



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2021

### **Update on Zoom Coffee 11.30am-12.15pm Sunday Mornings.**

As well as a chance to see one another and catch up, we have a chance to share life. What has made you smile in the last week, and what might you want/need prayer for in the coming week? Feel free to pop along.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82631968802?pwd=N3hyak5lL3hnRXlVv3NtelVtVG0zZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 3196 8802, Passcode: 497225

### **Support our Young People**

Next Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> January) some of the young people in the Parish will be taking a lead in our Sunday online worship. I'm looking forward to this and hope you will too. As a church we really want to see our young people grow in their faith, and if we don't we should do! Giving young people opportunities to lead and serve can help do this.

As a 14 year old I was given the responsibility of playing the organ in church, taking over the leading of a choir shortly afterwards. By my late teens I was given the opportunity to lead church services. Regardless of whether I had gone on to be ordained, the giving of responsibility and having a chance to participate in the worshiping life of the church community helped me to grow as a Christian, as I had to learn more about the Christian faith in order to share it. Most importantly I grew closer to God and learned to seek him and rely on him as I lacked so much and needed him to compensate for my inadequacies!

In Tidenham Parish, Ethan Richards co-ordinates our youth provision. He has been working hard to disciple the young people; giving them opportunities to ask questions about the Christian faith, study the Bible and learn how to link faith and everyday life together.



Covid has brought many challenges for Ethan, Jane (Children & Families' Minister) and the rest of us, as so much of what we do has had to be put on hold or adapted. However, the Youth, Children and Families Project has continued throughout the pandemic providing vital provision and support. Do continue to pray for Ethan, Jane, the children, young people and parents, along with all the volunteers who are vital to this ministry.

### **Light...**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> February and the feast of Candlemas officially marks the end of the Christmas season in the life of the Church. For 40 days we have looked back and celebrated the coming of Christ, the light of God and the new life he brings. Our liturgical gaze and journey now begin to turn towards Jesus' journey to his passion, death and resurrection. We journey onwards and forwards into Lent and through the uncertainty of this pandemic, but we do not journey in darkness, we continue to journey with Jesus the Light of the World.



***"I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."*** John 8:12

***"Jesus is not a figure from the past: He continues now and always to light the way for us."*** Pope Francis

***David***

Revd David Treharne

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

## **Services in Parish of Tidenham**

In light the ongoing lockdown restrictions, both in England and Wales due to ongoing COVID cases and the more readily transmitted new variant, the decision has been made, with full support of the Diocese, to suspend gatherings for public worship in the parish of Tidenham and move Sunday services 'online' until at least the end of February. We will keep this under review, taking note of government announcements, and hope to resume our physical meetings again soon.

The church buildings will no longer be open for private prayer during the new national lockdown. Stay at home. Protect the NHS. Save lives.

## **Candlemas - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

We will continue to provide an online act of worship from 9am each Sunday morning on our YouTube Channel 'Tidenham Parish Online Church'

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

There will also be an opportunity to meet afterwards (with DIY refreshments) via zoom at 11.30am for up to an hour each Sunday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82631968802?pwd=N3hyak5lL3hnRXlVV3NteIVtVG0zZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 3196 8802, Passcode: 497225

**The Bible readings:** Malachi 3:1-5 or Hebrews 2:14-end & Luke 2:22-40

**The Collect:** Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

**Post Communion prayer:** Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

## **Morning Prayer on zoom.**

We will resume our online provision of morning prayer with CYTUN, Churches Together in Chepstow, Monday to Thursday online at 9.00am <https://zoom.us/j/122778377> All are welcome to join in.

Wednesdays: 9:15am by prayer for YCFM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78170531212?pwd=cVcrZEJmSDdKWFJyElBtencvSVIYQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7053 1212 Passcode: 2vKKGp

**Mid-Week Communion:** A service of Holy Communion will be live streamed on the Tidenham Parish Facebook Group at 12 noon on Wednesday.



**New Baby & Parent Support Group:** We have an online support group (and Facebook group) for families with a new(ish) baby on a Tuesday morning. All parents welcome, wherever they live. Please contact Jane Penny for more information.

**Splash:** Resources for February will be emailed to parents. If you do not currently receive this and would like to, please contact Jane Penny.

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

- Sunday 7.30pm – for men! Online - James Parsons at [James.darsie@gmail.com](mailto:James.darsie@gmail.com)
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group Online - Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)
- Wednesday 10.30am (hopefully restarting soon) [DTRevd@aol.com](mailto:DTRevd@aol.com)
- Wednesday, 7.30pm Life Group online (weekly from 13 January) [fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com)
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group Online (from 13<sup>th</sup> January fortnightly) [janice-hamilton@outlook.com](mailto:janice-hamilton@outlook.com)
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group Online – Jane Penny [cfmtidenham@btinternet.com](mailto:cfmtidenham@btinternet.com)

## **Parish News and Information**

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

Our beloved sister in Christ Audrey Vaughan died Sunday 24 January. Audrey was such a loving, dedicated and faithful Christian who loved her Church (especially the Chase) she knew her Bible and so many hymns too. Her passing marks an end of an era as Audrey knew so much about the Parish and its history.

We thank the Lord for Audrey and though sad, we take great comfort in her union with Christ Jesus her and our Lord. God bless, Vicar David

**Desert Island Hymns** - If you were only able to take one hymn/song with you on a desert island which one would it be? Please do let Clare or David know. We'll start a conversation on the Parish Facebook page and then look to see ways of including the hymns in our worship going forwards. Thanks Vicar David.



**Photographs** - If you have taken **any lovely photos** of life in and around the Parish whilst on a recent walk then please feel free to send them to Tanya at [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com) e.g. new buds and flowers peeping up wildlife, a rainbow, sunset or one of the rivers.

We will then try to use some of the photos in the next edition of the Parish Magazine to bring some of the lovely outside creation inside to people who may be isolating.

**Spring Harvest 2021** - Unfortunately Spring Harvest won't be taking place in Minehead and Skegness this year but there will be a significant online event, for more information go to the Spring Harvest website for <https://springharvest.org/theme>

**'The Bulletin' from the Diocese of Gloucester** - keeping you up to date with news from the Diocese, please follow this link <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/the-bulletin-19-01-21/>

**Daily Hope** - Is a free national telephone line which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone 0800 804 8044.

### **Financial Support**

If you would like to make a gift to the Church and also consider ongoing regular financial giving into 2021. Bank details are Tidenham Parochial Church, Sort Code 30-91-89 & Account number 00304754. Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available to download from the website. PCC wishes to thank all who have continued to give generously this year.



### **TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS AND CONTACTS**

Parish Website: This has information, documents and links to other sites.

<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk>

Facebook Page – for communicating news & info to the wider community. Please 'follow' or 'like'.

<https://facebook.com/tidenhamparishchurch>

Facebook Group - all welcome to join this private group 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/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk)

Revd David Treharne	01291 760034	<a href="mailto:dtre vd@aol.com">dtre vd@aol.com</a>
Revd Janice Hamilton	01291 626158	<a href="mailto:janice-hamilton@outlook.com">janice-hamilton@outlook.com</a>
Revd Nicki Bullivant	07922 833835	<a href="mailto:benedictusnicki@gmail.com">benedictusnicki@gmail.com</a> (Parish Day is Thursday)
Revd David Rees	01594 530443	<a href="mailto:david.rees17@btinternet.com">david.rees17@btinternet.com</a>
Revd Canon Dr Tom Clammer	01722 504938	<a href="mailto:tomclammer@gmail.com">tomclammer@gmail.com</a>
Fiona Gardiner	01291 624868	<a href="mailto:fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com">fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com</a>
James Parsons	07970 489362	<a href="mailto:james.darsie@gmail.com">james.darsie@gmail.com</a>
Jane Penny	01594 563803	<a href="mailto:cfmtidenham@btinternet.com">cfmtidenham@btinternet.com</a> (urgent only Mon/Fri)
Ethan Richards	07933 249210	<a href="mailto:tidenhamyouth@gmail.com">tidenhamyouth@gmail.com</a>
Clare Presley (Admin)	01291 627478	<a href="mailto:tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com">tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com</a> (Weekdays)