



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2020



Be a Blessing

Here is a section from my sermon last Sunday which I would like to highlight once again...

The poet, and former priest John O'Donohue wrote about the need to recover what he called the lost art of blessing. He writes in his book 'To bless the space between us:'

When a blessing is invoked, it changes the atmosphere.... In the light of blessing, a person or situation becomes illuminated in a completely new way. In a dead wall a new window opens, in a dense darkness a path starts to glimmer, and into a broken heart healing falls like morning dew Let us begin to learn to bless one another. Whenever you give a blessing, a blessing returns to enfold you.

Blessing, not cursing, one another contributes to wholeness. Speak well of others. Speak well to others. Let words of encouragement replace harsh criticism. Substitute vengeful thoughts with kind prayers. Let acts of random kindness take the place of selfishness. Blessing rather than cursing others leads to forgiveness and reconciliation. Blessing others opens the door to love and harmony, genuine friendship, companionship and community. Blessing others is a significant part of wholeness.

Life is hard at the moment and many are struggling. Yet, despite this, God has given the church here a wonderful vision to 'do relationship well' which could really make a big difference to all our lives as we live these days. Check your thoughts, feelings and actions towards others. Perhaps we could all take to heart and action the call to bless one another at the time?

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Roman 12:14

Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6:28

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9

Always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:15b.

The Lord bless you and keep you

David

Revd David Treharne

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

Parish News and Information

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

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020. This year Remembrance Sunday will be very different because



of the Covid restrictions. However there will be a Tidenham Parish Act of Remembrance available to watch on the Parish YouTube Channel. On Sunday 8th November there will be a 9.30am service of Holy Communion including an Act of Remembrance at Tidenham Church and a Remembrance Sunday service beginning at 10.45am in St Luke's Tutshill. You will need

to book a place for both services as numbers are restrictions in accordance with Government guidelines.

Please contact Clare 01291 627478 or tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com Thank you.



All Souls' Memorial Service filmed in the Church of St Michael & All Angels', Tidenham Chase will be available from Sunday 1st November 2020 on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w> Please do join in online, if you are able, when those who have died will be remembered before God.

Food Bank - Thank you for all the kind donations, we are continuing foodbank collections a box is in St Luke's porch and donations can also be taken to Tidenham Church on a Sunday mornings. These will be delivered to the local foodbank at the beginning of each month (as long as Covid restrictions allow)



Church Heating - You may have seen reports that ventilation needs to be improved to reduce Covid-19 spread, and wondered if it is safe for us to turn on the heating? The answer is YES! It is safe to operate all parts of our church heating. The Church of England nationally has taken expert advice and concluded that no Covid-related concerns have been identified with the use of traditional, electric heating (including under pew) and underfloor heating. We can also close doors and windows in the churches without compromising safety. Consequently we will make sure that our church buildings are kept as warm as we can for our church gatherings.

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



Services/Gatherings:

Face coverings must be worn in the church buildings (unless you are exempt), thank you.

This Sunday, 25 October 2020 – Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am: St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham – Holy Communion



11.00am: St Luke's Church, Tutshill – Morning Worship

[Pre booking is necessary please contact Clare 01291 627478 or tidendamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:clare@btinternet.com)

8.30am St Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels - Holy Communion, BCP

9.30am: St Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels – All Age Eucharist

11am: St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield – Family Communion

Online: Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel

The online provision continues. The 11am service at St Luke's will be recorded and uploaded to the Parish YouTube channel after the service is over... hopefully by Sunday afternoon.

The Bible readings: Nehemiah 8:1-4a & 8-12 Matthew 24:30-35

The Collect for this Sunday: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Post Communion prayer for this Sunday is: God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.



Holy Communion – Holy Communion will be available in St Luke's on **28 October & 4 Nov at 11 am, & 1pm and BCP (Book of Common Prayer) 12 noon.**

Please contact Clare to book a place 01291 627478 tidendamadmin@btinternet.com

Morning Prayer in the Parishes.

Mondays: St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham at 9.30am

Tuesdays: Zoom online at 9.00am <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

Wednesdays: Zoom online at 9.00am <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

St Briavels at 9.00am

St Luke's at 9.15am Prayer Gathering for YCFM

Thursdays: St Briavels at 9.00am

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! James Parsons at James.darsie@gmail.com
- Tuesday 1pm in St Luke's Life Group- Julia Parsons 01291 622163
- Wednesday 10.30am (restarting soon) DTRevd@aol.com
- Wednesday 8pm. fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1.00pm in St Luke's Group- Jane cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

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