



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

**THE PARISH OF TIDENHAM (& St Briavels and Hewelsfield & Brockweir)**  
**WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2020**

**Looking after the soul...**

We are all rightly being reminded to pay extra attention to our mental and physical health at this time, and many of us will be doing battle on one or both these fronts. I hope you are finding some good support and strategies to help. But I want to urge you to also take good care of your spirit too, as this is an equally important part of self care. It's good to hear that some of you have been finding time to read devotional material, listen to helpful things online or on the radio, or spend time contemplating in the garden or out on a walk. DO please attend to your inner core and look to support your spiritual health. Some of you will be pleased to hear that we are opening up our church buildings. I hope this also helps some of you connect with God and attend to your whole being.

In thinking about attending to our whole selves it is apt that last Monday (14 June) the Church remembered Evelyn Underhill. Evelyn was amongst other things an Anglican writer, retreat conductor and mystic who lived from 1875-1941. Her devotional materials are some of the most influential of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Here are just a few quotes to give you a flavour of this relatively modern saint. Some of them are particularly poignant at this time:



*"If God were small enough to be understood, He would not be big enough to be worshipped."*

*"After all it is those who have a deep and real inner life who are best able to deal with the irritating details of outer life."*

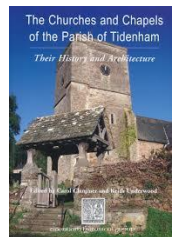
*"Deliberately seek opportunities for kindness, sympathy, and patience."*

*"Never forget that the key to the situation lies in the will and not in the imagination."*

*"Adoration is caring for God above all else."*

**Reopening Church Buildings?**

Many thanks to those who have offered help to enable us to open a church building. From Monday 22 June St Luke's Church will be open 10am-12noon, Monday to Friday. With additional volunteers we will consider opening St Luke's for longer. Depending on demand and volunteer capacity we may soon also be able to open up St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham and/or St Michael and All Angels' Tidenham Chase. If you are willing and able to assist with the opening and closing, supervise those entering and leaving the church and undertake the necessary cleaning (clear guidance and cleaning products will be provided) please email Clare [tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com) Many thanks!



**Gatherings of Six at the Vicarage & Photos**

Many of us have really missed seeing family and friends in recent times, but many of us have also really missed seeing our church family. In response I would like to say two things. Firstly, a marquee is up in the Vicarage garden, if you would like to meet up with other members of the church family to share communion or a prayer safely adhering to all the Government guidelines with a wet weather option in place. I hope to offer time slots at the Vicarage to worship together. It will only be a maximum of six people at any time but that's a start! Secondly, if you could take a photo of yourself/your household and email it to Jane that would be great. If you can't email or take a photo then let us know, we can try and come to you to take a photo. It would be lovely to 'see' the local church.



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

**Revd David Treharne**

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

## Up Coming Services

### PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS for Trinity 2 (21 June)



Sunday, 21 June 2020 - the Second Sunday after Trinity

Rev'd Janice is leading a service on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel. It will be available from 9am on Sunday morning.

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

As usual you are invited to join us after the service at 11.30am for a coffee time together via zoom. This will be preceded by a simple Agape Meal at 11.15am in which we will say prayers and share bread and wine together to remember our fellowship with Christ and with one another (provide your own bread and wine or alternative food and drink!)

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 from 11am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87583618338?pwd=Y2RoRit6bzZqdUdOWVZ2OXBKVGI1UT09>

The Bible reading for this coming Sunday is: ***Ephesians 1:1-14***

#### **The Collect for this Sunday Trinity 2:**

Lord, you have taught us that all ourdoings without love are nothing worth: send yourHoly Spirit and pourinto ourhearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoeverlives is counted dead before you. Grant this foryouronly Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,now and forever. Amen

### 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 21 June**

#### Thanksgiving

For all the key workers who serve their communities, especially transport workers: drivers, technicians, mechanics etc

That we are all unique children of God.

For our church family and our 'natural' family.

That we can be in touch with each other, by 'phone, email, letter and video.

That we can have some distanced contact with friends/family.

#### Intercession

Please remember and give thanks for the life of Jean Hammond, Marje Duerden's aunt, who died suddenly. Pray for Marje and Brian as they come to terms with this news.

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

For those who are unable to travel to funerals.

For Derek and Jean's friend, George, whose son died recently. For peace, hope and blessing for George.

For families who are anxious re making the decision about whether to return to school, for wisdom.

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

For good physical and mental health.

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

For all who work in the NHS, for continued strength for keyworkers and their families.

For peace for all waiting for diagnosis or treatment, in the uncertainty of waiting, that they would know God as their sure and certain foundation and source of hope.

For all those who would've been ordained at the end of June, especially our own David Rees and Nicki Bullivant.

Pray for them and their families as they live with uncertainty and especially for those who are beginning their curacy at the end of the month.

We give thanks for Vera Lynn who over the years has lifted the spirits of so many people in trying times.

If you would like resources to pray specifically for the ordinands please contact

[tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com)

**Fathers Day** - This Sunday is Fathers Day. We thank God for our father's and pray for those who undertake this important role.

### **PARISH NEWS UPDATE**

Despite not being able to gather publicly while our church buildings still remain closed except for private prayer, our life together as a church family hasn't stopped. We continue to focus on what it means to be a Christian community while we cannot gather together for worship and with God's help are still trying to live out our vision:

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

### **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.

Where the river flows, everything will live.

**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 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.

Here is a picture of new twins Henry and Poppy Sutherland born to Caroline and Adam on 23rd May

**Church grounds Prayer Trail** - Prayer Trails are now located in the grounds of all 3 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)

**From St Briavels** - St Mary's church will be open from Monday June 22nd between 10 an and 12 noon daily for private prayer and reflection.

After many years in the post, Roger Clewett, the Treasurer of St Briavels PCC has decided to retire at the end of the year. The PCC are now looking to appoint a new treasurer. 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.

St Briavels Primary School is a Voluntary Aided School. Some of the Governors (Foundation Governors) are nominated by the PCC. The PCC need to nominate one Foundation Governor to be in post from September. Anyone interested please contact Rev David Rees for more information, thank you

**Sedbury Space** has launched a virtual cafe on a Weds afternoon 2-3pm via zoom. If you are feeling isolated and lonely and would like to connect with others over a cup of coffee, you are welcome to join us. Contact Susan Riordan for details of how to join on [info@sedburyspace.org.uk](mailto:info@sedburyspace.org.uk)

'**Faraday Institute Lectures 29th June - 3rd July** In response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic the Faraday Institute is offering a week of online teaching to examine the ways in which Faith and Science speak to each other in contemporary society and explore the theological and ethical issues which this dialogue raises. Sessions are free and open to anyone anywhere. You can join in as much or as little as you like. For more information visit <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/telling-a-better-story-why-faith-and-science-belong-together/>

For the service on **Sunday 5th July** we would like to record a BIG CLAP to join in with the national day of celebration for the NHS and other front line workers. If you able, please either record yourself clapping for 1 min or take a photo of yourself holding a rainbow picture or cardboard message of thanks. (Don't forget to smile!) If you are also able to offer to visit others on their doorstep to record them clapping or take photos please contact Janice (contact details below) Please send all contributions to [alexwhitemultimusic@gmail.com](mailto:alexwhitemultimusic@gmail.com) by Weds 1st July, thanks you.

**Financial Giving in the Parish** - While we are in these restricted times it has been helpful for PCC in their review of finances to have the income both from regular banking orders and generous one off donations. Six more people have started standing orders and we would encourage anyone who is still undecided to do the same. Whenever we resume our services we will be reviewing the risks involved. As you will have witnessed at the supermarkets cash is not acceptable as it is one of the most notorious means of disease transfer. It is thus highly likely that the use of cash collections will not be implemented at any of our 3 churches for some time if ever. This may be the point at which you might wish to consider how you give into the future. For discussion and advice please contact Ewen on 01291 626158. 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)** - I wonder whether you would like to be gripped and excited by Jesus? I wonder whether you would like the Christian faith to be more accessible to men? If so, then please ring me, James Parsons, for a chat on 07970 489362. Christian Vision for Men is one organisation that aims to do this. They have a range of resources available - for more information check out their web site at [CVM.org.uk](http://CVM.org.uk). Join James and others for a live streamed CVM event on Sunday evening at 8pm (James will send you a link) contact James for more details - [james.darsie@gmail.com](mailto:james.darsie@gmail.com).

**TV BBC 1: This Sunday 21 June 2020**

- 10:45** Sunday Morning LIVE
- 11:15** Sunday Worship: A service for Fathers Day
- 13:15** Songs of Praise for Fathers Day



**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.



## **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/UcKriOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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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