



"where the river flows everything will live"

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

First Sunday of Advent

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

St Luke's, Tutshill
10.30am Youth Breakfast at Non's
11.00am Morning Worship
SPLASH Children's Provision every 11.00am service except the first Sunday

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
4.00pm Advent Carol Service

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
4.00pm Advent Nativity Service

Bible Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-end

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MID WEEK SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

We are on Christmas break 21st December, returning w/c 7th January.

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 – 13th December and 20th December

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

YOUTH GROUP – CONTACT EMMA



LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY

We have a number of 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. Broadly, we are on Christmas break w/c 21st December, returning w/c 7th January, but please check the website or with your group leaders.

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: wendy.moppett@btinternet.com or

fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com

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

Thursday

1.30pm at Tanya's, but contact Non nonvandenbraak@gmail.com for information

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

Advent Quiet Day - Preparing for Encounter **Saturday 9th December 10am-3.30pm** **St Luke's Church, Tutshill**

Advent is all about preparation, but can we ever truly prepare ourselves for an encounter with God? Escape the pre-Christmas madness and find out for yourself. This day will be a spacious and restful mixture of time alone and time with others, praying with scripture and Christmas card images. No previous experience of quiet days is needed. Tea & coffee will be provided throughout the day. Bring your own lunch. Suggested Donation £10. Rev Rachel Saum, Priest-in-Charge of Newnham with Awre and Blakeney, will be leading the day. For more information, please contact: revrachelsaum@gmail.com or 07815 793625

Confirmation – would you like to be confirmed / baptised? Or would you just like to know more about the core teachings of the Christian faith? Please speak to Revd David or one of the team – come and explore Life & Faith. We'll be starting a weekly course in the New Year.

PLEASE BE PRAYING for all the folk who will be attending our churches this Christmas. There will be five school services (three of them Christingles) and Christingles will also be shared with the Toddler groups. It's a special time for those, who don't usually attend church, to hear the extraordinary message of God's love. **THANK YOU!!!**



This was such a success last Christmas, when the Recorder group and Chatelaine singers joined forces and gave the most entertaining musical programme and raised funds for the church. They're back this year so don't miss out.

HERE IS A PREVIEW OF OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

3 December	4.00 pm	Advent Carol Service, St Michael & All Angels' Chase
17 December	11.00 am	Family Nativity Service, St Luke's Tutshill
	3.00 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Family Crib Service, St Luke's Tutshill

	9.00 pm	Midnight Mass, St Luke's Tutshill
	11.15 pm	Midnight Mass, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
Christmas Day	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion, St Michael & All Angels' Chase
	10.00 am	Morning Worship with optional Holy Communion, St Luke's Tutshill
New Year's Eve	10.30 am	Parish Communion, St Luke's Tutshill (no other services that day)
7 January 2024	4.00 pm	Epiphany Carol Service, St Michael & All Angels' Chase
28 January	11.00 am	Christingle Family Worship, St Luke's Tutshill

ukraine-or-bust.org

In February 2024, Mike & Mandy Scott will be driving a van full of aid for Ukraine all the way to Chelm near the Ukraine border. Chepstow to Chelm has a bit of a ring to it! The website is above but they will be doing a presentation at St Luke's all about it at some time soon. The website has a lot of information and an Amazon list of desired items, if people want to use it!

6TH JANUARY 12.30PM UKRAINIAN EPIPHANY – We are planning a welcome, a meal, then Ukrainian carols, English Carols, some folk dancing and a few other things, finishing about 4.00pm. Should be a great time! Contact Mike Scott for more information scottiusmikus@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT - The Church of England has asked iNEQE Safeguarding Group to carry out Safeguarding Audits to make sure that dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

The Diocese of Gloucester is one of the first few dioceses and cathedrals working with the new national safeguarding audit process with the iNEQE. As part of this audit, the process offers a range of opportunities to engage directly with iNEQE, to participate in a survey and give feedback.

The survey can be anonymous and the closing date is Tuesday 05 December.

Here is the link to access the survey relevant to you - please visit:

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/gloucester/#surveys>

A Church Near You – We have updated our presence on this CofE website: let us know what you think! It's great if you're new to the area or if you are part of our community and are travelling about the country.



Our Little Larder at St Luke's Tutshill – supporting our community in these difficult times.

On Saturday 9th December, Tesco have kindly offered us some trolleys with the aim of encouraging their shoppers to donate to our larder. **PLEASE CAN SOME OF YOU HELP OUT FOR AN HOUR OR TWO TO SUPPORT REVD NICKI?**

The Parish Coffee Morning – Mondays 10.00-12.00am at St Luke's Tutshill. Back 29th January.

PARISH LUNCH REVISED CHRISTMAS DATE – 12.15pm Thursday 14th December at Woodcroft Centre. Contact George and Beryl for more info 01291 625551. scottiusmikus@gmail.com

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!

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, with lots going on over the summer. Tel: 07738 422831 Email: rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk <http://www.breatheyouth.org.uk/>

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>

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 1.30-3.30pm

REGULAR GIVING – please give regularly if you can - it really helps. Thank you if you do already.

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

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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