



"where the river flows everything will live"

THE PARISH OF TIDENHAM (& St Briavels and Hewelsfield & Brockweir) **WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020**

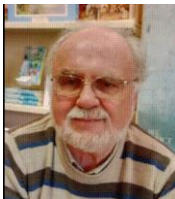
*****There's a lot more reading and new material this week... so please read on!*****

Changes Afoot.

We are digesting the Government announcement that church buildings will be able to reopen for public worship from 4 July, providing physical distancing remains in place, and will keep you informed of developments. Just be aware that even when we return to our buildings things are inevitably going to be different. Some online worship provision is likely to remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Ordinations are on hold but God's Calling isn't...

This weekend (and next) was to have seen lots of women and men ordained as deacons and priests in places of worship right across the country. That was before Coronavirus interrupted our lives!



Amongst those ordained would have been our own Nicki Bullivant, who would have been ordained deacon on Sunday and our own David Rees who would have been priested on the Saturday. They will now wait a little longer to have hands laid on them by the Bishop, probably September. Meanwhile David will continue his ministry as a deacon and Nicki, whilst remaining a member of the laity, **will** start her curacy here which is exciting.



I'm delighted to have Nicki as a curate with all her gifts and skills. After 3 years of training and formation whilst working full time as a nurse and living life with husband Nick and family, Nicki will formally start her ministry here in the 3 Parishes. Nicki will continue to nurse and volunteer as a chaplain in Gloucester, whilst giving a Thursday plus Sundays to the Parishes. The ordination may be on hold but the call to kingdom work certainly continues. Nicki appears in this week's Gloucester Diocese bulletin <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/ordinations-postponed-but-gods-call-remains-clear/>

God also continues to call people to ordained ministry which comes in many shapes and forms... including deacon, priest, pioneer, evangelist, chaplain (e.g. hospitals, prisons, schools, sports, forces), full time, part time, voluntary and paid. However God's call extends well beyond this.

God calls people to all kinds of tasks, situations and relationships, all of which have **equal value**! Sadly for many years calling and vocation has been thought of in ways all too narrow and hierarchical. Calling can be specific or general. God has called me to use my time, talents and resources. I have not only been called to be a deacon and priest; I have been called to be a husband and father; I have been called to be a friend, neighbour and colleague; I have been called to be a disciple; I have been called to be human in relationship with God, with other people and with creation itself! I am called to be...!



Over the coming weeks we will be exploring God's call on our lives with the 'called to be...' series. This Sunday we will be exploring 'called to be ordained.' We will commission Nicki as she begins her curacy and we will hear some vocation stories. I hope you will be able to connect with the material, and importantly connect with God as you ask him, 'who am I called to be?' And be reminded that ALL the Body of Christ has a crucial part to play in the



nurture and support of ALL vocations. Please pray for Nicki and David and all those due to be ordained and do pray that we all discern who God calls us to be..

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.

Up Coming Online Services/Gatherings

PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS for Trinity 3 (28 June)



Sunday, 28 June 2020 - the Third Sunday after Trinity

Vicar David, Revd Janice and others will join together for worship on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel. It will be available from 9am on Sunday morning. Details will also appear on the Parish website (the 'News' tab) & Parish Facebook page.

You are then invited to gather on Zoom at 11.30am for a 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:

***** PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ZOOM COFFEE LINK THIS WEEK *****

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89127603577?pwd=aVovU3ArTTdVRjdGbDVxekt4NTVhOT09>

Meeting ID: 891 2760 3577

Password: 262874

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The Bible readings for this coming Sunday are: **1 Samuel 3:1-10 & Matthew 9:35-38**

Mid-week Holy Communion: a service of Holy Communion will be live streamed to the Tidenham Parish Facebook page at 12:15 pm on Wednesday, 1st July. After the live stream it will be available as a recording on the Facebook page, and also on the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel from about 1pm. The service will include prayers for healing during the Eucharistic prayer.



The Collect from the Ordination Service:

God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Prayer



Thank you for sending in your prayer requests. Please feel free to email

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 28 June

Thanksgiving

For all the key workers, especially those who work in amenities: sewerage, water, gas, electricity, plumbers etc.

That the lockdown restrictions are easing as of 4th July. For wisdom for all those who are implementing new strategies in light of this announcement.

That God has called each of us to follow Him.

That we have been created uniquely and have purpose and meaning through Him.

That churches can open for private prayer. Thank God for those volunteering to supervise the opening at St Luke's, Tutshill.

Intercession

Locally

For the work of Food Banks, who have seen an increase in demand over the past few months. For all who organise and volunteer, as well as Food Bank users.

For Andy Royle facing an operation on 16th July, for protection during surgery and for swift recovery.

For all those who would've been ordained this weekend, especially our own David Rees and Nicki Bullivant, who begins her curacy as a lay person in our Parish.

For Emma Durbin as she continues to explore God's call, possibly to ordination.

If you would like resources to pray specifically for the ordinands email tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com

As the lockdown eases that God's perfect love would drive out fears related to being out and about.

For those who have been shielded, as the restrictions change that God would continue to protect them and give wisdom in decision making.

For all who are waiting for medical appointments, for patient and reassurance for them.

For all attending appointments for safety.

As children in Wales return to school on Monday 29th, for safety and joy in learning. For all teachers and support staff.

For our local hospitals and doctors' surgeries.

Nationally

For the scientists and technicians who are working for a vaccine and ways to treat Covid-19. That they would have wisdom and strength.

Parish News and Information

Despite not being able to gather publicly while our church buildings still remain closed except for private prayer, our life together as a church family hasn't stopped. We continue to focus on what it means to be a Christian community while we cannot gather together for worship and with God's help are still trying to live out our vision:

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

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.

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 Families are invited to gather via Zoom at 3pm each Sunday. Please contact Jane for the link.

St Luke's Church Open - St Luke's Church will be open 10am-12noon Monday to Friday. With additional volunteers hours we may be able to extend. Depending on demand and volunteer capacity we may also be able to open up St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham and/or St Michael and All Angels' Tidenham Chase. If you are willing and able to assist with opening, supervising those entering and leaving the church, undertake the necessary



cleaning (clear guidance and cleaning products provided) and close church then please do email Clare tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com Many thanks!

Please note that we have been given guidance that if you are in the clinical vulnerable category (e.g over 70's) we are sadly unable to accept your kind offers to volunteer at the current time, but a big thank you for the offers!

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.



Church grounds Prayer Trail - Prayer Trails are now located in the grounds of all 3 church buildings: Tutshill, Tidenham and Chase. Copies of prayer prompts also available on Parish Facebook Page or email tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com

Meeting at the Vicarage - a marquee is situated in the Vicarage garden. If you would like to meet other members of the church family to share communion or prayer time safely adhering to **all** the Government guidelines, with a wet weather option in place. Places are available on Wednesdays at 12noon, please contact Clare to book email tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com



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-12noon daily for private prayer and reflection.

St Briavels Treasurer needed - After many years in the post, Roger Clewett, the Treasurer of St Briavels PCC has decided to retire at the end of the year. The PCC are now looking to appoint a new treasurer. If you are 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 Primary School is a Voluntary Aided School. Some of the Governors (Foundation Governors) are nominated by the PCC. The PCC need to nominate one Foundation Governor to be in post from September. Anyone interested please contact Rev David Rees for more information, thank you.



Virtual Café - Sedbury Space has launched a virtual cafe on a Wednesday afternoon 2-3pm via zoom. If you are feeling isolated and lonely and would like to connect with others over a cup of coffee, you are welcome to join us. Contact Susan Riordan for details of how to join on info@sedburyspace.org.uk

Faraday Institute Lectures 29th June - 3rd July - In response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic the Faraday Institute is offering a week of online teaching to examine the ways in which Faith and Science speak to each other in contemporary society and explore the theological and ethical issues which this dialogue raises. Sessions are free and open to anyone anywhere. You can join in as much or as little as you like. For more information visit



<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/telling-a-better-story-why-faith-and-science-belong-together/>

Record your appreciation for the NHS & front line workers - For the service on Sunday 5th July we would



like to record a BIG CLAP to join in with the national day of celebration for the NHS and other front line workers. If you able please either record yourself clapping for 1 min or take a photo of yourself holding a rainbow picture or cardboard message of thanks. (Don't forget to smile!) If you are also able to offer to visit others on their doorstep to record them clapping or take photos please contact Janice (contact details below) Please send all contributions to alexwhitemultimusic@gmail.com by Wednesday 1 July, thanks you.

Life Explored - It's been reported that 25% of population have been turning to prayer and online services during the lockdown and people are asking some of those big questions of life. We are offering the opportunity to gather online over the next couple of months to discuss these questions using video clips to stimulate discussion. If you or someone you know is unsure of the Christian faith and would like to join in these discussions contact Janice or see parish website for more information.'

Financial Giving in the Parish - Whilst in these restricted times it has been helpful for PCC to have the income both from regular banking orders and generous one off donations. Six more people have started standing orders and we would encourage anyone who is still undecided to do the same. Whenever we resume our gatherings we will be reviewing the risks involved. As you will have witnessed in many places cash is being avoided as it is potential means of disease transfer. It is thus highly likely that the use of cash collections will not be implemented at any of our 3 churches for some time. This may be the point at which you might wish to consider how you give into the future. For discussion and advice please contact Ewen on 01291 626158. 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) - Introducing men to Jesus and the Church to men!



If you would like to learn more about the work of this Christian organisation please give me, James Parsons, a call on 07970 489362 or look at CVM's website - <https://cvm.org.uk>

This week CVM is hosting an online Gathering for Men – Friday evening and all day on Saturday (26th and 27th June) with a variety of events including banter, worship, bible study, testimonies, seminars and probably more banter. For details of the programme please look at the CVM website or follow this next link - <https://thegatheringformen.com/tg20online>

The usual (during the recent restrictions) Sunday evening live streamed programme won't happen this week, but if you would like to join me and others to chat about aspects of the weekend's programme then please let me know and I'll send you a Zoom link. We'll 'meet' on Sunday evening at 8pm and can carry on (restart Zoom) as long as we want.

New mental health service – Qwell, a new online digital platform, provides anyone in Gloucestershire aged 18 years and above to access self-care resources, information, peer support and access to trained counsellors. It is open to anyone experiencing issues with their emotional well-being, such as stress or anxiety and there is no need to be referred. This compliments a range of existing mental health services supporting those in the county.



TV BBC 1: This Sunday 28 June 2020
10:45 Sunday Morning LIVE
11:45 Sunday Morning Stories
13:15 Songs of Praise from Northern Ireland

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.

Link Word Search – Look out for a new word search on the Parish facebook page, thank you Tanya.

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/UcKriOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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

- Wednesday 10.30am. DTRevd@aol.com
- Wednesday 8pm. fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm. janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1.30pm. Jane 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 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>

https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/568755/Home/Coronavirus/Coronavirus_guidance_and.aspx

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