wine by way of a thank you and we then joined some friends at Hollybush for a drink and a chat before heading home. Life is never dull!

## Ploughing Match - New House Farm

Our most recent 'attraction' was the ploughing match that was held at



Newhouse on 9<sup>th</sup> September. which we hosted on behalf of the East Grinstead Ploughing Society. The hot weather made it a bit of a challenge: sitting on an open tractor for 3 hours in the blazing sun was almost as challenging as the ploughing. Just walking round the field felt like hard work, so thank you to everyone who came and

supported the event. Above photograph of Neil Mesher.

## St Peter's Harvest Festival—Sunday 8th October 2023

As well as contributions of garden flowers, greenery, vegetables and fruit, you are invited to bring your contributions of non-perishable foods suitable for 'harvest boxes' and 'family meals'. NO fresh food please. Harvest food gifts will be taken to:

**Caterham Foodbank:** you can also give food to Caterham Foodbank via Sainsbury's Local in Oxted.

**Welcare in Redhill:** Welcare are once again requesting money and/or supermarket vouchers for harvest this year, as many of the families they support benefit from being able to buy fresh food, which Welcare are unable to store on site. However, if you prefer to donate tinned goods, you can do this via the local food banks as follows: [www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk) or [www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/](http://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/)

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**Tandridge Village Harvest Supper**

**Saturday 7th October 2023 at 7.30pm**

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**To book: please call Annette  
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any dietary requirements**



**David Ledesma** on his classic grey 1952 TE 20 Ferguson, which were produced by Ford between 1939 and 1952.

David won first prize for the best Novice on the day in Tandridge's International Ploughing Match held on Saturday 9th September  
(read more on page 21)

I bought a second-hand drier which can dry 15-ton batches at a time. Each batch takes about 3 hours to dry and then cool. This has been really useful when we have had overnight showers and heavy mists or dews because it has allowed us to start combining earlier than if we were having to wait for the sun to dry the crops out before we can start cutting. Naturally there is a cost to all this, but I estimate we have gained 3 or 4 days' worth of cutting, by processing 30—40 tons each day, which we would otherwise not have had or would still be waiting for.

Thirdly was a hopper in which to put the wet grain before it can be fed into the drier. Now imagine a cross between a Meccano set, with instructions from Ikea, 3 pallets of steel parts and 3,000 nuts and 3,000 bolts. That is what turned up. What it turned into was a hopper which is 4m x 4m x 3.5m high, which can hold 25 -30 tons of wheat, about the same as an articulated lorry load. It took four of us, me, Zoe, Piers (our new man) and my 83-year-old dad, about nine days, with the odd interruption, to complete. We then bolted it to a couple of lengths of carcase timber, roof beams, and dragged it into position. Never again.

On a much happier note, the best crops we have grown this year are the fields of clover and the plots of winter bird feed mixes, which are dotted about the farm. The clover looked a bit shabby at one point, so we topped them and they benefitted from some unseasonal rain and grew back better than ever and it has provided perfect habitats for insects, bees and birds. The winter bird feed mixes cover about 25 acres in different plots around the estate; again the summer rain allowed them to grow in ideal conditions. They comprise a mixture of 'spring' cereals: vetch, quinoa, mustard, radish and, to my surprise, sunflowers. One should always read the label. Anyone who has walked on the footpath from Southlands wood to Gibbs Brook Lane will have seen them growing.

We held another British Eventing horse trial at Blindley Heath in August. The rain stopped long enough for the ground to dry out, no vehicles got stuck, and the 'going' was about perfect for the horses, and still soft enough for those riders who parted company with their horses. As an event it is growing and hopefully we can extend the scope and complexity of the course, allow for more classes and attract more riders which in turn will attract more spectators.



## Farming News—September 2023

It is September again, another harvest done and dusted. 'Dusted' probably isn't quite appropriate because of the grotty weather. Most of what looked like dust was in fact fungal spores from the diseases which proliferated in the wet conditions. If you walked past any fields of wheat before they were cut and wondered why they were going black instead of golden yellow, that is why. It is all harmless, mildew, sooty mould and smut, but everything, including us, gets coated. Tractor windows need constant cleaning, machines are filthy and my side of the bed looks like the Turin Shroud.



Yields are down compared to recent years, grain prices are down from the dizzy heights of last year and our costs have gone up. Enough said really. Sometimes running a farm is like a marriage.

For richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, etc and there are times when the grass, or crops, look greener over the fence. This year the problems are fairly universal; you would have to go a long way, and jump a lot of hedges, and take a few pinches of salt, to find a farmer who has had a decent harvest.

I made two, no three purchases, in the spring that I hoped would improve our prospects at harvest. First was a weighbridge. Simple and very effective, horribly accurate, and as John Nicholas kindly pointed out, 'Removes any last-minute delusions'. We have always made educated guesses about what we have been bringing back to the farm based on the odd trip to the weighbridge at Fairalls Taylors Hill yard; now we know exactly what each field has yielded, instantly. Second was a grain drier. We have always had the capacity to get grain to a point where it is safe to store long term, usually less than 16% moisture if it has been cut at 17-17.5%, but we have never had the ability to cut at say 18.5% and dry it down to 14 or 15% in one go. 15% moisture is an industry standard for grain sold off farm. Anything higher incurs penalties which are deducted from the agreed sale price.

## St Peter's C of E Infant School September 2023

As I write this the weather is absolutely stunning; it is warm and sunny, so, of course, we all know that the children have returned to school! I will never complain about the warmth, but that is so typical!



It does mean, however, that it is somewhat easier for the children and staff alike to gently ease back into the swing of things after the summer break. The sunshine always puts a smile on people's faces.

Here at St Peter's School we all have lots of happy, smiley faces and the children have definitely come back with a spring in their step. We have welcomed our new Busy Bee Reception class to St Peter's and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to them and the whole

school community. We hope that you all have many very happy years with us.

Over the summer the library area was being refurbished with the fantastic support of the Friends of St Peter's (PTA); with a special mention going to Keren Gatty-Saunt, Claire Devey and Jennie Liddiard. We are just awaiting a few more pieces of furniture and then the transformation will be complete. A new floor has been laid, new sink area with cupboards and the whole space looks so much bigger and brighter. It is going to be a wonderful area for the children to learn, read and share. This just goes to show the amazing support of our parents and the powers of fundraising, which as you can definitely see, goes straight to the children.

As we swing into the new school year we have many exciting events planned for the children to engage in and open enquiring minds. We hope to make the most of our beautiful outside areas especially Strawson's field before the autumnal weather sets in, so the children can experience the delights of the stunning countryside around us. To begin the term we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church and introducing our new members of school to the beautiful church. If you would like to join us for our service this will be on Friday 6th October at 9am. We are very much looking forward to this.

We hope all our parents and children thoroughly enjoy their first term back at St Peter's School.

Happy Autumn Term! God bless. **Lenia Greenaway**







On 1 October, over 50 Tandridge folk will be walking Beachy Head to raise money for the MND Association. Many will be doing a full marathon (26 miles), with others doing a half marathon. Whichever route they do it will be tough as this is pretty unforgiving, yet beautiful terrain.



If you would like to, please support our fundraising efforts by donating via the QR code below (just hold your smart phone camera over it and click the yellow link), which will take you to our JustGiving page.

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## St Peter's Outdoor Services

St Peter's held a number of outdoor services during the summer, which included worship and events on various themes— a teddy bears' picnic, songs of praise, and exploring the churchyard. The final one was the Pet and Prosecco Service on 3rd September. Our churchyard was the site of a veritable menagerie: four very well-behaved horses, two of which are retired police horses, one remote hamster, two tortoises, dogs of all breeds and sizes and a collection of insects. In his sermon, Revd James talked about how we care for our pets and it was clear to see the strong bonds between pets and owners. With the start of Creationtide, he spoke to each owner and blessed them and their pets. This year our Churchwarden, Lynne Lloyd, with some trepidation, was encouraged onto the back of a 17 hand horse (or unicorn) called Winter. Everyone was surprised and delighted to see her riding one of the horses, while being led around the churchyard. And if you're wondering, the horses and riders entered and exited the churchyard by dipping under the lychgate.

The outdoor services provided an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful surroundings. The weather was mostly fine and sometimes even too hot, but we



were reminded that we do not need to be in a church to pray and worship.

We were delighted to welcome back our resident organist, Nigel Bates, who based his music choices on the theme of the service. Mike Hodgson was responsible for setting up the sound equipment in the churchyard, so we could hear the organ and Nigel could hear the service. We thank all who contributed to these services.

Alyson Coughlan

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## YOUR ANCIENT YEW – SILENT AUCTION OF WOOD TURNED SOUVENIRS

We held a silent auction of the items turned from the authorised cut back of our ancient yew, to raise money for the ongoing maintenance of that magnificent tree and of the church grounds. The auction came to a close on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and for the 11 lots, 28 bids were placed and on the back of a guide prices totalling £205, we raised £625.00.

Our thanks go to all those who took part in the auction and generously bid.

We are producing certificates of authentication for each of the lots and the winning bidders will shortly be notified and advised as to how to pay over their winning bids and to collect their items which can be delivered if so required.

## We Will Remember them...

Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church 12th November.

## Two names on the Tandridge War Memorial.

**Burchett** Thomas Edwin, G/1851 Sergeant. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion the Queens (Royal West Surrey) Regiment. Killed in action on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1918 aged 24. He was born in East Grinstead; enlisted at Redhill and lived at Blindley Heath. The son of John and Mary Ann Burchett of "Sunny Side", Orpington, Kent. On 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1918, the 7<sup>th</sup> Queens were holding the line in front of Albert on the Somme. Buried at Querrieu British Cemetery grave D14.

**Cooper**, George Canadian Infantry. The son of George (a general labourer) and Matilda Cooper of Yew Tree Cottage, Tandridge, aged 8 in 1901.



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