



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP IN HOLY WEEK

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

Br Tom OC, who has been guiding us through Holy Week this year, writes,

"It has been a joy to walk with you through the events of this momentous week. The most important days in the whole year now begin. Do join us this evening in church if you can, and then again at one of the opportunities for worship on Friday. Only by engaging deeply in the Passion of Christ do we find that now, as we approach the celebration of the Resurrection, all of the hopelessness, fallenness, and inadequacy of the world, and of our personal discipleship, is ultimately redeemed and raised up by the mysterious glory of Easter. Do join us late on Saturday evening at Tidenham for the Easter Vigil at 9pm. This is one of the most wonderful services of the year, where all of the darkness of the past few days is scattered in the new light of Easter. The candle is lit, the resurrection is proclaimed, and we renew our own baptismal vows as we respond to our rising and redeeming Lord. And then there are a wonderful selection of Easter services on Sunday during which we continue to celebrate our redemption".

Good Friday 29 March

10.00am Family Service (MESSY CHURCH for young and young at heart!) St Luke's Tutshill

11.00am Service of Music & Reflection, St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

2.00pm The Last Hour - a service of devotions, St Luke's Tutshill

2.00pm Open Air Service, The Tump, St Briavels

Bible Readings: John's Gospel: Ch 18 & 19

Holy Saturday 30 March

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

SUNDAY 31 MARCH
Easter Sunday

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke's, Tutshill
11.00am Family Communion, St Luke's Tutshill, followed by Easter Egg Hunt

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
6.00pm BCP Holy Communion
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
8.30am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Family Communion

Bible Readings: Bible Readings: Acts 10:34-43 & John 20:1-18

Collect: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Post Communion: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 – not 3 April

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 about Easter dates.**

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 – **not 3 April**

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

Bring **Hope**
& **Healing** on
the **journey**
to **Easter**

Give today:
friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/hope

In Gaza, over 800 Christians are sheltering in churches. Every day involves fear, prayers, and one piece of bread to eat. International aid can't reach them.

In Bethlehem, 80% of Christians have lost their income as tourism has collapsed.

You can help: Give to the Hope & Healing Fund this Lent.



FRIENDS OF HOLY LAND
Tel: 01926 512980

Bring Hope & Healing on the Journey to Easter

We no longer have special church collections at Easter or Christmas, but we have just received an urgent appeal from the "Friends of the Holy Land", a non-political Christian Charity, asking us to help the 800 plus Christians trapped in Gaza.

Revd David has confirmed that this is a bona fide charity, set up in 2009 and supported by both Anglican and Catholic Bishops. If you are able to make a special donation at this time, you might like to support "Friends of the Holy Land" – see [Bring Hope & Healing on the journey to Easter | Friends of the Holy Land](#)

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 is our Licensed Associate Priest

Whilst Revd David will be leaving, Revd Nicki, having successfully completed her curacy of nearly four years, has been licensed as an Associate Priest in the Parishes here. The ceremony took place last Sunday in Bishop Rachel's Chapel.

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 REVISION OF OUR CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

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 are available at the back of our churches.

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

The revised Church Electoral Roll of Tidenham Parish and the report on the PCC's Review of the roll have been posted on church notice boards. Copies can be obtained from Iain Gardiner. If you spot any errors, please do let Iain Gardiner know by close of play on Sunday 07 April.

SCARECROW TRAIL STARTS NOW! 24 March – 13 April

You will see the wonderful scarecrows all over Tutshill! Come and join the fun and pick up your trail form from Lifestyle Express in Tutshill £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 or directly Tidenham Parochial Church. Sort Code 30-91-89. Account Number 00304754.**