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

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

### **Gloucester Diocese Ordinations 2020**

We are delighted to share the news that the postponed ordinations of priests and deacons took place in small services across Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September. Those ordained included our own Nicki Bullivant and David Rees. If you missed it, it's not too late to watch the videos on our Facebook or Youtube channels – it was a joyous weekend, full of prayer and hope. Click on this link for to watch the videos or see photos <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/ordinations-2020/>



### **Trusting God**

One of the features of being a Christian, whether in ordained ministry or not, is trusting God in and through life. There are times when that's fairly easy, such as when God has been good to us and we are overwhelmed by his love and blessings, and we know his presence. Yet there are other times, aren't there? Hard times (e.g. during Covid). Times when his presence seems absent. Times when difficult decisions have to be made and the way forward isn't obvious. Or, times when we sense God calling us to do something that feels way out of our comfort zone. The psalmist knew something of trusting in God's love and goodness: *"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you"* (Psalm 56:3). And, *"Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you"* (Psalm 9:10). The book of Proverbs says, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways honour him and he will direct your paths."* Proverbs 3:5 Corrie Ten Boom says, *"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."* May we find the courage to put our trust in the Lord!

### **AGM**

David Burr will be stepping down from the role of churchwarden. David has been churchwarden for nearly the whole time I have been here as Vicar. He has been fantastically loyal and dedicated servant to God and the Parish of Tidenham, very often working behind the scenes without any recognition. Thank you David, and thank you to Joyce (David's wife) too! I'm sure you two will continue to be a massive support and participants in the life of the church here.



This means that as well as vacancies on PCC there is also a need for a new churchwarden. Might God be calling you? Have a think and pray, or maybe there is someone you know who you think it is worth approaching?

The Parish AGM where we confirm appointments is at 10.30am on Sun 11 October at Tidenham, following the morning Eucharist. Nominations should be in a week before. Thanks! Can we still go ahead with the new Covid restrictions? At the time of writing we are still permitted to go ahead in the building. If the regulations and advice changes we will not hesitate to postpone or move the AGM online.

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.*

## **Services/Gatherings:**

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

### **This Sunday, 27 September 2020 - the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**



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

**11.00am: St Luke's Church, Tutshill – Morning Worship** (*seated by 10.50am*)

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

**9.30am: St Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels - Family Communion**

**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 theme for this week is 'called to be in union with Christ'. Reader, James Parsons will be leading the worship with Vicar David preaching.

**The Bible readings:** Revelation 3:14-22 & John 17:20-23

**The Collect** for this Sunday: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Post Communion** prayer for this Sunday is: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Holy Communion** – Holy Communion socially distanced in the Vicarage marquee will be available on

 **Wed 30 Sept at 12noon, 1pm and 2pm.** Please contact Clare to book a place 01291 627478 [tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com) (space limited). This may be the last one in the marquee due to the weather. Depending on restrictions a Eucharist will be available on the 14 & 21 Oct at St Luke's Church.

**TV BBC 1: This Sunday 27 September 2020**

**13.15pm** Songs of Praise. Claire McCollum explores Saltaire in Yorkshire. Now a world heritage site, the Victorian village was built by a Christian mill owner to transform the lives of his workers.

**Morning Prayer in the Parishes.**

Monday 28 Sept: St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham at 9.30am

Tuesday 29 Sept: Zoom online at 9.00am <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

Wednesday 30 Sept: Tidenham Vicarage Marquee at 9.00am

Thursday 1 Oct: St Briavels at 9.00am

**Prayer Gathering for Youth, Children and Families Ministry** - Wednesday mornings 9:15am at St Luke's outside if the weather is dry, inside if not. Contact Jane Penny for more information.

**Splash Zoom** on Sunday 27th September at 3pm, contact Jane for link

**Sunday 4th October Family Gathering** at 10:45, 11am start on the field behind St Luke's. There will be a short time of socially distanced worship in the great outdoors... Suitable for all ages, stages of life and faith. Please bring your own chairs, blankets, umbrella, wellies, also drinks and snacks for afterwards.

**Daily Hope** - The Church of England have announced a new free phone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections 0800 804 8044

## **Prayer Requests from The Church And Community**

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 27 September**

Thank God for Nicki and David and all who were ordained last weekend.

Praise God that He has a calling for each one of us.

Thank God for His amazing love for each of us.

Praise God that He never gives up on us.

Thank God that He never leaves us. Hebrews 13 verse 5

Praise God for the safe arrival of Lucas William Ransom. Pray for Hannah and Dave as new parents that God will strengthen sustain them.



For all Christian believers that we will positively work for unity with one another. That we would each have a renewed sense of being a part of the body of Christ, locally, nationally and globally.

For those who are sick, suffering in any way, especially those who are awaiting appointments or treatment.

For all who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

For any who are feeling lonely or isolated, that they would know God's presence with them. That they would reach out to others for support.

For any who are fearful or struggling with anxiety, that they would turn to God and know His love and peace: Philippians 4 verse 6-8 & 1 John 4 verse 18

That God would open our eyes and ears to those around us to show His love to others.

For our PCC that God would be prompting people to be part of this ministry in our Parish.

For our Parish Schools: Tutshill, Offa's Mead, St John's, Wyedean and St Briavels.

For all teachers and support staff in schools that they will rely on God for their daily needs.

For Christian children and young people that God will enable them to witness for Him in all they do or say.

For our young people who are starting college, 6th Form or University.

For our nation, as Covid-19 restrictions change. That the Government's message would be clear.

For clarity as we seek to understand the new regulations and apply them to our lives.

That all would be sensible and safe.

For patience with ourselves and one another. That we would be understanding in our interactions with each other.

For all who are working in hospitals and care homes. For all who are residents in care homes, for God's protection

### **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.

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## **Parish News and Information**

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

**Do you have some ideas?** As a Parish we are thinking how Church will gather at Christmas and other significant times during this phase of restrictions, such as Remembrance, Advent, Harvest. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please feel free to email them to Vicar David or Clare. Also, we would love to hear from you if you would like to participate in a Sunday Service.

Thank you. Vicar David

## Woodcroft Christian Centre Appeal

For many years Woodcroft Christian Centre has played a special part in the life of the Parish of Tidenham, the life of the church in many parts of the UK and the lives of lots and lots of young people. However, Coronavirus has meant no visitors and little income for the Centre for over 6 months now. The Centre has made a financial appeal, for 100 people to give £50 a month for 12 months in order to keep the Centre up and running and take it beyond Covid 19 restrictions to the place of bookings and offering their ministry once again. The PCC (the church here) through our commitment to giving have committed to being one of those donors and we invite others to hear this appeal and respond too.

As reported last week there are also other charities at home and abroad in need of financial support, including our own church here in the Parish. Some people are facing greater challenges with their personal finances and will be unable to give as they once did. Others amongst us have the financial capacity to give. The impact on society of charities and churches not being funded will be significant and therefore the need for good old-fashioned Christian giving with tithes and offerings is needed more than ever! May we hear that call!

For discussion and advice about electronic giving please contact Ewen on 01291 626158 or email [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.



**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Sunday 11 October 10:30am at Tidenham Church. At the APCM there will be Elections for two Churchwardens, three members of Deanery Synod and six members of PCC. Nomination forms are available at the back of Tidenham and Tutshill churches.

***If you would like to attend please book a place with Clare.***

Electronic copies of the following documents for the APCM are available on request from Iain Gardiner: [i.a.gardiner007@btinternet.com](mailto:i.a.gardiner007@btinternet.com)

- 2020 APCM Agenda and draft minutes of the 2019 APCM
- 2019 ANNUAL REPORT and ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

If you would like a paper copy of these documents please contact Clare.

**Festival of Everyday Faith** event will be run online Saturday 3rd October 2020, organised by the Diocese. It is an invitation for members of our congregations including our younger members to be involved. The day will explore different ways to become confident in what it means for us to be a Christian in everything we do – work, rest or play. You can join in there are workshops to book, come and be inspired. Leave with ideas for yourself and your wider Christian community.

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/everyday-faith-2/>

Vicar David.

**CVM (Christian Vision for Men)** - Sunday evenings at 7.30pm

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>

**Chepstow & District CAP Debt Centre** we are looking for new member including a Treasurer and Community Link Support Coordinator. To either join the Steering Group or take on one of these roles please contact David Price, Debt Centre Manager on 07539 477286 or [davidprice@capuk.org](mailto:davidprice@capuk.org).

<https://capuk.org>



**Good News** - Congratulations to Hannah and Dave Ransom on the arrival of their new baby, Lucas William born on 16th Sept weighing 7lb 3oz

Don't forget to a new Link Word Search can be found on the Parish Facebook Group.

## **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 – please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in

- Sunday 7.30pm – for men! James Parsons at [James.darsie@gmail.com](mailto:James.darsie@gmail.com)
- Wednesday 10.30am (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 1.30pm at St Luke's. Jane [cfmtidenham@btinternet.com](mailto:cfmtidenham@btinternet.com)

### **Other Online local resources**

Cytun Churches Together Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206786133181081/>

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)