



"where the river flows everything will live"

THE PARISH OF TIDENHAM (& St Briavels with Hewelsfield & Brockweir)

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

I hope that despite the restrictions and accompanying potential frustrations and anxieties over the Christmas season due to the pandemic, that you were able to experience the joy and peace of the season in which we celebrate the coming of our Lord, Emmanuel, God with us.

Polly Morgan a member of our congregation and Tidenham Parish Pastoral Team writes;

"As we come to the end of 2020, we all hope that 2021 will be a much better year to behold. Through all our lives we all have had to deal with much sadness, loss and illness. As we all know 2020 has been so difficult for most of us to cope with.

As the weeks of Epiphany deepen our understanding of the Incarnation, we celebrate the 'epiphany' or 'showing' of Jesus' divine glory to the world, and pray for all Christian mission. The coming of the wise men represents the revealing of the light of Christ to the nations. Two other events are also important at this time: Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, and the miracle of water turned into wine at Cana. In both of these Jesus' divine nature is revealed. The season ends with the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple (2 February); this day marks a change of mood, from our joy at Jesus' birth to our awareness of the cost of it all, as we begin to look towards Lent..

In the weeks ahead and during Epiphany let us pray:

- *For those we love*
- *For people we encounter in our daily life*
- *For those carrying responsibilities*
- *For those in need or distress*



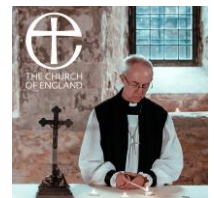
*All-loving God who led the wise men to Bethlehem,
Guide us, your people, on our journey of faith,
That we may live according to your will and witness to the joy of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord."*

In response to the government announcement on Monday, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby says:

"The Prime Minister's words tonight underline the severity of the situation for the country, as the virus continues to spread rapidly. At a time like this, the Church is here to offer comfort and spiritual support to everyone....."

"I would urge everyone in our churches to pray for those on the front line in our public services - the NHS and those working in social care, for schools and many others on whom we depend; and for parents and carers of children at this anxious and stressful time.

"There is hope. The vaccination programme is underway and, as Christians, we have a deeper hope in God that comforts us beyond fear itself. As we have been remembering this Christmas Season, even in the midst of our darkest fears, that hope brings light."



Whilst faced with continuing uncertainties in the world about us, may you each know the security and peace that comes from journeying through life with the Lord as our constant companion. The Lord bless you and keep you

Janice

Revd Janice Hamilton

Assistant Curate and Community Minister in Parish Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut.

Services in Parish of Tidenham

In light the new lockdown announcements both in England and Wales due to the increased COVID cases and the more readily transmitted new variant, the decision has been made, with full support of the Diocese, to suspend gatherings for public worship in the parish of Tidenham and move Sunday services 'online' for at least the next three weeks. We will keep this under review, taking note of government announcements, and hope to resume our physical meetings again soon.

We will continue to provide an online act of worship from 9am each Sunday morning on our YouTube Channel 'Tidenham Parish Online Church'

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

There will also be an opportunity to meet afterwards (with DIY refreshments) via zoom at 11.30am for up to an hour each Sunday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82631968802?pwd=N3hyak5lL3hnRXlVV3NteIVtVG0zZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 3196 8802, Passcode: 497225

Services in Parishes of St Briavels & Hewelsfield - Sunday 10th January Baptism of Christ

There will be no service at St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield this week but public worship will continue in St Briavels with COVID-secure procedures. Please follow social distancing and hygiene measures to minimise the risk of transmission.

9.30am: Family Eucharist, St Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels

Splash: this Sunday at 3pm on Zoom... contact Jane for the link.

The Bible readings: Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

The Collect: Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Post Communion prayer: Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Morning Prayer on zoom.

We will resume our online provision of morning prayer with CYTUN, Churches Together in Chepstow, Monday to Thursday online at 9.00am <https://zoom.us/j/122778377> All are welcome to join in.

Wednesdays: 9:15am by prayer for YCFM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78170531212?pwd=cVcrZEJmSDdKWfJyelBtencvSVIYQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7053 1212 Passcode: 2vKKGp

Mid week Communion

On Wednesday 13 January Canon Tom Clammer will celebrate the Eucharist live on the Parish Facebook Group at 12noon.



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Stay at home. Protect the NHS. Save lives.

Life Group meetings – please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in

- Sunday 7.30pm – for men! Online - James Parsons at James.darsie@gmail.com
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group Online - Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- Wednesday 10.30am (hopefully restarting soon) DTRevd@aol.com
- Wednesday, 7.30pm Life Group online (weekly from 13 January) fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group Online (from 13th January fortnightly) janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group Online – Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

Christmas Services & Online Carols - If you missed any of the Christmas services or the Community Carols and Quiz, they, and all the individual recordings of carols, are still available on the YouTube channel, including the recording of 'O Come all ye faithful' with 40 contributors!

Parish News and Information

"Living life together in the flow of God's love."

If you would like to contribute in any way to our online recorded acts of worship, with readings, prayers and/or music, please do get in touch with Revd. Janice as we would like to include as many different people as possible. Thank you to those who have offered to get involved so far.

Financial Support

Without our usual Sunday gatherings in our church buildings financial giving to the Parish(es) has inevitably reduced. Please can we ask that you consider making a gift to the Church and also consider ongoing regular financial giving into 2021. Bank details are Tidenham Parochial Church, Sort Code 30-91-89 & Account number 00304754. Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available to download from the website. PCC wishes to thank all who have continued to give generously this year.



TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS AND CONTACTS

Parish Website: This has information, documents and links to other sites.

<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk>

Facebook Page – for communicating news & info to the wider community. Please 'follow' or 'like'.

<https://facebook.com/tidenhamparishchurch>

Facebook Group - all welcome to join this private group and post comments.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

YouTube channel: 'Tidenham Parish Online Church' with videos to assist your devotions.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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

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