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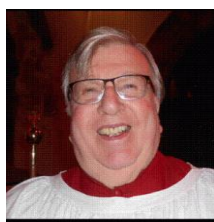
THE PARISH OF TIDENHAM (& St Briavels with Hewelsfield & Brockweir)

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020

Following the announcement by the Government earlier this week the number of people permitted to take part in a social gathering is to be reduced from 30 to 6 in England, we understand from the Church of England hierarchy that the new regulations will not apply to public worship or individual prayer in church buildings. However, it is still vital that the necessary hygiene and social distancing precautions are kept in place in order to protect the NHS and save lives.

Thank you!

Last Monday evening (7th September) the PCC met on Zoom. It was a productive meeting but for Roger Martin, Tanya White, Steven Shaw and Margaret Coombs it was sadly their last meeting, as each of them steps down from this important ministry. I am sure you will want to join me in expressing deep gratitude for their dedication and commitment over many years in this role. Thankfully, they each remain a special part of the church family and will no doubt continue to serve the Lord in many and varied ways within the church and community!



Roger



Tanya



Steven



Margaret

At the end of the PCC meeting I asked each of them, "if you were to choose someone from the church family to replace you in this ministry, who might you choose?" They of course didn't answer that question, but they were asked to prayerfully consider who they might approach to pass on the baton. We will need people to respond to God's call to this ministry who are living the Christian faith, members of the church, honest & trustworthy, broad shouldered, observant, prepared to work as part of a wider team and have some kind of vision and heart for the Church in this Parish to thrive.

AGM

The Annual meeting of Tidenham Parish was supposed to have taken place back in March, but something called Covid 19 prevented the meeting taking place. The overdue AGM will now take place on Sunday 11 October at 10.30am in St Mary and St Peter's Tidenham, following the 9.30am Eucharist. This time and venue was considered to be the best option to accommodate a good number of people.

The meeting will naturally be shorter but there will be the important business of electing our churchwardens and some new members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), the body which has significant responsibilities in the governance of Parish business.

Please do pray about this and for the church as a whole as we continue to work out next steps, and for all the people in our Parishes (Tidenham, St Briavels with Hewelsfield & Brockweir) as we try and work out how to live well alongside each other whilst Covid restrictions remain. Despite the continuing uncertainty and restrictions to social gathering may we find ways to live life together in the flow of God's love.

The Lord bless us and keep us
David

Revd David Treharne

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

Services/Gatherings:

Face coverings must be worn in the church buildings (unless you are exempt), thank you.

This Sunday, 13 September 2020 - the 14th Sunday after Trinity



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

11.00am: St Luke's Church, Tutshill – Morning Worship (seated by 10.50am)

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

9.30am: St Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels - Morning Prayer

11am: St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield - Morning Worship

Online: Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel

The online provision will be continuing but it will be a little different. The 11am service at St Luke's will be recorded and uploaded to the Parish YouTube channel after the service is over... hopefully by early Sunday afternoon.

The theme for this week is 'called to be a witness'. Revd. Janice will be leading the service with Vicar David preaching. Please do bear with us as we adjust to this change.

The Bible readings: The first reading is 1 Peter 3:8-16 which contains that line *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."*

The Gospel is John 20:19-23... *"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

The Collect for this Sunday: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Post Communion prayer for this Sunday is: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Holy Communion at the Vicarage – Holy Communion socially distanced in the Vicarage marquee will next be available on **Wed 23 Sept at 12noon, 1pm and 2pm**. Please contact Clare if you wish to attend. 01291 627478 tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com (places are limited).

TV BBC 1: This Sunday 13 September 2020

13.15pm Songs of Praise. Aled Jones is in Plymouth, where 400 years ago a group of Christians embarked on an epic journey across the Atlantic, which changed American history – the voyage of the Mayflower.

Morning Prayer in the Parishes.

Monday 14 Sept: St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham at 9.30am

Tuesday 15 Sept: Zoom online at 9.00am <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

Wednesday 16 Sept: Tidenham Vicarage Marquee at 9.00am

Thursday 17 Sept: St Briavels at 9.00am

Prayer Gathering for Youth, Children and Families Ministry - Wednesday mornings 9:15am at St Luke's outside if the weather is dry, inside if not. Contact Jane Penny for more information.

Splash Sunday 13th Sept 3pm Zoom gathering... please contact Jane for the link.

Sunday 20th Sept 3-4pm at St Luke's CHILDREN ONLY aged 3+

Due to current restrictions parents/carers will not be allowed into the church building.

Places must be booked in advance, please contact Jane for more info or to book your child's place.

Daily Hope - The Church of England have announced a new free phone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections 0800 804 8044

YouTube Channel playlists

Don't forget that the Parish is on YouTube and Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

Prayer Requests from The Church And Community

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 13 September

Praise God for the wonder of creation all around.

Thank God for family and friends.

Thank God that we have freedom to worship Him.

For all our church leaders, that God would give them wisdom as they discern the way ahead for the worshipping communities in our Parish.

For all our children and grandchildren and worried parents going back to school at this worrying time. Students, Teachers, Tutors as they return to schools, colleges and universities.

Lord keep them safe and free from anxieties, Amen

For those who are sick or suffering in any way.

For the family of Frank Prosser (Betty Bennett's father) who died recently, and for her mum, Ivy.

For all who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Please pray for Hannah & Dave Ransom as they await the birth of their first child, due at the beginning of October.

For all who will be ordained priest or deacon on 19th & 20th September, including David Rees and Nicki Bullivant.

For our nation, as Covid-19 restrictions change. That the Government's message would be clear.

For all who are working in hospitals and care homes.



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.

Parish News and Information

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



Important notice - Ride and Stride September 2020

I am very sad to announce that the fund raising coffee morning, afternoon tea, plant sale has to be cancelled following the latest Government announcement regarding the Covid 19 regulations.

I would like to say a huge thank you to those lovely people who offered to bake cakes, wait at tables, and carry chairs, especially to Pat for all her help with planning, baking and unearthing a million cups, saucers and plates. Last, thank you to the 30 people who booked tables in the hope of yummy cakes and scones.

Your support is heart-warming. God bless, **Wendy Moppett**

Chepstow & District CAP Debt Centre is managed by a Steering Group that meets every other month and we are always on the lookout for new members. Our current Treasurer has been in post for over five years and is retiring. This role oversees the finances for the centre, would be suitable for anybody with some financial experience and if possible has some knowledge of applying for suitable grants. Or would you like

to be our Community Link Support Coordinator, an exciting new role. We are looking for somebody to go and promote CAP and our services among other agencies.

To either join the Steering Group or take on one of these roles or for more information please contact David Price, Debt Centre Manager on 07539 477286 or davidprice@capuk.org. <https://capuk.org>

Do you have some ideas? As a Parish we are thinking how Church will gather at Christmas and other significant times during this phase of restrictions, such as Remembrance, Advent, Harvest. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please feel free to email them to Vicar David or Clare.

Also, we would love to hear from you if you would like to participate in a Sunday Service. A member of the Ministry Team could visit and record you reading or saying a prayer.

Thank you. Vicar David

Financial Giving in the Parish - For discussion and advice about electronic giving please contact Ewen on 01291 626158 or email 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) - Sunday evenings at 7.30pm

The CVM live shows have stopped for the summer but this new men's group will continue. If you would like to learn more about this group and the work of this Christian organisation please give James Parsons a call on 07970 489362 or james.darsie@gmail.com CVM's website is - <https://cvm.org.uk>

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/UChRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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

- Sunday 7.30pm – for men! James Parsons at James.darsie@gmail.com
- Wednesday 10.30am (restarting soon) 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

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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