



"where the river flows everything will live"

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021

Lent - 40 Days of Renewal, Noticing God in Ordinary Things...
Inspired by the book 'At Home in Lent' by Gordon Giles.

I want to encourage as many of you as possible to engage with Lent this year. These 40 days could be a chance to renew our lives in faith and hope.

Ash Wednesday, 17 February - The Lenten Journey Begins... 12noon Online Eucharist.

If you would like to join the meeting here is the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84395865106?pwd=T0lxYjdYajNBbmRicDBwaXI5N2Zrdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 9586 5106

Passcode: 314970

This Eucharist will also be streamed live to the Parish Facebook Group Page

And at 7.30pm Lent Worship and Introduction to our weekly evening Lent meetings.

40 Days of Renewal - Noticing God in Everyday Things.

Here is the Zoom link for you to join the 7.30pm Ash Wednesday gathering and then the following Wednesday evenings in Lent

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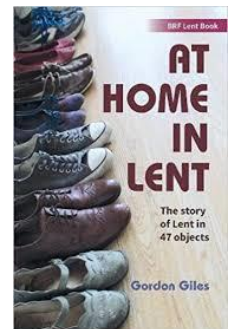
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It will also be streamed live to the Parish YouTube Channel 'Tidenham Parish Online Church'

David

Revd David Treharne



Lenten Pilgrimage – Seeing God in Everyday Objects.

We like to think that we have control over our homes and in a sense we do. We can decide who we want and don't want to admit (unless it is someone who is brandishing a Court Order), what to allow in via the radio, television, newspapers and internet. However as the writer of psalm 139 reminds us that there is no escape from God ("Lord you search me out and know me"). Even in our own homes there is no escaping God. Do we want to? The answer to that question is obviously no. God wants to establish a relationship with us, he loves us and he wants us to respond to that love. He wants us to grow in our love for him and for others.

Lent is often seen as a time for giving up or going without something, which is laudable. However it can also be an opportunity to take something on – something that will help us grow closer to God. As it seems, at the time of writing, we will be still in lock-down during Lent, spending a lot of time in our homes. One

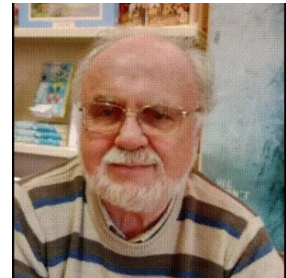


way we can grow closer to God is to look at and reflect on the objects that are round about us in our homes, be it a simple poker or a complex PlayStation. We can speak to God about what the object tells us about Him and about the gifts he gave to those who designed and made it (upwards). We can speak to God about those people involved in the manufacture of the object, those who mined or harvested the materials, those involved in the working of the materials, those involved in the design and construction of the

object, (outwards). And finally we can speak to God about what use we make of the object, what it means to us, how we use it and how should we use it to glorify His name (inwards).

Fiona, writing in last week's briefing fully described the Lenten course and studies. I hope and pray, as we journey through Lent towards the pain and suffering but ultimate joy of Easter, you will fully embrace this opportunity which God has given us to know him more clearly and love him more dearly.

*Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and the works of your children.
Help us also to discern your likeness in all whom we meet, know and love;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen,*



David
Revd David Rees,
Locally Ordained Minister of St Briavels & Hewelsfield Churches

Services in Parish of Tidenham

In light the ongoing lockdown restrictions, both in England and Wales due to ongoing 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' until at least the end of February. We will keep this under review, taking note of government announcements, and hope to resume our physical meetings again soon.

The church buildings will no longer be open for private prayer during the new national lockdown. Stay at home. Protect the NHS. Save lives.

Sunday next before Lent

This Sunday will be Morning Worship. 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>

The Bible readings: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 & Mark 9:2-9

The Collect: Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion prayer: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

New Baby & Parent Support Group: We have an online support group (and Facebook group) for families with a new(ish) baby on a Tuesday morning. All parents welcome, wherever they live. Please contact Jane Penny for more information.

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 10.30am (hopefully restarting soon) DTRevd@aol.com
- Wednesday, 7.30pm Life Group online (**not during Lent**) 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

Parish News and Information

“Living life together in the flow of God’s love.”



We would like to wish our 'Reader' James Parsons a very Happy 60th Birthday for Friday 19 February, 60 years young!

Residents at risk of being scammed over COVID-19 vaccine.

The latest scam we are seeing is criminals cold calling, sending texts and emails attempting to lure people to jump the queue by paying for a 'priority slot' for the COVID-19 vaccine.

If people click on the link provided they are taken to a fake NHS website which requests them to enter in all sorts of information including bank details, date of birth etc.

Remember - the vaccine is free of charge and there is no way to jump the queue. If you receive one of these calls, hang up and block the number. If you have received an email, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded free of charge to 7726 which enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action.

Please - Take a moment to think before parting with your money or information, it could keep you safe. It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests and only criminals will try to rush or panic you. Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen victim to a scam and report it to the Police.

The NHS, The police, or your bank, will never ask you to withdraw money or transfer it to a different account. They will also never ask you to reveal your full banking password or PIN.

Regards, DC 357 Gareth Jordan - Cyber Protect Officer

Desert Island Hymns - If you were only able to take one hymn/song with you on a desert island which one would it be? We will be looking to include the hymns in our worship going forward, please let Clare or David know or post your favourites on our Parish Facebook page.

Here are some hymns we have received so far;

Judith - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind Forgive our Foolish Ways, Polly – Christ, Be Our Light, Tanya – And Can it Be?, Leonie – All My Hope on God is Founded, Helen – Be Still, Amanda – Be Still or Shine Jesus Shine, Clare – All Things Bright and Beautiful, Jane – Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord), Diana - Be Thou My Vision, Hazel - Great is Thy Faithfulness and Derek - In Heavenly Love Abiding

Thanks Vicar David.

Spring Harvest 2021 - Unfortunately Spring Harvest won't be taking place in Minehead and Skegness this year but there will be a significant online event, for more information go to the Spring Harvest website for <https://springharvest.org/theme>

'The Bulletin' from the Diocese of Gloucester - keeping you up to date with news from the Diocese, please follow this link <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/the-bulletin-03-feb/>

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.

Don't forget your photographs - If you have taken any lovely photos of life in and around the Parish whilst on a recent walk then please feel free to send them to Tanya at tanya.rockymead@gmail.com e.g. new buds and flowers peeping up wildlife, a rainbow, sunset or one of the rivers.



We will then try to use some of the photos in the next edition of the Parish Magazine to bring some of the lovely outside creation inside to people who may be isolating.

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.



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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