



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY 24 MARCH

Sixth Sunday of Lent & Palm Sunday

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion with Passion Reading

St Luke's, Tutshill

10.30am procession from Tutshill Memorial Hall to
St Luke's for 11.00am Worship

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

4.00pm Passiontide Evening Worship

A special service, moving from Palm Sunday into the themes of Holy Week,
St Michael & All Angels Tidenham Chase

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

11.00am Family Worship

Bible Readings: Philippians 2:5-11 & Mark 14:1-end of Ch 15 or Mark 15:1-end

Collect: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Holy Wednesday 27 March

12 noon Holy Communion with homily, St Luke's Tutshill
7.00pm Compline, St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
7.00pm 'Journeying through Grief to Hope'
Service for the Bereaved, St Michael & All Angels' Tidenham Chase

Maundy Thursday 28 March

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
7.30pm Holy Communion with Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Sanctuary and optional Watch of prayer and bible readings until 10.00pm, St Luke's Tutshill
Bible Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and John 13:1-17,31b-35

Good Friday 29 March

10.00am Family Service (MESSY CHURCH for young and young at heart!)
2.00pm The Last Hour - a service of devotions, St Luke's Tutshill
2.00pm Open Air Service, The Tump, St Briavels
2.00pm Service of Music & Reflection, St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
Bible Readings: John's Gospel: Ch 18 & 19

Holy Saturday 30 March

9.00pm Easter Vigil, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Easter Sunday 31 March (*clocks change!*)

8.30am BCP Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
9.30am Family Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
9.00am Holy Communion, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
11.00am Family Communion, St Luke's Tutshill, followed by Easter Egg Hunt
11.00am Family Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
6.00pm BCP Holy Communion, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
Bible Readings: Acts 10:34-43 & John 20:1-18

Br Tom, who will be joining us for Holy Week and Easter this year writes,

"I am looking forward to being with you through Holy Week this year. This most important week of the Christian Year begins today with Palm Sunday. There are a lot of themes to consider on Palm Sunday, so there is an opportunity to come to church twice, in the morning to join in the slightly chaotic excitement of the Entry into Jerusalem, and then to come to Chase in the afternoon where we will develop the themes which ask us to move from the confused hubbub of Palm Sunday into the depths of Holy Week. Through hymns, readings and prayers, we explore the truths of this most Holy Week. We are asked to consider the realities of death and of life; of sin and of forgiveness; of despair and of hope. I look forward to worshipping with you through this special time."

MID-WEEK GATHERINGS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAYS

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

9.15am Children & Families Morning Prayer – fortnightly – see website calendar, venue varies. Contact

juliaparsons727@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's Priory, Chepstow (Churches Together)

WEDNESDAYS

9.00am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke's, Tutshill

10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels – fortnightly generally

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

THURSDAYS

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

See www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk or www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w



LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY

Here are our Life Groups, open to all, running throughout the week; we talk about life and faith or specific topics relevant to what's happening around us. Please contact leaders to find out more.

Monday

2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesday

1.00pm with Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com

Wednesday

10.15-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill

7.30pm with Wendy or Fiona at home: **not meeting until after Easter**

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on essywoolcock@googlemail.com

Thursday

1.30pm at Tanya's – tanya.rockymead@gmail.com for information

Youth

If you are a young person and want to know more about faith, have fun and food with your peers, come along to our weekly Youth Group. We have regular events specifically for your age group. Contact Emma for details 07369 226546 or emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

LENT 2024

'Worship in the Wilderness: Journeying with Jesus.'

In this Year of Worship and season of Lent, we are once again invited on a journey. We are picking up our worship theme and linking it with the wilderness, the place and a journey Jesus faced for 40 days

and 40 nights, but also a place and a journey we will encounter in our lives. What might we learn in the wilderness?

As Lent draws to a close with Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, may we learn and relearn to live life together in the flow of God's amazing love. God bless – *Vicar David*

After nearly 12 years, Vicar Revd David Treharne will be leaving this summer:

"It is with very mixed feelings that I have announced that I have accepted the offer of a new post and will therefore be leaving my role as Vicar and Priest in Charge of these amazing parishes Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield/Brockweir this coming summer. My new role is a Diocesan one that will involve me supporting and training curates and their incumbents in Gloucester Diocese and also supporting the training of lay people and developing collaborative ministry in the Diocese. It is something I feel passionate about so hopefully it will be a good fit.

However, I do have mixed feelings. On the one hand I have a real sense of God's call to the role and I am excited about what it might involve. On the other hand, I love it here and feel deeply upset at the prospect of leaving you all. Having been here nearly 12 years I have deep roots here, as do Kathy and Roseanna, and if I were to choose parishes to be a part of it would be these ones... even on the bad days!

Thankfully there is much hope for the future in the parishes. Yes, there are challenges ahead - there are always challenges - but there are a lot of great things for someone new to get their teeth into. My role as Vicar and Priest in Charge here should attract no shortage of quality candidates and there is no reason for a long vacancy and certainly no question whether the post should be filled. It is a fantastic place to live with fantastic people, a talented and diverse team of people to work with, eclectic congregations and wonderfully active communities... and God is at work by his Spirit in us, amongst us, around us and despite us!

As we enter this Holy Week and Easter season, I hope you will join me in taking these changes and uncertainty about the future in our life together to the Cross of Jesus in and with the firm hope that in and through and with the risen Jesus new life and possibilities are ahead.

Yours in His love,

David

Revd David Treharne

Vicar of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut and Priest in Charge of St Briavels with Hewelsfield & Brockweir."

GOOD NEWS!!! Revd Nicki being Licensed as Associate Priest

Whilst Revd David will be leaving, Revd Nicki, having successfully completed her curacy of nearly four years, will be licensed as an Associate Priest in the Parishes here. This is great news! She will be licensed on Palm Sunday afternoon in Bishop Rachel's Chapel. Please pray for Nicki as she makes this transition. We will be celebrating and officially marking this important moment in Nicki's life and ministry during the visit to the Parish of the Archbishop of Canterbury on Sunday 26 May.

Serving in the Body of Christ. Being a member of the church means being part of the Body of Christ. What part might God be calling you or someone else to play in our life together as church? Perhaps helping with hospitality or cleaning? Or maybe as a member of the Parochial Church Council where we would welcome people with gifts in Health & Safety, Administration, Project Management or Finance? At our AGM on 14 April, we will be electing new members to our Parochial Church Council (PCC).

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Annual Church Meeting, Parish of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut

The Annual Church Meeting will be held at 12 noon prompt in Tutshill church on Sunday 14 April AFTER the morning service, which starts as usual at 11.00am. The agenda is available on church notice boards and from Annabelle / Iain Gardiner.

This year there are vacancies for: -

- two churchwardens and
- seven members of the PCC.

Nomination forms will be available at the back of our churches from 31 March.

One of our current wardens, Nicholette Flatman, is stepping down, as she has served the maximum six consecutive terms in office. Brian Duerden has advised that he is willing to serve for another year. PCC members Andy Palmer and Polly Morgan have advised that they are willing to seek re-election. This does not preclude anyone putting their name forward!

There are vacancies for: -

- PCC Secretary (Iain Gardiner stepping down)
- Deputy Treasurer (unfilled position)
- Health & Safety Advisor (unfilled position).

If you think that you have the skills of governance, H&S, finance, administration, seeing the detail, then either speak to a PCC Member, Revd David or one of the team.

The Annual Accounts for 2023 were approved by PCC on 11 March and signed off by our independent examiner, Andy Royle. They will be presented to the Annual Church Meeting.

If you want a copy of the Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts for 2023, please contact PCC Secretary Iain Gardiner who will email a copy to you. A hard copy is also available - Iain Gardiner, Tidenham PCC Secretary, 01291 624868

Annual Revision of Church Electoral Roll - Tidenham Parish – closes today Sunday 24 March!

If you are not on the church electoral roll and wish to register, please note that application forms should be returned to Iain Gardiner by close of play today, Sunday 24 March. Tel: 01291 624868 or email iain706gardiner@btinternet.com

SCARECROW TRAIL STARTS NOW!

24 March – 13 April

Trail forms are available from Lifestyle Express in Tutshill from Friday 22 March £3.00. This is a fantastic community event which supports the Parish. Everyone loves it – young, old, families, visitors – it really is great fun.

Confirmation - On Sunday 5 May 2024 at 11.00am we are having a Confirmation & Holy Communion gathering with Bishop Rachel at St Luke's Church. Come and support those being Confirmed and enjoy light refreshments after. This will give you a chance to speak to Vicar David or one of the team, if you are interested in being confirmed or baptized yourself.



PARISH COFFEE MORNING – Last Monday of the month 10.00-12.00am at St Luke's Tutshill

Sunday 26 May 2024

9.30am Morning Worship with the Archbishop of Canterbury The Most Revd Justin Welby at Dean Close St John's School, Tutshill - very exciting visit to Tidenham Parish by the Archbishop of Canterbury. If you have replied, you will receive your ticket before the event.

3.00pm Final Gathering with Holy Communion at Gloucester Cathedral - Parishes will be joining together for a final celebration at the end of the Diocesan visit of The Archbishop of Canterbury in the cathedral.

NEW DATE FOR NEXT PARISH LUNCH - 11 April 12.15-1.30pm at Woodcroft Christian Centre.

Bell Ringing – Weekly practice at St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, 7.30–9.00pm on Tuesdays. Contact Cate Phillips (01291 624260) for more information, or just turn up and give it a go!

OUR PARISH BABY & TODDLER GROUPS

TUTSHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP – Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke's, Tutshill. **Term time only.** Emma 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

SEDBURY STAY & PLAY - our parish runs a wonderful group for pre-school families – Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am at Sedbury Village Hall. **Term time only. We do need extra help from time to time please.** Contact Emma 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

FOREST WIDE YOUTH GROUPS:

To Be Connected (TBC) for Christian Young Adults (18-30yr olds), 7.00-8.30pm first Wednesday each month at Ruardean Hill Baptist Church GL17 9AZ and on Zoom. Contact jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk

BREATHE - Breathe Youth is a Christian Charity based in the Forest of Dean. Tel: 07738 422831 Email: rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk <http://www.breatheyouth.org.uk/>

Pilates – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke's Church, Tutshill; part of our Wellbeing initiative with gentle physical activity to support spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / lorespinosaa@icloud.com .

What's On at Sedbury Space - check at <https://www.sedburyspace.org.uk>

One Stop Café - Tuesdays 10.00-12.00am - come for a cuppa and a chat at Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall

Memory Café - First Wednesday of each month 2.00-3.30pm

Chaplaincy Chatroom - Thursdays 1.30-5.00pm

GIVING TO THE CHURCH IN TIDENHAM PARISH

Giving by Cheque - If you want to contribute via a cheque, can you please make it payable to
Tidenham Parochial Church

which is the formal name of our church bank account. Banks have recently tightened up on cheque payments, so if you write 'St Luke's Tutshill', or 'Tutshill Church' etc, it is likely that it won't be accepted by our bank, or indeed by your own! We are charged £25 every time a cheque bounces!

Parish Bank Account - Tidenham Parochial Church. Sort Code 30-91-89. Account Number 00304754.

Giving by Standing Order instead of Cash

You may know that we have to pay bank charges every time we pay cash into our church bank account at Lloyds, but there are no bank charges when people use a standing order. Last year across the parish these bank charges amounted to some £200, so it would help enormously, if you could set up a standing order. If you want to do this, please get in touch with our Treasurer Paul Coombs or one of the churchwardens Nicholette Flatman or Brian Duerden. You can also find information on our church website.

Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms are also available at each church or to download from the Website (<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/giving>) St Luke's also has a card reader.

Any queries, please contact the Parish Treasurer - Paul Coombs – 814yug@gmail.com - 07831 469951

TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS & CONTACTS

Parish Website: www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: www.stbandhchurches.org.uk

Facebook Group: all welcome to join this private group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester - <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

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