



"where the river flows everything will live"

Weekly Parish Briefing Sunday 25 April 2021

Some Words from Vicar David...

AGM this Sunday

On Sunday 10.30am at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham following the 9.30am Eucharist Service we have the AGM for the Parish of Tidenham. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions it will be a very short AGM probably lasting only 5 minutes.** At this gathering we will appoint churchwardens and members of our Parochial Church Council. On the one hand this would appear to be a far from spectacular spiritual event, but with people offering themselves as servants of the living God ready to do his will in this place, this actually displays some rather special signs of resurrection life.



Please pray for Brian and Nicholette as they offer themselves as churchwardens once again. Do thank God for them! Please also pray for our PCC members and thank God for the various roles responsibilities of servant leadership they carry out in order for the Parish of Tidenham to carry out God's mission.

The AGM is usually a time for us to reflect on the last year and celebrate what God has been doing amongst his people in our individual lives, our church and our Parish. Yet, as I say at the back of our Annual Report, 2020 was a year like no other. My word at the start of 2020 was 'reorientation.' Little did I/we know that we would be thrust into a world of disorientation with the coming of Covid 19.

What will this next year of 2021 bring?

We don't know... but God does! Whatever lies ahead and whatever happens we are once again invited and challenged to entrust ourselves to His unfailing and unending love.

I have been asked and have asked myself and the Lord, 'are things going to change in the Parish?' The answer is actually... things have already changed. The year we have just lived through will have changed us all, if not individually then at least communally. The dust will now settle over time (I'm thinking of one of those snow globes) and, as and when that happens, we will then be able to see and discern the landscape and ready ourselves to take the next steps in the journey forwards what God has planned for us.

Will things in the church and our community go back to how they were before Covid 19? I'm sure some things will return to how they were, and when they do I pray they will be accompanied by a greater awareness and renewed appreciation of our communal life together. Yet other things may not return as before, if at all.

Challenges and Changes on the Horizon

We know that some significant challenges and changes are on the horizon: Janice will be finishing her curacy this year whilst Nicki will be priested; the Youth, Children and Families Ministry Project ends its 3-year funding this year, and we know we have to tackle the restoration of Tidenham Tower. However, perhaps our biggest challenge and change will be coming back together; to gather once again. We have been scattered and detached from one another for much of the year and when we come back together we must have eyes to see and ears to hear one another; to notice who is not among us, who is new and who is hurting, and notice where God is at work. I hope that much of that coming back together will be a joy, but I think it will also be a challenge to discern and learn to be God's people once again.

Finally, two things

Firstly, my heartfelt gratitude for the part each of you plays in the Body of Christ here. Seen or unseen, known or unknown thank you! Secondly, at times we have wondered whether our vision 'living life

together in the flow of God's love' was still relevant. To my mind it is more relevant than ever and presents us with God's call for 2021.

Yours in Christ's love with my sincere gratitude and continuing prayers,

David

Revd David Treharne

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

Services in Parish of Tidenham

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 25 April



9.30am Tidenham Church, Holy Communion (pre booking is required)

10.30am Tidenham Parish AGM at Tidenham Church, please notify Clare or Iain of your intention to attend as there are sadly limitations places available.

11am St Luke's Church Service cancelled due to the Parish AGM.

Online Provision - This Sunday a pre-recorded sermon will be available on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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

The Bible readings: Acts 4:5-12 and John 10:11-18

The Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Services 25th April

St Briavels 9.30am – Communion Worship

Hewelsfield 11.00am - Morning Worship

St Luke's Church will be temporarily closed for mid-week private prayer and mid-week communion due to internal work being completed.

Mid-Week Communion will be available at **the Vicarage in the marquee** 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 The Vicarage, Tutshill

Wednesdays: 9:15am prayer for YCFM at St Luke's (contact Jane for details)

Thursdays: 9.00am at The Vicarage, Tutshill

Splash: Sunday 25th April 11am via Zoom.

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.

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
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group, Online - Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- Wednesday, 7.30pm Life Group, Online - fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group, Online - janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group, Online – Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

Churches open for Private Prayer

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.

Parish News and Information

Scarecrow Trail 2021 – Thank you to all creators, hosts and all who walked the trail. Eight of the participants scored 100%: Emma Phillips & Family, The Moore Family, Team Deens, mainly Ollie & Millie, Michelle & Mandy (Childminders), Gwilym Jenkins & Evie Rawlings, The Hobbs & Williams Family and The Meek Family.

The favourite Scarecrows were: 1st Place - Finding Nemo by Sarah Lewis, the staff & children of Little Trees Nursery, 2nd Place - Wall-E by Steve Dilley, 3rd Place - Up by Michelle & Mandy (Childminders), 4th Place - Lilo & Stitch by Katie Weller, Shanta Jordan-Shah & Alastair Harvey.



We really appreciate everybody's support, thank you. The Scarecrow Team

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. 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.

'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 Lancaut

A) The annual church meeting will be held in Tidenham church at 10.30 this Sunday 25 April after the morning service. Due to COVID-19 restrictions it will be a very short meeting probably lasting only 5 minutes and covering just the bare legal minimum of approving the 2020 AGM minutes, and electing wardens and PCC members. There will be no hard copies of any papers, and no opportunity for

presentations or questions. Please book your place with Parish Administrator Clare if you do wish to attend.

B) Papers for the meeting are available on church notice boards and from Clare or Iain Gardiner. The report on the revised church electoral roll is attached to this briefing.

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

Revised Church Electoral Roll - No errors in the roll as posted on church notice boards for the last two weeks have been advised, so that is the list of names we will use at this week's annual church meeting.

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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