



"where the river flows everything will live"

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2021

Update on Zoom Coffee 11.30am-12.15pm Sunday Mornings.

As well as a chance to see one another and catch up, we have a chance to share life. What has made you smile in the week, and what might you want/need prayer for in the coming week? Feel free to join us.

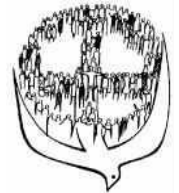
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Pray for Christian Unity 18-25 January

Following contact with Russian refugees in the 1920's French priest Paul Irenee Couturier (1881-1953) became interested in the issue of Christian unity. In 1932 he introduced a Triduum or three-day period of prayer for Christian unity, and in 1933, this became an octave of prayer, from 18-25 Jan. It was timed to coincide with the feast day of St. Paul, who worked to draw Jewish and Gentile believers into harmony.

Prayer for Christian unity goes right to the heart of Jesus who prayed "may they be one" (John 17:11 & 21-22). God, who is a perfect loving relational community, calls us into such a depth of union with him that we cannot possibly stay divided from one another as we enter deeper into union with Him. We are all part of the family/household of God (1 John 3:1, Ephesians 2:19-22), joined together as brothers and sisters in Christ (Matthew 12:50, Galatians 3:28), the Body of Christ (Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12). It is part of his purpose of redemption for humanity that we can all say "Our Father" in unity.



Love one another.

Living with national borders, parish boundaries, different theologies, sinful nature and our own likes and dislikes we may well be tempted to find excuses to build walls and not bridges with fellow Christians (and in fact all people). However, the life, teaching and prayers of Jesus do not sustain such attitudes and actions for long.

Thankfully whilst there have been, and always will be blips there is a wonderful rich history in this area of unity between Christians, church leaders, individual churches and different denominations working together in fantastic ways. Foodbank, CAP, supporting one another, Alpha, Rainbow, Christian Aid, joint prayer & worship and Christian charity reveal something of that. So, with God's grace and a spirit of humility let us seek healing for any hurt or resentment in our hearts when things have gone wrong, and kick into touch any divisiveness suggested from the darkest depths of evil and show the world how beautiful it is when these Christians love one another (John 13:35, 1 John 3:11), and enter into closer relationship God and one another... 'living life together in the flow of God's love.' These days of trial we are living in, need a church devoted to love, prayer, compassion and unity.



"Whenever I see a wall between Christians, I try to pull out a brick" Pope John XXIII

"You (Millennials) are the generation most afraid of real community because it inevitably limits freedom and choice. Get over your fear!" Tim Keller

"I have never yet known the Spirit of God to work where the Lord's people were divided." D Moody

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."
1 Peter 3:8

David

Revd David Treharne

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 Third Sunday of Epiphany, Sunday 24th 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.

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The Bible readings: Revelation 19:6-10 & John 2:1-11

The Collect: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Post Communion prayer: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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.

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



New Baby & Parent Support Group: We have an online support group (and Facebook group) for families with a new(ish) baby on a Tuesday morning. All parents welcome, wherever they live. Please contact Jane Penny for more information.

Splash: Resources for February will be emailed to parents. If you do not currently receive this and would like to, please contact Jane Penny.

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

Parish News and Information

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

Many thanks to the members of Tidenham Parish, for the lovely print of the church presented to me to mark my time as Churchwarden from 2014. It's been a privilege to serve the community. I would also like to thank David and the Ministry Teams for their support. I still intend taking an active role in Parish worship. God Bless David Burr



Also Congratulations to David & Joyce Burr who celebrated 55 years of marriage last week.

Our thoughts are with Elaine Richardson, Ruth Rusling and Linda Sandison whose Mum's have passed away, we will be thinking of them and their families.



'The Bulletin' from the Diocese of Gloucester - keeping you up to date with news from the Diocese, please follow this link - <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/bulletin-12-01-21/>

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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