



"where the river flows everything will live"

Weekly Parish Briefing Sunday 11 April 2021

I WONDER..... If you've been for a walk in Tutshill recently?

If so, you may well have noticed the many creations depicting Disney Films for the Scarecrow Trail.

Most of us will have watched a Disney film at some point in our lives – even my Dad has seen one, and I can count the number of cinema visits we've made together on the fingers of one hand!



I **LOVE** a Disney film, and I think one of the reasons why is because they deal with timeless themes: Love and Loss, Death and Deception, Good and Evil, Sibling Relationships, Blended families, Sacrifice, and so much more. They cover in an accessible way the many experiences of life.

These stories are presented in an attractive, often musical, colourful way, featuring relatable characters; engaging children and the child in us all. But I think the best thing about a good children's film (by any production company!) is that it has an appeal for all ages. There is something for the children, the parents and even the grandparents.

Our worship gatherings need to have something for everyone... the young in years, the young in faith, the more mature in years and the mature in faith. Those who love colour, action and music, but also times of reflection and opportunities to go deeper with God.

Our worship is not based on a 'fairy story' but God's Story, The Greatest Story Ever Told. Found in the pages of His word, the Bible, which covers themes of Love and Loss, Death and Deception, Good and Evil, Fear and Courage, Sibling Relationships, Blended Families, Sacrifice, and so much more. What a privilege that God trusts us to share His story.

One of the most fulfilling parts of my role over the past year has been the introduction and development of **Worship Without Walls**. What a joy and privilege to meet as the whole family of God; all ages and stages of life and faith. Those who have been walking with Jesus for decades and those who are just beginning their journey of faith, as well as those who are exploring Christian faith for the first time.

I believe that the fullest expression of communal worship is found when the whole family of God is gathered. Deuteronomy 16 teaches God's people how to worship Him, "Be joyful in the LORD's presence, together with your children... Celebrate... Enjoy it with your children." (Verses 11, 13 Good News Bible) Yes, we need times to be adults together, to share and grow in faith; and children need times when they are away from their parents. This is where Life Groups, Youth Ministry and Splash are a vital part of our life as the church of God. I believe God loves intergenerational worship.

It was wonderful to gather outside last weekend to remember Christ's death and celebrate His resurrection: adults, children and even dogs! Plus thanks to technology this worship can be streamed into the homes of those who cannot be present physically.

I know that outdoor worship will not suit everyone, but as we journey forward together in the power and love of the Holy Spirit, why not come along to Tutshill on the first Sunday of the month and be part of the full family of God giving Him praise and worship amongst His glorious creation?

With love and blessings,

Jane

Jane Penny, Children and Families' Minister, Tidenham Parish

Services in Parish of Tidenham

Please bear with us as we try to smooth out the teething problems of live streaming.

For all services and gatherings, if pre booking is required contact Clare 01291 627478 tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com, No booking is necessary for outdoor worship.

We will continue to do all we can to ensure our gatherings for worship are safe and in accordance with Government guidelines:

- Everybody must use hand sanitiser when entering a church building
- Face coverings must be worn in the church buildings (unless you are exempt).
- The 2 metre rule must be observed with no socialising inside the church building.
- There will sadly be no refreshments after the church services.

Second Sunday of Easter, 11 April

9.30am: St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham – Holy Communion

11.00am: St Luke's Church, Tutshill – Morning Worship

This Sunday the online act of worship will be livestreamed to our YouTube channel, rather than being pre-recorded. To join in the worship live, please be ready at 11am. The service will be available to watch as a recording later. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

Zoom Coffee will not be taking place due to livestreamed worship.

The Bible readings: Acts 4:32-35 and John 20:19-end

The Collect: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer: Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morning Prayer - Resumes from the 12 April in the Parishes.

Mondays: 9.30am at St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Tuesdays: 9.00am Zoom online <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

Wednesdays: 9.00am at St Luke's, Tutshill

Thursdays: 9.00am at St Briavels

Wednesdays: 9:15am prayer for YCFM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78170531212?pwd=cVcrZEJmSDdKWFJyeIBtencvSVlYQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7053 1212 Passcode: 2vKKGp

Splash via Zoom Sunday 11th April at 3pm. Please contact Jane for details

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

- Sunday 7.30pm – Life Group for men! Online - James Parsons at James.darsie@gmail.com
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group Online - Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- Wednesday, 7.30pm Life Group online - fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group Online - janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group Online – Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

Churches Reopen for Private Prayer

St Luke's Church, Tutshill will be open for Private Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-4pm.

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Chase will be open for Private Prayer on Saturdays 9am-4pm

The church is opened by volunteers - if it's closed it may be because we have no volunteer for that day; thank you for your understanding.

Parish News and Information

Scarecrow Trail 2021 – The trail has started and the scarecrows will be in place until Saturday 17 April. The trail maps cost £3 and are available from Life Style Express Shop or text SCARECRO to 70331 & show your text receipt to the shop staff. For more information contact Jane or click this link <https://www.facebook.com/Tutshill-scarecrow-trail-222580088223553>



Church and Churchyard closure - Tidenham Church will be closed for two days on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 April. The Parish Council have arranged for the removal of a dead tree. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Link Magazine - A number of paper copies of the Link Magazine are available in St Luke's porch; if you would like an additional copy please contact Clare.

A message has been sent from Robin & Rosemary Mann - 'please give our love to all the saints at Tidenham'

'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester - keeping you up to date, please follow this link <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

Daily Hope - Is a free national telephone line which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone 0800 804 8044.

Financial Support

If you would like to make 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.



You can donate directly on the website, go to <http://easydonate.org/COLLECT> or you can Text / SMS donations;

- ✧ To donate £1, text COLLECT to 70201,
- ✧ To donate £3, text COLLECT to 70331,
- ✧ To donate £5, text COLLECT to 70970,
- ✧ To donate £10, text COLLECT to 70191

Annual Church Meeting, Parish of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancut

A) The annual church meeting will be held in Tidenham church at 10.30 on Sunday 25 April after the morning service. Please book your place with Parish Administrator Clare if you wish to attend.

B) The agenda for the meeting is available on church notice boards and from Clare or Iain Gardiner.

C) The Annual Accounts for 2020 have been approved by the PCC and signed off by the independent examiner. The Annual Accounts, along with the Trustees Report for 2020, are posted on church notice boards, but if people would like a personal hard copy or electronic copy they are available from Clare or Iain Gardiner.

D) If people would like a hard copy or electronic copy of the Annual Parish Report for 2020 they can be requested from Clare or Iain Gardiner who will send them out when available.

E) This year there are vacancies for two churchwardens and four members of the PCC. Our current wardens Brian Duerden and Nicholette Flatman have both advised that they are willing to serve for another year, and PCC member Andy Palmer has advised that he is willing to serve another 3-year term. John-Ross Henderson, who was co-opted after the October 2020 annual meeting, and our Youth Co-ordinator, Ethan Richards have also submitted nomination forms for PCC membership. This does not preclude anyone putting their name forward as an enthusiastic alternative! Nomination forms are available at the back of our churches from 04 April and from Iain Gardiner: -

- the person who is nominated should send me the nomination form showing who has nominated him / her and confirming that they comply with the conditions on the form and are willing to stand and
- the proposer and seconder should email me to confirm that they are indeed proposing and seconding the named individual.

NOTE - If someone has no access to the internet, they should complete a nomination form and post it to me, Iain Gardiner, Tidenham PCC Secretary, 01291 624868

Annual Revision of Church Electoral Roll, Tidenham Parish has been completed.

My report on the PCC's review and the names of everyone on the revised church electoral roll as at 4 April are posted on the church notice boards. If you spot an error, please let me know close of play, Sunday 18 April. If you would like a copy of my report or the list, please contact me on 01291 624868 or email i.a.gardiner007@btinternet.com

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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