



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020

A Word about Confirmation

Before Covid 19 hit the Parish of Tidenham had a confirmation service with the Bishop booked in for 13 September, sadly this has been postponed. However, the opportunity for confirmation has only been postponed, not cancelled! If you would be interested in exploring the Christian faith, making a declaration of faith for the first time, or you would like to become a more active Christian then baptism and/or confirmation might be for you. If so, do get in touch with Vicar David or other members of the team/church. Here's what Bishop Robert wrote about confirmation in last week's Diocesan Bulletin:



At the heart of the Confirmation service is a simple but moving dialogue. The candidate says to the Bishop, 'My name is...' and the Bishop replies using the candidate's name, 'God has called you by name and made you his own'. An affirmation by the candidate and the Bishop of the unique identity of each individual as one created, known, loved and valued by God. This relationship is then sealed in the act of confirmation as the Bishop places his hands on the head of the candidate and confirms them with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As Bishop Rachel wrote in the last Bulletin, these last few months have indeed been ones in which people have been pondering their identity, the nature of who we are and what we are called to be, set in the wider context not just of us as individuals but the vocation and calling of the Church and the purpose of creation. The pandemic has been a wakeup call for us to take a long hard look at ourselves, our Church and our world all of which are rooted in our relationship with our creator.

Bishop Rachel and I are very much looking forward to resuming confirmation services this autumn. They will of course be different in style, simpler, and with limited numbers but their essence of course is unchanged with perhaps a greater clarity for that simplicity, that affirmation of who we are, our value and purpose, our confidence and hope in an uncertain world. We have already been in touch with all those who we knew were expecting to present candidates but the invitation to Confirmation is of course, as always, one that is open to all.

This month, where the pace is, I hope, a little slower, with a little more time to reflect, there is the opportunity to ponder this invitation, to know it for ourselves and to be ready to share it with those who long to hear it, the extraordinary truth that God has called each one of us by name, and we have indeed been made God's own people.

With Bishop Rachel I continue to give thanks the clergy, people and communities of this Diocese and for the privilege of sharing in ministry with you.

+Robert (Bishop of Tewkesbury)

Services/Gatherings:

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

Sunday, 30 August 2020 - the 12th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am: St Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels - Morning Prayer



10am: St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham – Holy Communion
[\(pre book by Thursday evening, contact Vicar David 01291 760034\)](#)

11am: St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield -Morning Worship

Online: Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel

The theme for this week is 'called to be authentic'. Vicar David will be leading the service and preaching on yet another important theme. The service will be available from 9am on our YouTube channel 'Tidenham Online Parish Church'.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89127603577?pwd=aVovU3ArTTdVRjdGbDVxekt4NTVhQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 2760 3577

Passcode: 262874

The Bible readings for this Sunday are: Romans 12:9-18 and Luke 6:43-45

The Collect for this Sunday: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen


Post Communion prayer for this Sunday is: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Holy Communion at the Vicarage – Opportunities to gather for services of Holy Communion socially distanced in the Vicarage marquee on **Wednesday 2 September at 12noon, 1pm and 2pm.**

Please contact Vicar David if you wish to attend places are limited 01291 760034



TV BBC 1: This Sunday 30 August 2020

 **10.00am** Sunday Morning LIVE
12.25pm Songs of Praise. Aled Jones visits Blenheim Palace to explore its private chapel and magnificent grounds, and Laura Wright joins an inclusive choir for a hymn singalong.

Morning Prayer - Since March Morning Prayer has taken place online Mon-Fri on Zoom. This has now come to an end. From Tues 1 Sept Morning Prayer will take place in the Parish as following:

- Mondays 9.30am at St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham
- Tuesdays 9am by Zoom as we have been doing (some of us may meet at Sedbury Space to do this)
- Wednesdays 9am at the Vicarage, Tutshill
- Thursdays 9am at St Briavels

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

Sunday 6 September – ‘Family Gathering’ followed by a picnic lunch, bring your own picnic, blanket, chairs etc, 11.15am for 11.30am. Time for socially distanced outdoor worship, which is suitable for all ages and stages of life and faith everybody welcome please book your place with Jane Penny.

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.

YouTube Channel playlists

Check out the new play-lists on the Parish YouTube Channel.

Facebook Group and Page

Click ‘like’ on the Tidenham Parish Church Facebook Page to receive notifications and do please interact with the Facebook group with comments to encourage our online community while we’re still experiencing physical restrictions. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

Prayer Requests from The Church And Community

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 30 August

Called to be AUTHENTIC....

Idea from How to Pray by Pete Grieg (Hodder & Stoughton, 2019)

Pause

Be still with God. Be aware of His presence with you.

Breathe deeply and notice each breath of life that He has given as a blessing.

Rejoice & Revel

Worship God for who He is. Praise Him for all He has done and all He is doing.

Remember His goodness and faithfulness. Thank Him.

Look around at His creation and praise Him for His wondrous power.

Thank God for His blessings

Ask Come to God in confidence 1 John 5:14-15.

Lift to Him worries, concerns and needs for you or others, the nation and the world.

Pray for any who are unwell or suffering in any way, that God would bring His healing.

Pray for God’s will to be done and revealed in the lives of His children.

Betty Bennett’s father, Frank Prosser, who has dementia and has suffered a large stroke and is unable to communicate. Pray for her Mum who is unable to visit due to Covid restrictions. Give thanks for Mum’s strong faith which is helping her. Pray for peace for the whole family.

For businesses struggling financially at the present time.

Yield ‘Your Will be done...’

Commit yourself to God.

Trust Him.. with your home, your family, your time, your life.

Be still before the Lord and surrender to His divine will for your life, His world and all the situations which you have brought to Him in prayer.

Ear Listen to God...

Ask God to open your senses to Him, to hear Him, see Him and sense Him.

What might God be saying to you at this time?

What might God be saying to His church, his people?

Respond

By being more like Jesus.

Allow God’s amazing love, grace and peace to fill your life anew.

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."

Tutshill Scarecrow Trail will take place from 19 August until 5 September. The trail will be free and follow the usual route. Paper maps and sheets are not being generally distributed. A small number will be available at Life Style Express where you are also able to make a donation. If you require further information please contact tutshillscarecrow@yahoo.com or call Jane on 01594563803. Thank you



Ride and Stride September 2020

With churches having been closed for much of this year and the subsequent loss of income, money raised through Ride and Stride is needed more than ever. However, we are also very aware of how the economic situation has impacted on individuals and the financial choices they have to make.



These are the events organised so far:

Friday 11 September - A sponsored 5.5 mile walk to start at 10am from St. Luke's Church.

Wednesday 16 September - Al fresco coffee morning, afternoon tea and plant sale in Wirewoods Crescent, Tutshill. Places will need to be booked, social distancing and hygiene precautions will take place.

For further information or to book your table or if you would like to run a different event please contact Wendy on 01291 623642, mobile 07447 311 131 or email wendy.moppett@btinternet.com.

Thank you for your support.

Village Cricket – Unfortunately the cricket match will not be happening this year. Thanks to all those who expressed an interest. Look out for a celebratory community match in 2021!

Homemade Jam - Paul and Margaret have been making plum jam, blackberry jelly and fresh fig, apple, and onion chutney. If you would like a jar please call on 629098 and Paul will deliver it (within reason). Sorry the answer machine is not working. If you would like to make a small donation for the jam, you will find BACS details on the link below.



<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/files/uploads/Bank-Standing-Order-Form.pdf>

Church Buildings Open within the Parishes...



St Luke's Church - will be open 9am-4pm Tuesday-Thursday.

If you would like to volunteer to open, close and wipe clean areas at the end of the day, please contact Clare 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 arrive 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 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 this 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 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

Financial Giving in the Parish - For discussion and advice about electronic giving please contact Ewen on 01291 626158 or email 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 CVM's website is - <https://cvm.org.uk>

New mental health service – Qwell, provides anyone in Gloucestershire over 18 yrs, access to self-care resources, information, peer support and 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.

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/UcKjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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
- Wednesday 10.30am (restarting on 8 Sept). 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 has now finished as people begin to meet up face to face. However there will be a Zoom Morning Prayer on Tuesday mornings <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-liturg-y-and-prayer-resources>
https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/568755/Home/Coronavirus/Coronavirus_guidance_and.aspx

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