



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020

Worship without Walls

There will be an outdoor Family Gathering on Sunday 4th October from 10:45am, starting at 11am.

Why outdoors?

Many of us 'feel connected' to God in a special way when in the open air. God's creation speaks of His glory. In August and September, families and others met together to worship God outdoors, through exploring creation. Being outside of the walls means there is enough space for all who want to attend.

This Sunday, you all are welcome to join a gathered worship to explore fruitfulness. We shall look for signs of fruit and hear from Revd Nicki our new curate.

What is family?

The Old Testament has several words for family, referring to our kin or household – those who live under the same roof... This would have included more than one generation, then there's 'clan', or the wider group, made up of several family groups, households, sharing resources and religion. Finally, there's 'tribe', referring to several clans who supported and protected each other and shared religion.



When we gather as church family, we may come as households (in groups of 6 or less!) but we gather as God's extended family... different ages and stages of faith. We then fulfil God's calling to be His church family in this place.

Who's it for?

Anyone and everyone, who wants to meet with God and the Church Family in the widest sense of the word.



Please bring your own chair, blanket, wellies, an umbrella and your own drinks and snacks for afterwards. Our gathering will adhere to all Covid-19 guidelines. For more information or to book your place please contact Jane Penny. Thank you.

Harvest Thanksgiving, this Sunday

This Sunday in Tidenham Parish (and Hewelsfield) we will be giving thanks for the harvest. The acts of worship taking place this year will be rather different! However, our harvest thanksgiving will hopefully be no less fervent. In fact, the situation with Covid 19 and all that is going on in the world should make our thanks and intercessions even more fervent. As church services will not have the usual attendance and the usual giving of produce to distribute I am suggesting that we all think about giving some extra items to the foodbank (and /or little larders in St Briavels and Hewelsfield Churches), or perhaps giving a donation to those organisations that will be reaching out to those who do not have the basic provisions of food, water or shelter. May we who have much give generously out of that abundance, not just a token offering!

Harvest donations to the Food Bank.

A box for donations will be available in St Luke's Church 9am-4pm on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October. (Any donations will be isolated before being passed on to the Foodbank). Thank you.

AGM Sunday 11 October at Tidenham Church

A reminder the Tidenham Parish AGM will be held at Tidenham Church, on Sunday 11 October at 10.30am, following the 9.30am service of Holy Communion. A toilet will be available at Church and if you would like to attend please book a place with Clare.

This Annual meeting will include the appointment of two Churchwardens, three members of Deanery Synod and six members of PCC. The PCC Secretary, Iain Gardiner should be notified of any nominations as soon as possible on 01291 624868. Please pray about these important appointments. The next 6-12 months will present plenty of challenges and opportunities so having the right people serve in leadership and governance roles is important.

Electronic copies of the following documents for the APCM are available on request from Iain Gardiner 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.

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, 4 October 2020 - the 17th Sunday after Trinity

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



(Pre booking is necessary please contact Clare 01291 627478 or tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com)

11.00am: Outdoor Church at St Luke's Church for the Harvest Family Service

8.30 am: St Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels - BCP communion

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

11am: St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield - Harvest Celebrations

Online: Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel

The online provision continues. The 9.30am service at Tidenham Parish Church will be recorded and uploaded to the Parish YouTube channel after the service is over... hopefully by Sunday afternoon.

The theme for this week where we give thanks for the harvest is 'called to be fruitful'. Revd Nicki Bullivant will be preaching and Revd Ian Bussell, visiting, will be presiding.

The Bible readings: Ephesians 3:14-17, and John 15: 1-8

The Collect for this Sunday: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion prayer for this Sunday is: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Midweek Holy Communion – With the changing weather Holy Communion in the Vicarage marquee has now stopped. On Wednesday 14 & 21 October small socially distanced gatherings for Holy Communion will be available in St Luke's **at 12noon, 1pm and 2pm**. Please book your place with Clare 01291 627478 tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com (space is limited).

TV BBC 1: This Sunday 4 October 2020

14:00 Songs of Praise. Kate Bottley shares her journey of faith, from becoming a Christian as a teenager to her ordination and beyond, as she visits the people, places and music that have shaped her.

Morning Prayer in the Parishes.

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

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

Wednesdays: Tidenham Vicarage Marquee at 9.00am

Thursdays: 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.

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

YouTube Channel playlists

Don't forget that the Parish is on YouTube and Facebook

<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 4 October

Thank God for the changing seasons in creation and the changing seasons in our lives.

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

Thank God that His Holy Spirit grows fruit in us.

Praise God that when we stay connected to Him he grows and matures us.

For those who are sick or 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

As the situation around us continues to change, that we would stand on God, our solid rock. Psalm 62 verse 2

For our PCC, that God would be prompting people to be part of this ministry in our Parish. For the Parish AGM on 11th October.

For the leaders, ministry team and PCC, as we consider the way forward for our worshipping community. For wisdom and God's guidance.

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.

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."

New Season Traidcraft catalogues are out now, showing lots of lovely Fair Trade gifts and treats including Fairtrade Chocolate Advent Calendars and Christmas cards. If you would like a catalogue, to order Advent calendars or cards please contact Julia on 01291 622163. Thanks



The Bridges Centre, Monmouth can help if you need transport to hospital appointments. They will transport people to Abergavenny, The Royal Gwent, Gloucester hospitals & other outlying hospitals within reason. They charge 45p a mile and a booking fee of 50p, they would need 3 days' notice to organise a trip. If you are interested please phone 01600 228787 or email carscheme@bridgescentre.org.uk

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 CVM's website is - <https://cvm.org.uk>



Good News

Congratulations to Hannah and Dave Ransom on the arrival of their new baby, Lucas William

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.



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.

Don't forget the 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 – please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in

- Sunday 7.30pm – for men! James Parsons at James.darsie@gmail.com
- Wednesday 10.30am (restarting soon) DTRevd@aol.com
- Wednesday 8pm. fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm. janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1.30pm at St Luke's, Jane 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 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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St Briavels & Hewelsfield website		www.stbandhchurches.org.uk
Prayer requests	tidenhamprayers@btinternet.com	(by 12pm Wednesday for following Sunday)