



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

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

**WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020**

**I Love this Story...**

A little girl was with her family in a tour group being shown around one of our great cathedrals. As the tour guide was explaining an historic tomb nearby, the little girl was distracted and staring at the great stained-glass window through which the summer sun was streaming, bathing the cathedral floor in colour.

As the group was about to move on the girl asked the guide in a shrill clear voice, "who are those people in the pretty window?" "Those are the saints," replied the man.

That night as the little girl was getting ready for bed she told her mother, "I know who the saints are." "Do you dear?" replied the mother. "Who are they?" "They're the people who let the light shine through."

**"The roof of a greenhouse does not attract the sun because it is bright,  
but becomes bright because the sun shines on it."**

*CS Lewis in Mere Christianity.*

I love this story! As the world darkens the church makes a deliberate choice to remember and celebrate notable godly characters/saints of old. During November the likes of Richard Hooker (3/11), Leo the Great (10/11), Martin of Tours (11/11), Hilda of Whitby (19/11), Clement of Rome (23/11), Catherine of Alexandria (25/11) and St Andrew the Apostle (30/11) are remembered. These are some of the people who through close communion with the Lord let his light shine through.

The saints often knew darkness, depression, guilt, failure, mistakes of great magnitude. They experienced hardship through persecution and betrayal. They knew about disease and suffering! They weren't perfect... they made bad choices and knew sin, yet they were influential lights in the darkness of their nations and communities. They were people who let the light of God shine in and through them into the darkness! We too are called to be saints (1 Corinthians 1:2) in our day... called to shine as lights in the world (Matthew 5:16).

In these dark November Covid days, may the beautiful life-giving light of Christ Jesus shine in you and through you and me.

The Lord bless you and keep you in his light and love

**Revd David Treharne**

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

**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 22 November 2020**

**The Sunday before Advent. Christ the King.**

Revd Nicki Bullivant will be leading a service on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel with Reader James Parsons preaching. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

It will be available from 9am on Sunday morning. Details will also appear on the Parish website (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:** Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24 & Matthew 25:31-end



**The Collect** for the Sunday before Advent - Christ the King:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Post Communion** prayer: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Mid-Week Communion.**



A service of Holy Communion will be live streamed at 12noon on Wednesdays until the end of the lockdown. This will be available via the Tidenham Parish Church Facebook Group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

**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

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

**St Michael & All Angels' Church**, 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."*

**Advent Trail** - An advent trail will start on Friday 4rd December. It will begin at Tutshill Memorial Hall and finish in St Luke's Churchyard. Children are welcome to paint a nativity character on a pebble and place it on the footpath leading to the church. More details and a trail map will be available on the facebook page; [www.facebook.com/Tutshill-Nativity-Trail](https://www.facebook.com/Tutshill-Nativity-Trail) or for more information please contact Jane on [cfmtidenham@btinternet.com](mailto:cfmtidenham@btinternet.com), thank you.

**Charity Cards for sale** - I have a simple website 'Aquahen' where people can view the cards 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](mailto:melanie.walton@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you, Melanie.



**Fairtrade** - The prize draw for orders from the Traidcraft catalogue will be December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to order and enter the draw please contact Julia 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

**Food Bank Christmas Gift Appeal** - This Christmas is going to be particularly hard for many families who use the food bank. You can donate gift bags of treats for children and young people perhaps including stationary, toys, toiletries' or confectionery. For more information please contact Jane Penny [cfmtidenham@btinternet.com](mailto:cfmtidenham@btinternet.com) or Sue Thompson 07712 938926 [suzyt43079@aol.com](mailto:suzyt43079@aol.com)  
A separate box for donations will be in St Luke's Church porch until 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **CAP Christmas Hamper Appeal**

This year we would like to give supermarket gift cards to enable people to choose their groceries. If you would like to help please contact David Price, Chepstow & District Christians Against Poverty 07539 477286, [davidprice@capuk.org](mailto:davidprice@capuk.org), c/o Stroat Church, Gloucester Rd, Stroat NP16 7LR, thank you.

### **Everyday Faith Online**



Monday 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.youtube.com/watch?v=...>

<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/>



**Financial Giving:** For discussion and advice about electronic giving please contact Ewen on 01291 626158 or email [ewen.hamilton@outlook.com](mailto: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.

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

**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](mailto:James.darsie@gmail.com)
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group Online - Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)
- Wednesday 10.30am (hopefully restarting soon) [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 1pm - Life Group Online - Tanya White at [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com)

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