



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 17th JANUARY, 2021

Hope for 2021!



With all the gloomy news currently around, I was glad to come across a wonderful article in the Guardian the other evening entitled **'reasons to be hopeful in 2021.'** As well as the Covid vaccine the article listed hopeful news such as the hope for the millions of women suffering from HIV following the "spectacular" results of a recent trial.

Also, following apparently great conservation efforts Antarctic Blue Whale numbers have increased, raising the hope that they will be saved from extinction. The Kakapo (a large flightless New Zealand parrot), the Beaver, the Great Fox Spider and the Hen Harrier too have all seen numbers increase significantly.



And finally, between the ages of 42 and 57, Bernardeta Gómez from Spain couldn't see a thing. But then scientists embedded a port into her skull and after 16 years of blindness, Gómez was able to see again. A new artificial eye is bringing sight to the blind!

The troubles of 2020 inspired human progress, they taught us and still teach us lessons about who and what is most important, and they brought out the best in people (the worst too, I know, but focus on the best). The troubles have also shown that troubles do not have the last word in life and in creation. The sun will rise and the tide will indeed turn. There is always hope and there are good reasons to hope in 2021 and for the future!

The virtue of hope expressed in the newspaper article is worth nurturing over these days, but not merely from a human point of view. Psalm 46 says "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." And Psalm 42 (amongst others) says "put your hope in God." The Lord our God is present and active in our lives, in our world and in all of creation. He is our help and salvation. Let us put our hope and trust in him.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

David

Revd David Treharne

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

Services in Parish of Tidenham

In light the new lockdown announcements both in England and Wales due to the increased 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' for at least the next three weeks. 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.

The Second Sunday of Epiphany, Sunday 17th January

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>

There will also be an opportunity to meet afterwards (with DIY refreshments) via zoom at 11.30am for up to an hour each Sunday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82631968802?pwd=N3hyak5lL3hnRXlVV3NteIVtVG0zZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 3196 8802, Passcode: 497225

The Bible readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10. John 1:43-end

The Collect: Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion prayer: God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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=cVcrZEJmSDdKWfJyelBtencvSVlYQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7053 1212 Passcode: 2vKKGp

Mid-Week Communion: A service of Holy Communion will be live streamed on the Tidenham Parish Facebook Group at 12 noon on Wednesday.



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, 7.30pm Life Group online (weekly from 13 January) 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

Christmas Services & Online Carols - If you missed any of the Christmas services or the Community Carols and Quiz, they, and all the individual recordings of carols, are still available on the YouTube channel, including the recording of 'O Come all ye faithful' with 40 contributors!

Parish News and Information

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

'The Bulletin' from the Diocese of Gloucester - keeping you up to date with news from the Diocese, please follow this link - <https://mailchi.mp/7e08c9bdfcfc/the-bulletin-5-january-2021?e=5c585a457d>

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. The phone line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society.

Readings and Prayers - If you would like to contribute in any way to our online recorded acts of worship, with readings, prayers and/or music, please do get in touch with Revd. Janice as we would like to include as many different people as possible. Thank you to those who have offered to get involved so far.

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 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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