



"where the river flows everything will live"

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021



Last year when we were preparing for Holy Week and Easter we were being thrust into lockdown and a whole new reality of Pandemic. This year, whilst we will still be living with Covid 19, I hope and pray that we can be looking forward with new hope to a new tomorrow.

The Cross of Christ speaks powerfully into these times. It speaks of and to suffering, isolation, desolation and the depths of despair and all that is, or has been, brutal and hard and traumatic. The Cross speaks of, and to, the lowest depths of the human experience.

BUT, and it's a massively important but, the Cross of Christ does not just speak of desolation, death and despair for that is not the end of the story of the Cross. Because of Easter Day and Jesus' resurrection from the dead, the Cross also speaks of hope for tomorrow, peace, reconciliation, the benefits of selfless love and new life! Out of all that was utterly terrible comes something unexpected and new which causes us to shout and sing "Alleluia!!" We can shout and sing "Alleluia" because Christ has and is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!!

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life is liberated

St John Chrysostom

Immanuel, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendour.

Charles H. Spurgeon

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.

Martin Luther

I am absolutely thrilled that public worship is resuming safely during this very special week, and I cannot wait to be able to gather as the Body of Christ in person with some of you for the first time in a very long time. Not everyone will be willing and able to gather quite yet so we will continue to offer online worship, email updates and paper copies of sermons and the Parish Briefing. There will also be the option of private prayer in our church buildings too.

Please read the details of what is happening.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and the hope and joy and blessings of the risen Christ

David

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

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Please bear with us as we try to smooth out the teething problems of live streaming.

Palm Crosses will be available in the church porches for people to collect during the week

Maundy Thursday 1 April

Diocese of Gloucester invites you to a Maundy Thursday Chrism Service at 11am on Zoom

https://zoom.us/join?utm_source=Diocese+of+Gloucester&utm_campaign=6780344acc-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_03_29_09_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_69ea2ab3ba-6780344acc-149179869

Meeting ID: 896 0394 7233

Passcode: 704868

Or if you'd like to join the Zoom service by telephone call 0203 481 5237 or 0131 460 1196 and enter the Meeting ID 896 0394 7233

Passcode: 704868

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Luke's, Tutshill, (pre booking is required) and hopefully livestreamed on YouTube

Good Friday 2 April

11am Worship Without Walls at St Luke's, Tutshill, outdoor worship suitable for all ages.

Please bring a piece of greenery, palm cross, flag or similar to wave, your own hot cross buns or snacks and drinks for afterwards, thank you.

2pm–3pm Tidenham Church will be open for private prayer with some reflective organ music.

2pm Good Friday Devotions at St Luke's, Tutshill, pre booking is required and livestreamed on YouTube.

Holy Saturday 3 April

9pm Easter Vigil on Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864769560?pwd=Vnk0QTJQM3pIUUnNPNXNtQUprSGlkdz09>

Meeting ID: 858 6476 9560

Passcode: 837466

Easter Sunday 4 April

9.30am Tidenham Church, Holy Communion (fully booked)

11am St Luke's Church, Tutshill Outdoor Holy Communion, also livestreamed on YouTube.

To join in the worship live, please be ready at 11am.

The service will be available to watch as a recording later.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

6pm Chase Church, BCP Holy Communion, pre booking is required

Chase Church will be open Easter Day, also from Monday 5 April to Saturday 10 April, 9am-4pm for private prayer and reflection. There will be Easter flowers in the church, many of which will be the same as those welcoming visitors this week to Gloucester cathedral.

Prayer Stations will be available in St Luke's Church during Holy Week; the church will be open 9am-4pm.

Easter Garden - There is an Easter Garden in the grounds of St Luke's Church. Please use this as a focus for your meditation and prayers if visiting the church grounds. We would love you to bring along a painted pebble or rock which can be added to the garden or any small flowers. Please take care when touching the stones/rocks as they may move or fall. Thank you. For more information please contact Jane.

For All Services and Gatherings

No booking is necessary for outdoor worship.

If pre booking is required contact Clare 01291 627478 tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com

We will continue to do all we can to ensure our gatherings for worship are safe and in accordance with Government guidelines:

- Everybody must use hand sanitiser upon entering a church building
- Face coverings must be worn in the church buildings (unless you are exempt).
- The 2 metre rule must be observed with no socialising inside the church building.
- There will sadly be no refreshments after the church services.

St Briavels and Hewelsfield Churches - Holy Week and Easter Services.

Good Friday 2 April

Hewelsfield Church – 9am- 4pm There will be an area focused on the cross for personal reflection

St Briavels Church - 2pm Outdoor service in the churchyard around the North door (jointly with the chapel)

Easter Sunday 4 April

St Briavels Church - 8.30 am BCP communion

9.30 am Family Communion (Please book a place - contact David Rees)

Hewelsfield Church - 11 am Morning Worship (Outdoor)

Zoom Coffee will not be taking place due to livestreamed worship.

The Bible readings: Acts 10:34-43 and John 20:1-18

The Collect: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Morning Prayer

Resumes from the 12 April in the Parishes.

Mondays: 9.30am at St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Tuesdays: 9.00am Zoom online <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

Wednesdays: 9.00am at St Luke's, Tutshill

Thursdays: 9.00am at St Briavels

Wednesdays: 9:15am prayer for YCFM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78170531212?pwd=cVcrZEJmSDdKWfJyelBtencvSVlYQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7053 1212 Passcode: 2vKKGp

Splash via Zoom Sunday 11th April at 3pm. Please contact Jane for details

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

- Sunday 7.30pm – Life Group for men! Online - James Parsons at James.darsie@gmail.com
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group Online - Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- Wednesday, 7.30pm Life Group online fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group Online janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group Online – Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

Parish News and Information

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

Scarecrow Trail 2021 – The trail has started and the scarecrows will be in place until Saturday 17 April. The trail maps cost £3 and are available from Life Style Express Shop or text SCARECRO to 70331 & show your text receipt to the shop staff. For more information contact Jane or click this link <https://www.facebook.com/Tutshill-scarecrow-trail-222580088223553>



Church and Churchyard closure - Tidenham Church will be closed for two days on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 April. The Parish Council have arranged for the removal of a dead tree. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Link Magazine - A number of paper copies of the Link Magazine are available in St Luke's porch; if you would like an additional copy please contact Clare.

'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester - keeping you up to date, please follow this link <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

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 On-line Service Giving

You can donate directly on the website, go to <http://easydonate.org/COLLECT> or you can Text / SMS donations;

- To donate £1, text COLLECT to 70201
- To donate £3, text COLLECT to 70331
- To donate £5, text COLLECT to 70970
- To donate £10, text COLLECT to 70191

Thank you

Annual Church Meeting, Parish of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancut

A) The annual church meeting will be held in Tidenham church at 10.30 on Sunday 25 April after the morning service. Please book your place with Parish Administrator Clare if you wish to attend.

B) The agenda for the meeting is available on church notice boards and from Clare or Iain Gardiner.

C) The Annual Accounts for 2020 have been approved by the PCC and signed off by the independent examiner. The Annual Accounts, along with the Trustees Report for 2020, are posted on church notice boards, but if people would like a personal hard copy or electronic copy they are available from Clare or Iain Gardiner.

D) If people would like a hard copy or electronic copy of the Annual Parish Report for 2020 they can be requested from Clare or Iain Gardiner who will send them out when available.

E) This year there are vacancies for two churchwardens and three members of the PCC. Our current wardens Brian Duerden and Nicholette Flatman have both advised that they are willing to serve for another year, and PCC member Andy Palmer has advised that he is willing to serve another 3-year term. This does not preclude anyone putting their name forward as an enthusiastic alternative! Nomination forms are available at the back of our churches from 04 April and from Iain Gardiner: -

- the person who is nominated should send me the nomination form showing who has nominated him / her and confirming that they comply with the conditions on the form and are willing to stand and
- the proposer and seconder should email me to confirm that they are indeed proposing and seconding the named individual.

NOTE - If someone has no access to the internet, they should complete a nomination form and post it to me, Iain Gardiner, Tidenham PCC Secretary, 01291 624868

Annual Revision of Church Electoral Roll, Tidenham Parish – closes Sunday 4 April!

If you are not on the church electoral roll, and wish to register please note that application forms should be returned to Iain Gardiner by close of play, Sunday 4 April.
01291 624868 or email i.a.gardiner007@btinternet.com

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

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