



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2020

JOY... Puppy Love!

What is cause of joy in your life?



Whilst 2020 has been a miserable year in so many ways I, we don't want to lose sight of the good things that have happened which have been a cause for great joy. For me just lately, meeting up with couples wanting to get married 2021 and hearing their stories has given me joy. Going to stay my sister just before lockdown was also a great joy. And having little Leo, our 10-week-old Golden Retriever, join us a few weeks ago has been a wonderful joy. Sorry, I had to get a picture of him in. Hopefully in time he will become a regular member of our congregations wearing his dog collar!

Reflect on what gives you true joy? Notice it and give thanks for it.

Joy is the serious business of Heaven. CS Lewis

Make space in your life for the things that matter, for family and friends, love and generosity, fun and joy. Without this, you will burn out in mid-career and wonder where your life went. Jonathan Sacks

The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again. Charles Dickens

The walls we build around us to keep sadness out also keeps out the joy. Jim Rohn

There is a joy ... which is given to those who love Thee for Thine own sake, whose joy Thou Thyself art. And this is the happy life, to rejoice to Thee, of Thee, for Thee; this it is, and there is no other.

Augustine

The Deep joy found in and through Jesus Christ

The joy of encountering and yielding to the mercy and love of Jesus is sublime! Perhaps you can relate to the expression 'the joy of salvation' having come to know and experience the love and mercy of God for the first time. However, over time that joy can sadly subside, in the similar way to how a love and joy in a marriage 'may' possibly subside. People talk about their love for God disappearing, perhaps a sense of emptiness, staleness of faith and a relationship with God feeling rather distant and without joy.

David in Psalm 51 prays for God to restore the joy of his salvation. Recovering that sense and knowledge of God's mercy and love afresh and enabling our inner person to come alive once again is important for our wellbeing. The baby (John the Baptist) leapt for joy in Elizabeth's womb as the expectant Mary drew near. As we draw near to Christ and Christ draws near to us, may our hearts leap for joy afresh or perhaps the first time. Come Lord Jesus Come.

I hope that you may know joy over the days ahead.

God bless

David

Revd David Treharne

Vicar of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut and Priest in Charge of St Briavels with Hewelsfield.

Public worship was able to resume from Wednesday 2 December, details below.

The Third Sunday of Advent. Sunday 13 December 2020.



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

11.00am: St Luke's Church, Tutshill: Morning Worship. Hopefully live streamed, please be seated by 10.50am.

(Booking is necessary please contact Clare 01291 627478 or tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com)

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

11am: St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield: Eucharist

Online: Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel

The worship for the 3rd Sunday of Advent at St Luke's is led by Vicar David and will be hopefully broadcast live at 11am (& available after) this Sunday on the YouTube channel, with Revd Janice Hamilton preaching.

The Bible readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end and John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Collect Advent 3: God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer in the Parishes.

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

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

Wednesday: St Luke's at 9.00am, followed by prayer for YCFM at 9.15am

Thursdays: St Briavels at 9.00am

Mid-Week Communion. Holy Communion (socially distanced) will be available in St Luke's on Wed 16 & 23 December at 11am and 12noon. Please contact Clare to book a place 01291 627478 tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com



Christmas Worship - the services for December are listed with this briefing.

We are collating a rota of people to do readings and lead prayers at both Tutshill and Tidenham Churches over the next few months. If you are interested in being involved please contact Clare. If you are unable to get to the church but would like to contribute, we might be able to arrange for someone to film you or you could send us a recording.

Community Carols and Christmas Quiz – Available online from Tuesday 22nd December. Join in the Youtube interactive Premier, on Tuesday evening at a time to be confirmed. Featuring musical items and greetings from the local schools, businesses, church and community groups. Trivia rounds and a Christmas Riddle will add more festive fun.

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 this December 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 this year.



Parish News and Information

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

Christmas Cards – If you have Christmas cards for the church community, you can leave them on the table in the back of St Luke's Church or pop them in the red post box. Please check the table for your own post and stay safe remembering the COVID guidelines. Any cards not collected will be recycled in the New Year.

CVM Christmas Cracker – Saturday 12 December at 7pm. Join CVM (Christian Vision for Men) for a live online Christmas event from a special location to celebrate Christmas together. There will be the usual banter and fun with input from Steve Legg ('Sorted' magazine) and Raul D'Oliveira (trumpeter) and other special guests. For more information please contact James at 07970 489362 or james.darsie@gmail.com or go to CVM's website <https://cvm.org.uk/cracker>

Nativity Trail – Walk the nativity trail, more details and a trail map will be available on the facebook page; www.facebook.com/Tutshill-Nativity-Trail or contact Jane on cfmtidenham@btinternet.com, thank you.

Scam Phone Calls & Courier Fraud – Gloucestershire Police have received calls from the public regarding scam telephone calls. The police will never request money in relation to any incident or investigation. There have been reports of Courier Fraud asking people to move or withdraw their money, or purchase items and hand them over to a 'courier'. The Police or your bank, will never ask you to do this. If you receive a call like this, please hang up and wait for at least 5 minutes then report the incident. Please share this message with friends and family. Report these incidents by calling 101 or on the website <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk>.

Thank you Victoria Brinton (Police, Cyber Protect Officer, Gloucestershire)

Charitable Donations - Tidenham Parish Churches have donated to the following charities in the past on behalf of its parishioners via the church collections. The PCC have listed bank details below of these charities if you wish to make a donation. More information can be found on the charities websites.

Crisis, Bank sort code: 16-00-30, Account number: 12011155

Tearfund, Bank sort code: 20-00-00, Account number: 53803058

Barnabus Fund, Bank sort code: 20-26-53, Account number: 50133299

Embrace the Middle East, Bank sort code: 60-11-01, Account number: 15540464

GARAS, Bank sort code: 40-22-09, Account number: 01771671

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>

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 8pm. fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group Online – Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

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Jane Penny	01594 563803	cfmtidenham@btinternet.com (urgent only Mon/Fri)
Ethan Richards	07933 249210	tidenhamyouth@gmail.com
Clare Presley (Admin)	01291 627478	tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com (Weekdays)
St Briavels & Hewelsfield website		www.stbandhchurches.org.uk

Christmas Services in the Parish of Tidenham



Sunday 13 December

9.30am St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham

11am St Luke's, Tutshill

Sunday 20 December

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11am St Luke's, Tutshill

Online pre-recorded service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 22 December

Online Community Carols and Christmas Quiz

Christmas Eve

3.30pm Bobble Hats and Lanterns Crib Service outside St Luke's, Tutshill

9pm Midnight Mass, St Luke's, Tutshill

11.15pm Midnight Mass, St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham

(We hope to livestream one of the Midnight Mass services)

Christmas Day

9am Online Christmas Message & Blessing from Vicar David with 'O Come All Ye Faithful' and 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' via the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel.

9am Holy Communion, St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham

10am Carols outside St Luke's, Tutshill – singing is permitted outside

Sunday 27 December

No service in Tidenham Parish, you are invited to join the worship at Gloucester Cathedral Gloucester - <https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/services-live-stream>

Sunday 3 January

9.30am Epiphany Carol Service, St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham

11am Family Communion outside, St Luke's, Tutshill

Mid-Week Holy Communion

11am & 12 noon at St Luke's, Tutshill on Wednesday 16 and 23 December

(We hope to restart Holy Communion on Wednesday 13 January)

For all services in a church building please book in advance due to COVID restrictions contact Clare at tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com or 01291 627478

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