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**THE PARISH OF TIDENHAM (& St Briavels and Hewelsfield & Brockweir)**  
**WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020**



**Live in the Light and not under the shadows.**

Traditionally this time of year is more relaxed and many of us prepare for some time off work, time away with family and time for some much needed rest and renewal. Yet this summer is going to feel rather different for many of us as we live under the shadow of the uncertainty of Covid-19 and its health, social and economic impact.

*Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you.*

Walt Whitman, American Poet.

It is quite understandable that many of us feel anxious about what the future will bring and what it might look like. But I would just urge myself and you not to allow the shadow of Covid-19 to block out the future, the possibilities, the good and the lovely... to block you and me from the light and love of God in Christ and the life he brings.

**A Call to Prayer this Summer: Be prayerful (Eph 6:18)!**

During July and August I would like members of the church in the Parish to try and join in with three things:

1. **Rest.** I hope that these summer months afford you some time to rest. I love the definition of rest as 'unthreatened wellbeing.' From such a place good things can come.
2. **Gather.** As the church please do gather with one another. Gather in the church buildings for official services or for private prayer, or online. Or perhaps gather informally in gardens, in online chatrooms or chat on the phone... yes to touch base with each other and socialise but please also gather to pray.
3. **Prayer.** Whether it is prayers on Zoom or Facebook, whether having drinks and takeaways in gardens, whether Life Groups or music groups, whether Eucharist in Tidenham or the marquee, whether walking or having phone calls, or at home alone I want to ask you the people of God to pray for the Church, the Parishes here and for the world!

As your Vicar I'm calling you to pray. Why? Because we need God and because *"there are things God longs for which haven't yet happened."* (Pete Greig). Let's not just talk or write about praying together but actually pray. We are unsure of exactly what's next for our church and nation... so let's look to God. As we pray I have faith and confidence that God will lead us in our next steps.

May the Lord reign in our lives, our Parishes, our nation etc... Lord, have your way in us, amongst us and around us: in government, international relationship, scientific research, economic activity, public services, private enterprise, community engagement, voluntary services, in churches, in homes and in me. Pray 'your kingdom come, your will be done.' In so doing we are praying against all that frustrates God's good and loving purposes.



*"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." Karl Barth*

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

**Revd David Treharne**

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



### **News Extra**

*In what was the first wedding in the Parishes here since lockdown Rosalind Hadland married Matt Seward in St Luke's Church, Tutshill on Sat 18 July.*

*After overcoming an early morning Covid scare (it was tonsillitis) the wedding went ahead and It was truly heart warming to see Rosalind and Matt declare their love to one another both before God and their nearest and dearest; and also to see the girls, Ruth, Miriam and Rose radiantly shining with their angel wings.*

*May the Lord bless them abundantly in their life together.*

## **Services/Gatherings**

**Sun, 26 July 2020 - the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**



**9.30am: St Mary the Virgin Church St Briavels**

**10am: St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham a simple celebration of the Eucharist  
pre booking is required contact Clare 01291 627478 or [tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com)**

**11am: St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield**

**ONLINE: Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel**

There will be a service during which Fiona Gardiner will be continuing the theme 'called to be worshipful.' This will be available from 9am on Sunday morning. Details will also appear on the Parish website (the 'News' tab) & Parish Facebook page.

**Zoom Coffee Time:** You are invited to gather on Zoom at 11.30am for coffee time together. 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89127603577?pwd=aVovU3ArTTdVRjdGbDVxekt4NTVkJT09>

Meeting ID: 891 2760 3577

Password: 262874

**The Bible readings** for this Sunday are: Psalm 66 verses 1-6; Luke 9 verses 18-23

**The Collect** for this Sunday: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

**TV BBC 1: This Sunday 26 July 2020**



**10:00** Sunday Morning LIVE (just before Homes under the Hammer!!!)

**13:15** Songs of Praise

## **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 26 July**

#### **Thanksgiving**

For all frontline workers/essential workers. Thank God for their commitment to their work and to serving their communities. Pray that they will be able to have time off as needed.

That's God's love flows in and through us into our communities.

That we are now able to meet together in slightly larger groups to be church.

Praise God that he continues to sustain and guide us all.

For our children, who are such a source of joy and encouragement.

#### **Intercessions**

##### **Locally**

For all who are grieving, that God would be their source of comfort.

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

For those who are still needing to self isolate, that they will have good connections with others.

For good physical and mental health.

For all who are experiencing ill health, for wholeness and strength.

For all who are awaiting health care appointments or recovering from illness/injury. For them to be aware of God's support and care.

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

For those who are unemployed that they would discover a sense of self-worth outside of their work. That God would strengthen them as they search for employment and deal with difficult emotions.

For schools and children now on holiday. That staff can have a good break and feel refreshed and ready for September and all the changes that will be taking place. For wisdom and patience as all adjust to the 'new normal'.

For families to find creative ways to holiday together. That God would bless all with rest and relaxation.

For the church family, gathering together in small groups, that we can 'do church' well in buildings or outdoor spaces.

For each of us that we will continue to grow in our journey of discipleship

That God continues to strengthen us all as we live in these 'different' times.

For us a church family, as we discern the way ahead for all areas of church life and ministry, that we would take time to focus on God and discover his will for us, both individually and corporately.

For Tracey and one of Renata's grandchildren.

Thank you from Andy Royle for the prayers of the church family for his operation - all went smoothly.

Please continue to pray for a good recovery.

##### **Nationally**

For the leaders of our nations that they would have wisdom in decision making as we move forward into a new normal.

That all would live together well, being obedient to the laws which are there for our safety and being mindful of each other.

## 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.

## Parish News and Information

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

**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: Final Zoom meeting on Sunday 26th July 3pm. Please contact Jane for the link.

Sunday 2nd August: Splash gathering, 12:30pm in the church grounds... please contact Jane for more details.

**Parish Survey** – Thank you to all those who have already completed the little survey we sent out last week regarding your thoughts and feelings about worship and church as we emerge from lockdown. We've already had over 60 responses. The deadline to complete the survey is the end of July (2020!!). The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GHM7ZTT>

## Church Buildings Open within the Parishes...



**St Luke's Church** - will hopefully be open 9am-4pm Monday to Friday **unsupervised** from Monday 20th July, subject to there being volunteers to open, close and wipe clean areas at the end of the day. If you are able to volunteer please contact Clare [tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com) Many thanks!

Please be aware that there may be small groups meeting occasionally in the church building during the week. If you pitch up at such a time you will be able to access the choir stalls in order to pray privately. ***Please note that we have been given guidance that if you are in the clinical vulnerable category (e.g over 70's) we are currently unable to accept your kind offers to volunteer at the current time, but a big thank you for the offers!***

**Tidenham Chase** - St Michael & All Angels' Church will be open Saturdays only 10am-4pm for private prayer and reflection.

**Hewelsfield** – St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield is open daily 9am-4pm for private prayer and reflection.

**St Briavels** - St Mary's church is open between 10am-12 noon daily for private prayer and reflection.

**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. **All photos to be received by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.**



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

**Holy Communion at the Vicarage** - Simple, safe, socially distanced small group celebrations of the Eucharist in the Vicarage garden marquee will take place on Wednesday 29 July at 10am, 11am, 12noon & 1pm, **please book direct with Vicar David (booking is necessary) [DTRevd@aol.com](mailto:DTRevd@aol.com) 01291 760034**. Thanks

**St Briavels Treasurer needed** - 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.

**Are you called to be a School Governor?** – ST Briavels PCC need to nominate one Foundation Governor to be in post in St Briavels School from September. Anyone interested please contact Rev David Rees for more information, thank you.

**Financial Giving in the Parish** - For discussion and advice about electronic giving please contact Ewen on 01291 626158. [ewen.hamilton@outlook.com](mailto:ewen.hamilton@outlook.com) 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)** - Sunday evenings at 8pm

The CVM live shows have stopped for the summer but this new men's group will continue. If you would like to learn more about this group and the work of this Christian organisation please give James Parsons a call on 07970 489362 or [james.darsie@gmail.com](mailto:james.darsie@gmail.com) CVM's website is - <https://cvm.org.uk>

**New mental health service – New mental health service** – Qwell, provides anyone in Gloucestershire over 18 years, access to self care resources, information, peer support and access to trained counsellors <https://www.qwell.io>



**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/UChRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

Life Group meetings via Zoom – please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in

- Sunday 8pm – for men! James Parsons at [James.darsie@gmail.com](mailto:James.darsie@gmail.com)
- Wednesday 10.30am. [DTRevd@aol.com](mailto:DTRevd@aol.com)
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- 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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Prayer requests	<a href="mailto:tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com">tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com</a>	(by 12pm Wednesday for following Sunday)