



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I've just returned from two weeks leave which thankfully included three nights away on retreat just outside Exeter. Clearly a lot has happened during my time on leave... not least the cessation of public worship as part of a new lockdown!

As part of catching up with what's been going on it's really heartening to read of the prayer initiatives going on nationally, but also being encouraged locally. I am reminded of the Karl Barth quote I sent out a few months ago...



"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." Karl Barth

One thing that was refreshed in me whilst I was away was my prayer life and the importance of having my hope in Jesus Christ and refocusing my life and hope in Him. Covid, work, worries and busyness all tried and will continue to try to take that focus away, but time on retreat helped me to refocus. At a baptism and confirmation service we ask "Do you turn to Christ?" The candidates and godparents respond, "I turn to Christ." This turning and refocusing is something we have to do time and time again, day after day. For it is in Christ Jesus that we find life and imperishable hope (1 Peter 1:4).

In the greater conflict between good and evil of which our own struggles are just a small (though not insignificant part), we have in Jesus Christ the knowledge and the hope that evil and death, suffering, pain and viruses and sadness is not the last word on life. Jesus Christ is the first and the last word and it is to him that we are encouraged to turn to and in him we put our trust!

Bless you and keep you

David

Revd David Treharne

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

For the next four weeks during the national lockdown we will be providing an online act of worship each Sunday on YouTube from 9am and hosting coffee at 11.30am via Zoom

Sunday 15th November 2020, 2nd Sunday before Advent.

Reader James Parsons will be leading a service online at the Tidenham Parish Church YouTube channel with Revd Janice Hamilton preaching.

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

It will be available from 9am on Sunday morning.

Details will also appear on the Parish website under the 'News' tab & Parish Facebook page.



Zoom Coffee - You are welcome join us for coffee after the service from 11.30am – bring your own refreshments! The link to join in the Zoom Meeting for the next 4 weeks is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87396556717?pwd=dkcrVHBzSnBXMK5PVnVKYWtkeEwyZz09>

Meeting ID: 873 9655 6717, Passcode: 555351

The Bible readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 & Matthew 25:14-30



The Collect for 2nd Sunday before Advent:

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion prayer for 2nd Sunday before Advent:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Morning Prayer 9am Mon-Fri on Zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

Thursday Prayer for the Nation. For the next few Thursdays during lockdown at 6pm you're invited to join together on Zoom to pray for the nation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82874754685?pwd=SVdBZjBwaGYxRUZVSjIgdXdnBQL1ICUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 7475 4685, Passcode: 886057

Mid-Week Communion.



The service of holy communion will be live streamed, offered at midday on Wednesdays until the end of the lockdown. This will be available either via the Tidenham Parish Church Facebook Group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

St Luke's Church will be open for private prayer 9am- 4pm Tuesday–Thursday

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

Hewelsfield Church will be open for Private Prayer 9-4pm

St Briavels Church will be open for Private Prayer 10-4pm

Parish News and Information

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

Charity Cards for sale - I have a simple website 'Aquahen' where people can view the cards I have designed and 100 % of the profits from the sale of my cards is donated to the Christian charity Tearfund.

You can order and pay using Etsy <https://aquahenart.wixsite.com/images> or contact me directly on 07731 511413 email melanie.walton@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you, Melanie.



Fairtrade - The prize draw for orders from the Traidcraft catalogue will be December 5th. If you would like to order and enter the draw please contact me ASAP. A few items are out of stock, so order your Christmas cards and treats soon and avoid disappointment. Please call Julia on 622163 or for more information visit their website, <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>. Thanks

A Conversation with Saint Francis

There will be a lunchtime event by Zoom at 12 noon on Wednesday 18th November to hear stories about Saint Francis and to respond with related stories of our own. This is a story-telling event in the diocese's 'Everyday Faith' programme, presented by the Franciscan Third Order. To register an interest, please go to the diocesan website



www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/everyday-faith-a-conversation-with-st-francis/ email John Ansell on jsansell@hotmail.com; or Pauline Godfrey pgodfrey@glosdioc.org.uk, or phone 07974 432562.

Everyday Faith Online



There are some fabulous courses coming up on zoom which you may know might like to try.

Everyday Faith Online - Monday 9th and 23rd November 7-9.30pm Led by Pauline Godfrey and Lyn Weston. See this video from LICC to find out more about this short course for anyone wanting to develop their everyday faith:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/everyday-faith-growing-in-whole-life-disciple-making/>

Follow this link for more information:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/everyday-faith-festival/>

Food Bank Christmas Gift Appeal - This Christmas is going to be particularly hard for many families who use the food bank. We'd like to bless the children and young people by donating gift bags of treats perhaps donations of stationary, toys, toiletries' or confectionery.

Why not think what you might give to a child or young person that you know and include that item?

For more information please contact Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

or Sue Thompson 07712 938926 suzyt43079@aol.com



A separate box for donations will be in St Luke's Church porch until 4th December.

CAP Christmas Hamper Appeal

In the past we have prepared Hampers for our clients but this year we would like to give supermarket gift cards instead to enable people to choose their groceries. If you would like to help us fund this financially please contact me or send a cheque to CAP c/o Stroat Church, Gloucester Rd, Stroat NP16 7LR. Thank you David Price, Chepstow & District Christians Against Poverty 07539 477286 davidprice@capuk.org

Financial Giving: For discussion and advice about electronic giving please contact Ewen on 01291 626158 or email ewen.hamilton@outlook.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 – all welcome to join and post comments. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

YouTube channel: 'Tidenham Parish Online Church' with videos to assist your devotions.

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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 10.30am (hopefully restarting soon) DTRevd@aol.com
- Wednesday 8pm. fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group Online - Tanya White at tanya.rockymead@gmail.com

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St Briavels & Hewelsfield website		www.stbandhchurches.org.uk