



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## Weekly Parish Briefing Sunday 18 April 2021

### **Peace be with you!**

"Peace be with you!" are some of the first words Jesus offers his disciples when he suddenly comes and stands among them following his resurrection (John 20:19).

This short phrase is reflected in the words of our Sunday services, both at the greeting and when we share the peace, and is accompanied by the response, "and also with you." It would have been a common expression of greeting, with the response, used by Jesus and other Jews, as follows:

Shalom aleichem: **Aleichem shalom**

Peace be upon you: **Upon you be peace**

(Jesus would have spoken similar sounding Aramaic greeting).

*Shalom* does not simply mean what the English word *peace* means. The English word is essentially a negative word - we tend to use it to describe the absence of something, for example, we are at *peace* when there is no war, conflict or violence; we feel *peaceful* where there is no noise or busyness; we are at *peace* when our minds aren't troubled.

Mark Greene, of London Institute of Contemporary Christianity, who is himself of Jewish descent, says that '*shalom* describes human flourishing with God in all its fullness, an ideal state in which everything is the way God intends it to be: relationally, physically, emotionally, mentally, economically, politically and ecologically. This is what God's people are to seek, not just for themselves, but even for their enemies, as we see God commanding the exiles in Babylon to pray for and seek the *shalom* of that city (Jeremiah 29:7).'

Mark Greene continues, 'Looking to Christ, it is an even richer *shalom* that is the ultimate goal of his sacrifice: "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:19-20).'

Jesus says to us, "Peace be with you!", and he has shown by what he's done for us that he means it.

Let us also go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

Amen

*James*

James Parsons, Reader, Tidenham Parish

### **The Death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh**

Following the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Revd Rachel Treweek writes...

"It is with deep sadness that we hear the news of the Duke of Edinburgh's death. This is a huge loss to the nation and one which we will all feel deeply for a long time to come. We give thanks for Prince Philip, his unwavering love and support of the Queen, and for the good he has championed and enabled within our country and beyond over so many years.

"We offer our deepest condolences to the Queen and the Royal Family as we pray for them to know God's comfort and everlasting love in the days and weeks ahead. May the hope and peace of Jesus Christ sustain us all.



“A special online memorial book, which everyone is invited to sign can be found here – <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

A prayer;

God of our lives,  
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for the love of his country,  
and for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.



In light of the advice to use the online Condolence Book for HRH The Prince Philip, an entry has been made on behalf of Tidenham Parish as follows –

*‘The people of the Parish of Tidenham offer their sincerest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and her family on the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip and thank him for his dedication, duty and long service to the people of this country and the Commonwealth.’*

Please, if you wish to, or are able, add your own personal condolences as well.

## Services in Parish of Tidenham

### Third Sunday of Easter, 18 April

**9.30am: St Mary & St Peter’s Church, Tidenham** – Holy Communion. This service will be based upon the liturgy advised by the Archbishops and Bishops for the period of mourning following the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (pre-booking is required)

**11.00am: St Luke’s Church, Tutshill** – Holy Communion (pre-booking is required)



This Sunday the online act of worship will also be livestreamed to our YouTube channel, rather than being pre-recorded. To join in the worship live, please be ready at 11am. The service will also be available to watch as a recording later. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

For all services, if pre booking is required contact Clare 01291 627478 or [tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com). No booking is necessary for outdoor worship.

**Zoom Coffee will not be taking place due to livestreamed worship.**

**The Bible readings:** Acts 3:12-19 and Luke 24:36b-48

**The Collect:** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

### St Briavels and Hewelsfield Churches

Both of the Churches are open from 9am- 4pm for those who wish to find a space for quiet prayer and reflection, or just as a place of peace and calm. If you are planning to join a service please remember to wear a face covering.

#### **Sunday 18th April:**

St Briavels 8.30am - Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

St Briavels 9.30am - Family Eucharist

Hewelsfield 11.00 am - Family Communion

**Mid-Week Communion.** Holy Communion (socially distanced) will be available in St Luke's on Wednesday's at 11am and 12noon. Please contact David or Clare to book a place



### **Morning Prayer**

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

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

Wednesdays: 9.00am at St Luke's, Tutshill

Thursdays: 9.00am at St Briavels

Wednesdays: 9:15am prayer for YCFM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78170531212?pwd=cVcrZEJmSDdKWfJyelBtencvSVIYQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7053 1212 Passcode: 2vKKGp

**Tuesday mornings:** New Baby & Parent Support Group meets at St Luke's Church. For more details and to book a place please contact Jane Penny.

**Splash:** Sunday 25th April 11am via Zoom.

**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](mailto:James.darsie@gmail.com)
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group, Online - Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)
- Wednesday, 7.30pm Life Group, Online - [fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com)
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group, Online - [janice-hamilton@outlook.com](mailto:janice-hamilton@outlook.com)
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group, Online – Jane Penny [cfmtidenham@btinternet.com](mailto:cfmtidenham@btinternet.com)

### **Churches Reopen for Private Prayer**

- St Luke's Church, Tutshill will be open for Private Prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 9am-4pm.
- St Michael & All Angels' Church, Chase will be open for Private Prayer on Saturdays 9am-4pm

The church is opened by volunteers - if it's closed it may be because we have no volunteer for that day; thank you for your understanding.



### **St Michaels and all Angels, Chase Church and Easter Flowers**

Helen Mayo and I opened Chase Church at Easter and last week. It was pleasure to meet people visiting the church yard, the newly bereaved and those with generations buried at "The Chase." With memories of family christenings, the bell ringing at Chase, the brass being stolen and so many had Mothers, Aunts who had cleaned the church in previous times. We will continue to open the Chase church every Saturday with a "welcome" on the door, regards Susanna Jacks.



## **Parish News and Information**

**CAP News** - During COVID-19 we have not been able to visit our clients and appointments have been by phone. We are starting to work towards the re-introduction of Face to Face appointments, either in a Church building or soon in peoples own homes. If anybody from the church family would like to help CAP by joining the visiting team. This would involve joining me on my appointments with clients, to be a friendly face, build friendships and to be my safeguarding buddy. There are no requirements to know anything about finances, just a heart to come and serve and being open to listen, if you would like to know any more about what's involved please do get in touch with me. David Price, Debt Centre Manager, Chepstow & District Christians Against Poverty, phone 07539 477286 or email [davidprice@capuk.org](mailto:davidprice@capuk.org).

**Link Magazine** - A number of paper copies of the Link Magazine are available in St Luke's porch; if you would like an additional copy please contact Clare.

**Scarecrow Trail 2021** – The trail has started and the scarecrows will be in place until Saturday 17 April. The trail maps cost £3 and are available from Life Style Express Shop or text SCARECRO to 70331 & show your text receipt to the shop staff. For more information contact Jane or click this link <https://www.facebook.com/Tutshill-scarecrow-trail-222580088223553>



**'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester** - keeping you up to date, please follow this link <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

**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.

### **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.



You can donate directly on the website, go to <http://easydonate.org/COLLECT> or you can Text / SMS donations;

- ✧ To donate £1, text COLLECT to 70201,
- ✧ To donate £3, text COLLECT to 70331,
- ✧ To donate £5, text COLLECT to 70970,
- ✧ To donate £10, text COLLECT to 70191

### **Annual Church Meeting, Parish of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancut**

A) The annual church meeting will be held in Tidenham church at 10.30 on Sunday 25 April after the morning service. Please book your place with Parish Administrator Clare if you wish to attend.

B) The agenda for the meeting is available on church notice boards and from Clare or Iain Gardiner.

C) The Annual Accounts for 2020 have been approved by the PCC and signed off by the independent examiner. The Annual Accounts, along with the Trustees Report for 2020, are posted on church notice boards, but if people would like a personal hard copy or electronic copy they are available from Clare or Iain Gardiner.

D) If people would like a hard copy or electronic copy of the Annual Parish Report for 2020 they can be requested from Clare or Iain Gardiner who will send them out when available.

E) This year there are vacancies for two churchwardens and four members of the PCC. Our current wardens Brian Duerden and Nicholette Flatman have both advised that they are willing to serve for another year, and PCC member Andy Palmer has advised that he is willing to serve another 3-year term. John-Ross Henderson, who was co-opted after the October 2020 annual meeting, Polly Morgan and our Youth Co-ordinator, Ethan Richards have also submitted nomination forms for PCC membership. This does not preclude anyone putting their name forward as an enthusiastic alternative! Nomination forms are available at the back of our churches from 04 April and from Iain Gardiner: -

- the person who is nominated should send me the nomination form showing who has nominated him / her and confirming that they comply with the conditions on the form and are willing to stand and
- the proposer and seconder should email me to confirm that they are indeed proposing and seconding the named individual.

NOTE - If someone has no access to the internet, they should complete a nomination form and post it to me, Iain Gardiner, Tidenham PCC Secretary, 01291 624868

## **Annual Revision of Church Electoral Roll, Tidenham Parish has been completed.**

My report on the PCC's review and the names of everyone on the revised church electoral roll as at 4 April are posted on the church notice boards.

If you spot an error, please let me know close of play, Sunday 18 April. If you would like a copy of my report or the list, please contact me on 01291 624868 or email [i.a.gardiner007@btinternet.com](mailto:i.a.gardiner007@btinternet.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 – 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](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk)

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