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**THE PARISH OF TIDENHAM (& St Briavels and Hewelsfield & Brockweir)**  
**WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 19 JULY 2020**

**Sunday Worship Coming Up...**

From 19th July St Briavels will be opening for Sunday morning worship

From 26th July Hewelsfield will be opening for Sunday morning worship

From 26th July St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham will be open at 10.00am  
for a simple celebration of the Eucharist

**(pre booking is required contact [churchwarden.david@btinternet.com](mailto:churchwarden.david@btinternet.com), Tel: 01291 627886).**

All gatherings will be adhering to the Government and Church of England guidance

Online worship opportunities will continue on the Parish YouTube Channel



**Our Curate Nicki Bullivant writes this week about waiting,**

"When I was growing up my least favourite word was 'wait'. Even now I still find waiting difficult. We live in a world of drive through take-aways, microwave meals, buying what we want on credit so that we can have what we want and so that we can have it now.

I don't think that many of us like waiting but it is something that we all have to do each and every day. Waiting can evoke a wide range of emotions such as excitement, anticipation, frustration or anxiety and dread. Some of us may be waiting for a child or grandchild to be born, for a promotion at work or to be able to hug a family member that we haven't been able to hug for months due to lockdown. For some of us the waiting isn't about a positive expectation or change, we may be waiting for a decision about a possible redundancy or results from a biopsy.

Some of the most well-known characters in the Bible – Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, Hannah- had to wait for many years for answers to their prayers and for the fulfilment God's promises to them. Everything that happened in their time of waiting was used to prepare them inwardly as well as outwardly. Waiting, Biblical waiting is not a passive waiting around for something to happen, waiting is not just something we have to do to get what we want, waiting can be a process of becoming who God wants us to be. What God does in is while we wait is as important as what it is that we are waiting for. God encourages us to wait not in frustration but in stillness. Waiting can be a nurturing time when God is working behind the scenes.

God invites each and every one of us to trust in His goodness towards us today and in His faithfulness for tomorrow. Trusting God in our waiting and relinquishing our need to always be in control can be way to experience His love and peace. Paula Gooder in her book 'The meaning is in the Waiting' says, 'It is in Jesus Christ that we discover the perfect fulfilment of everything for which we have waited- as well as for those things for which we have not waited. Waiting can clear our vision, sharpen our insight and enable us to see Jesus, the one who was and is to come, in our midst'.

I pray that as we wait we will wait with expectant and trusting hearts, believing that God is with us in our waiting. I pray that as we wait we will be enfolded in His love and will listen for His still small voice as He speaks peace to our anxieties and hope into our hearts."

**Nicki**



**Update on What Next?** For the latter part of July and for the whole of August opportunities to worship will be available online through the Parish YouTube Channel and in our church buildings to a limited degree. This is just dipping our toe into the water to establish our next steps. We have sent out a short survey to all our church family members and those of you associated with the Parishes, to get a better sense of feelings and thoughts about the current situation regarding worship and church buildings before making hard and fast decisions for September.

**If you could spare some time to complete it that would be really helpful.**

**And thank you to those who have already completed it.**

Where the river flows everything will live! May we live life together in the flow of God's love.

**Revd David Treharne**

*(Vicar of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut and Priest in Charge of St Briavels with Hewelsfield & Brockweir)*

## **Up Coming Services/Gatherings**

### **PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS for Trinity 6 (19 July)**



#### **Sunday, 19 July 2020 - the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Canon Tom will be leading the worship on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel on the theme of 'called to be worshipful'. It will be available from 9am on Sunday morning. Details will also appear on the Parish website (the 'News' tab) & Parish Facebook page.

You are then invited to gather on Zoom at 11.30am for coffee time together. Zoom is relatively easy to get on to if you have access to the Internet. Click on this link to download and join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89127603577?pwd=aVovU3ArTTdVRjdGbDVxekt4NTVvQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 2760 3577

Password: 262874

**The Bible readings** for this Sunday are: Exodus 14:1, 22, 30-31 and 15: 1-3, 20.

Luke 1: 67-79

**The Collect** for this Sunday: Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Next Sunday 26 July 2020 – Trinity 7**

- Online worship is available on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube Channel. With gathering now possible the online offerings may now be simpler than what has been available previously.
- 10.00am, St Mary & St Peter's Church Tidenham. A simple service of Holy Communion. Please book your place by emailing [churchwarden.david@btinternet.com](mailto:churchwarden.david@btinternet.com) or Tel: 01291 627886

#### **TV BBC 1: This Sunday 19 July 2020**



**10:45** Sunday Morning LIVE

**13:15** Songs of Praise

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Prayer



Thank you for sending in your prayer requests. Please feel free to email [tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com](mailto: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 19 July**

#### Thanksgiving

For all frontline workers/essential workers. Thank God for their commitment to their work and to serving their communities. Pray that they will be able to have time off as needed.

That's God's love flows in and through us into our communities.

#### Intercession

##### *Locally*

For Jim and Sue Watson and family following the sudden death of their daughter Samantha.

The recently bereaved... especially with the limitations around funerals.

For those who are unable to travel to funerals.

As the lockdown eases that all would continue to be sensible and sensitive.

For good physical and mental health.

For all who are experiencing ill health, for wholeness and strength.

For any who are feeling frustrated that they would turn to God for strength.

For schools and children as the summer holiday approaches. That staff can have a good break and feel refreshed and ready for September and all the changes that will be taking place. For wisdom and patience as all adjust to the 'new normal'.

For families to find creative ways to holiday together. That God would bless all with rest and relaxation.

For those who are affected by loneliness, that they would have courage to speak up and receive care and companionship.

For the church family, gathering together in small groups, that we can 'do church' well in buildings or outdoor spaces.

That God continues to strengthen us all as we live in these 'different' times.

### **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.

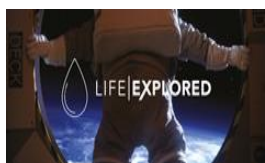
Where the river of God's people's prayer flows, everything will live.

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### **Parish News and Information**

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

'LIFE EXPLORED - It's been reported that 25% of the population have been turning to prayer and online services during the lockdown and people are asking some big questions about life.



We are offering the opportunity to gather online over the next couple of months to discuss these questions using video clips to stimulate discussion. If you or someone you know is unsure of the Christian faith and would like to join in these discussions contact Janice or see parish website for more information.'

**Children & Families** - Jane Penny is producing worship resources suitable for families and children available on the Tidenham Parish Facebook page and Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel. Splash Families are invited to gather via Zoom at 3pm each Sunday. Please contact Jane for the link.

### Church Buildings Open within the Parishes...



**St Luke's Church** - will now be open 9am-4pm Monday to Friday *unsupervised* from Monday 20th July. Volunteers are needed to open, close and wipe clean areas at the end of the day. If you can help please contact Clare [tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com)  
Many thanks!

*Please note that we have been given guidance that if you are in the clinical vulnerable category (e.g over 70's) we are currently unable to accept your kind offers to volunteer at the current time, but a big thank you for the offers!*



**Tidenham Chase** - St Michael & All Angels' Church will be open Saturdays only 10am-4pm for private prayer and reflection.



**Hewelsfield** – St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield is open daily 9am-4pm for private prayer and reflection.



**St Briavels** - St Mary's church is open between 10am-12 noon daily for private prayer and reflection.

**Church Family Photos** - Please email a picture of yourself / your family to Jane so we can compile a family 'photo album' so we can see each other even though we cannot gather. Email or telephone Jane Penny.



**Church grounds Prayer Trail** - Prayer Trails are now located in the grounds of all our church buildings: Tutshill, Tidenham and Chase. Copies of prayer prompts also available on Parish Facebook Page or by emailing [tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com)

**Holy Communion at the Vicarage** - Simple, safe, socially distanced small group celebrations of the Eucharist in the Vicarage garden marquee will take place on Wednesday 22 & 29 July at 12noon (BCP) & 1pm, **Please book direct with Vicar David (booking is necessary) [DTRevd@aol.com](mailto:DTRevd@aol.com) 01291 760034. Thanks**



**St Briavels Treasurer needed** - If you might be interested or know of someone who might be interested in taking on this important role then please contact either of the churchwardens, Martin Pagnamenta or Jeremy Maltman, or the secretary to the PCC, Jean Sheraton.

**Are you called to be a School Governor?** – ST Briavels PCC need to nominate one Foundation Governor to be in post in St Briavels School from September. Anyone interested please contact Rev David Rees for more information, thank you.

**Financial Giving in the Parish** - For discussion and advice about electronic giving please contact Ewen on 01291 626158. [ewen.hamilton@outlook.com](mailto: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 8pm



If you would like to learn more about the work of this Christian organisation please give me, James Parsons, a call on 07970 489362 or look at CVM's website - <https://cvm.org.uk>

## New mental health service – New mental health service – Qwell, provides anyone in Gloucestershire over



18 years, access to self care resources, information, peer support and access to trained counsellors <https://www.qwell.io>

## Pastoral Care of the Church Family – A number of people within our Parishes have had bereavement in



recent weeks. You are very much in our prayers. May God be with you in a special way. DO keep in touch with and support one another through this time. A reminder that if anyone from the church rings you the CHURCH is ringing you. However, if you are aware of someone struggling **please** do contact a member of the Team.



**Good News** – please do email in with any good news at this time.



**Thank you** to Colin Pears who is retiring from years of being in the Schools' Ministry Team. Here's a sentence from a letter Colin wrote to the children, *'I want to say Thank you for something that some of you have taught me. It is that when someone has done something for you, a smile and a thank you goes a long way.'* The children will miss Colin and we are so grateful for everything he has done.

There is a new Link Word Search available on the facebook page this week.

## 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 via Zoom – please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in

- Wednesday 10.30am. [DTRevd@aol.com](mailto:DTRevd@aol.com)
- Wednesday 8pm. [fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com)
- Wednesday 8pm. [janice-hamilton@outlook.com](mailto:janice-hamilton@outlook.com)
- Thursday 1.30pm. Jane [cfmtidenham@btinternet.com](mailto:cfmtidenham@btinternet.com)

## **Other Online local resources**

Daily Prayer via Zoom with CYTUN Monday to Friday at 8.45 for 9am start <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

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](http://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>

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Prayer requests	<a href="mailto:tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com">tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com</a>	(by 12pm Wednesday for following Sunday)