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THE PARISH OF TIDENHAM (& St Briavels and Hewelsfield & Brockweir)
WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020

Changes Afoot: We are processing the guidance following the Government announcement that church buildings are able to reopen for public worship, and we will keep you informed of developments in the Parishes here, and dates/times of any gatherings.

What Next? The PCC met this last week and we are processing the Government guidance and looking to have some worship back in the church buildings soon. However, knowing the thoughts and feelings of the Parish is important factor in determining our next steps. Therefore we are sending out a short survey to all our church family members, and those of you associated with the Parishes, to get a better sense of your feelings and thoughts about the current situation with worship and church buildings. *If you could spare 5 minutes to complete it that would be really helpful.*



Questions? We are having to ask questions about our online presence and worship. Will people want to go back to church buildings to worship in the current climate? Will people want to have Holy Communion if it is offered? Is this weekly briefing helping you? These are some of the questions we are having to consider. There are

also bigger questions to ask and seek the guidance for, such as, what kind of church is God wanting us to be moving forward? What must we not lose from the past as we move into a new future? What might we need to let go of? What do we need to take into the future from this time of lockdown? How do we deal with the uncertainty?



As Bishop Rachel says in this week's Diocesan bulletin...

We are continuing to live with uncertainty and even those familiar things which are coming back into view as lockdown is eased are not actually the same as before, whether that be visiting a shop, going to school or gathering once again for public worship. All of us, in one way or another, are being forced to live outside our comfort zone.

Throughout Scripture we encounter individuals and communities who find themselves living outside their comfort zone. Whether it be Moses and the people journeying through the wilderness and longing to return to the fleshpots of Egypt, or the first disciples of Jesus abandoning their fishing nets and boats to follow him, or the early Christians finding that their familiar cultural norms were constantly challenged, living outside comfort zones with an openness to not knowing what comes next is not easy and can be wearying.

I recognise that the task of planning together locally for what the coming weeks and months will look like is hard, and both Bishop Robert and I hold you in our prayers, as do the archdeacons. May we all listen deeply as we invite the Holy Spirit to be at work as we seek to give glory to God and live the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ amid the highs and lows of these days.

Where the river flows everything will live! May we live life together in the flow of God's love.

Revd David Treharne

(Vicar of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut and Priest in Charge of St Briavels with Hewelsfield & Brockweir)



Up Coming Online Services/Gatherings

PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS for Trinity 5 (12 July)



Sunday, 12 July 2020 - the 5th Sunday after Trinity

Revd Janice will be leading the worship on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel on the theme of 'called to be the church gathered'. It will be available from 9am on Sunday morning. Details will also appear on the Parish website (the 'News' tab) & Parish Facebook page.

You are then invited to gather on Zoom at 11.30am for a coffee time together. Zoom is relatively easy to get on to if you have access to the Internet. Click on this link to download and join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89127603577?pwd=aVovU3ArTTdVRjdGbDVxekt4NTVhQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 2760 3577

Password: 262874

The Bible reading for this coming Sunday is: ***Ephesians 4:1-7 & 11-16, 2:42-47***

The Collect for this Sunday:

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Prayer



Thank you for sending in your prayer requests. Please feel free to email tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com, please make it known whether your prayer request is PRIVATE or okay to send out to the public.

Tidenham Parish Prayers for Sunday 12 July

Thanksgiving

For all frontline workers and essential workers. Thank God for their commitment to the work they do and to serving their communities. Pray that they will be able to have time off as needed.

That's God's love flows in and through us into our communities.

That we can be in touch with each other by phone, email, letter and video.

That we can have some distanced contact with friends and family.

For the gathered church in the parishes here, that each of us may know our place and our calling within the church when we gather.

Intercession

Locally

For Andy Royle facing an operation on 16th July, for protection him during surgery and for a swift recovery. The recently bereaved... especially with the limitations around funerals.

For those who are unable to travel to funerals.

As the lockdown eases that all would continue to be sensible and sensitive.

For good physical and mental health.

For any who are feeling frustrated that they would turn to God for strength.

For schools and children as the summer holiday approaches. That staff can have a good break and feel refreshed ready for September and all the changes that will be taking place.

For families to find creative ways to holiday together.

For those who are affected by loneliness, that they would have courage to speak up and receive care and companionship.

PARISH NEWS and INFORMATION

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

PARISH PRAYER

Where the river flows, everything will live.
Where the river of God's love flows, everything will live.
Where the river of God's forgiveness flows, everything will live.
Where the river of God's joy flows, everything will live.
Where the river of God's blessing flows, everything will live.
Where the river of God's people's prayer flows, everything will live.
Where the river flows, everything will live.

'LIFE EXPLORED - It's been reported that 25% of the population have been turning to prayer and online services during lockdown and people are asking some big questions about life. We are offering the opportunity to gather online over the next couple of months to discuss these questions using video clips to stimulate discussion. We will be meeting on zoom on Thursday evenings for one hour, 7:45 for 8pm start, beginning on 16th July. If you or someone you know is unsure of the Christian faith and would like to join in these discussions contact Janice for the link to the chat room or see parish website for more information.



Children & Families - Jane Penny is producing worship resources suitable for families and children available on the Tidenham Parish Facebook page and Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel. Splash Families are invited to gather via Zoom at 3pm each Sunday. Please contact Jane for the link.

St Luke's Church Open - St Luke's Church will be open 10am-12noon Monday to Friday this week. If you are willing and able to assist with opening, closing, supervising those entering and leaving the church and undertake the necessary cleaning (guidance and cleaning products provided) please email Clare tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com Many thanks!
Please note that we have been given guidance that if you are in the clinical vulnerable category (e.g over 70's) we are currently unable to accept your kind offers to volunteer at the current time, but a big thank you for the offers!



Church Family Photos - Please email a picture of yourself / your family to Jane so we can compile a family 'photo album' so we can see each other even though we cannot gather. Email or telephone Jane Penny.



Church grounds Prayer Trail - Prayer Trails are now located in the grounds of all 3 church buildings: Tutshill, Tidenham and Chase. Copies of prayer prompts also available on Parish Facebook Page or by emailing tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com

Meeting at the Vicarage - Holy Communion is now available, we will be offering a simple, safe, socially distanced small groups celebrations of the Eucharist in the Vicarage garden marquee on Wednesday 15 July at 12noon & 1pm in the Vicarage marquee. To book please contact Clare (booking is necessary) tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com 01291 627478. Thanks



Hewelsfield – St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield is open daily 9am-4pm for private prayer and reflection.
St Briavels - St Mary's church is open between 10am-12 noon daily for private prayer and reflection.

St Briavels Treasurer needed - After many years in the post, Roger Clewett, the Treasurer of St Briavels PCC has decided to retire at the end of the year. The PCC are now looking to appoint a new treasurer. If you or know of someone who might be interested in taking on this important role then please contact either of the churchwardens, Martin Pagnamenta or Jeremy Maltman, or the secretary to the PCC, Jean Sheraton.

Are you called to be a School Governor? - St Briavels Primary School is a Voluntary Aided School. Some of the Governors (Foundation Governors) are nominated by the PCC. The PCC need to nominate one Foundation Governor to be in post from September. Anyone interested please contact Rev David Rees for more information, thank you.



Virtual Café - Sedbury Space has launched a virtual cafe on a Weds afternoon 2-3pm via zoom. If you are feeling isolated and lonely and would like to connect with others over a cup of coffee, you are welcome to join us. Contact Susan Riordan for details of how to join on info@sedburyspace.org.uk

Financial Giving in the Parish - It is highly likely that the use of cash collections will be very limited for some time. Therefore this may be the point at which you might wish to consider giving by standing order. For any advice please contact Ewen on 01291 626158. ewen.hamilton@outlook.com Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available to download from the website. PCC wishes to thank all who have continued to give throughout the shutdown of the church buildings.



CVM (Christian Vision for Men) - Introducing men to Jesus and the Church to men!



If you would like to learn more about the work of this Christian organisation please give me, James Parsons, a call on 07970 489362 or look at CVM's website - <https://cvm.org.uk>



New mental health service – Qwell, provides anyone in Gloucestershire over 18 years, access to self care resources, information, peer support and access to trained counsellors <https://www.qwell.io>

TV BBC 1: This Sunday 12 July 2020



10:45 Sunday Morning LIVE
13:15 Songs of Praise

Pastoral Care of the Church Family – A number of people within our Parishes have had bereavement in recent weeks. You are very much in our prayers. May God be with you in a special way. DO keep in touch with and support one another through this time. A reminder that if anyone from the church rings you the CHURCH is ringing you. However, if you are aware of someone struggling **please** do contact a member of the Team.



Good News – please do email in with any good news at this time.

There is a new Link Word Search available on the facebook page this week.

TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS AND CONTACTS

Parish Website: This has information, documents and links to other sites. <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk>

Facebook page – all welcome to join and post comments. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

YouTube channel: 'Tidenham Parish Online Church' with videos and resources to assist you in your devotions.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKriOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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

- Wednesday 10.30am. DTRevd@aol.com
- Wednesday 8pm. fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm. janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1.30pm. Jane cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

Other Online local resources

Daily Prayer via Zoom with CYTUN Monday to Friday at 8.45 for 9am start <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

Cytun Churches Together Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206786133181081/>

Chepstow's Virtual Café Online via Zoom Every Saturday at 2pm. Find the link on CYTUN Facebook page

Tidenham Parish Council www.tidenhamparishcouncil.co.uk has useful links and information

For the latest Church of England Covid 19 guidance which covers all kinds of issues including weddings, baptisms and funerals. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

There are also some really helpful resources for prayer and worship on the Church of England website. Click on this link... <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/568755/Home/Coronavirus/Coronavirus_guidance_and.aspx

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