



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 6 December 2020

HOPE

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope. *Martin Luther King Jr*

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears. *Nelson Mandela*

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness. *Desmond Tutu*

Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all... As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.

G.K. Chesterton

The Candle of Hope lit at St Michael & Angels' Church (right)

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent and we lit the first of the candles on the Advent wreath... the candle of HOPE! Christ is our hope and the hope of the nations and it is to him that we turn and find hope for the future, hope in despair, hope when all seems hopeless. Hope is such a precious and necessary gift at the best of times, but particularly in the worst of times.

There is an English proverb that says, *"the darkest hours are just before dawn."* Let us not lose hope of the dawn (Luke 1:78). Let us not lose hope in a better tomorrow (Rev 21). Let us not lose hope that God always comes as a light in the darkness (John 1:5).

John Lennon apparently said that *"Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end."* His words echo those of the 14th Century mystic Mother Julian of Norwich who in midst of terrible plague wrote... *"And all will be well, all manner of things shall be well."* In these days of ours threatened by plague, economic uncertainty, global uncertainty, religious war, corruption and a massive environmental predicament, Julian's example of faith and hope in the midst of life challenges is a sweet tonic and inspiration which we would do well to follow.

This Sunday we will light the candle of peace! Christ is our peace!! Peace be with you all.

God bless

David

Revd David Treharne

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

Following the national lockdown public worship is able to resume from Wed 2 December.

The Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday 6 December 2020.

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

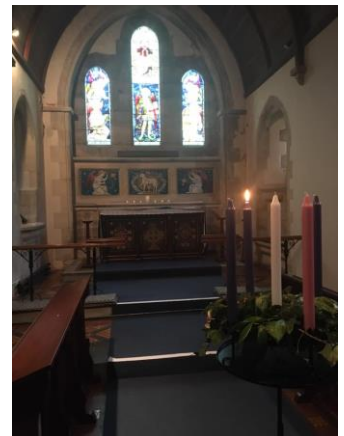
11.00am: St Luke's Church, Tutshill: WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS, outdoor worship for all ages on the school field behind the church building

(Please book a place contact Clare 01291 627478 or tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com)

8.30am: ST Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels: Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer

9.30am: ST Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels: Eucharist

11am: St Mary Magdalene Church Hewelsfield: Morning Worship for Advent



Online: Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel

Online provision continues. There will be a recorded service for the Second Sunday of Advent available from 9am Sunday via the Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube channel, with Revd Nicki Bullivant.

The Bible readings: Isaiah 40 1-11 & Mark 1:1-8

The Collect Advent 2:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion prayer:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer in the Parishes.

Monday 7 Dec: St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham at 9.30am

Tuesday 8 Dec: Zoom online at 9.00am <https://zoom.us/j/122778377>

Wednesday 9 Dec: St Luke's at 9.00am

Thursdays: 10 Dec St Briavels at 9.00am



Mid-Week Communion - Holy Communion (social distanced) will be available in St Luke's on Wednesday 9, 16 & 23 December at 11am and 12noon. Please contact Clare to book a place 01291 627478 tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com (space is limited).

St Luke's Church will be open for private prayer between 9am and 4pm Tuesday-Thursday

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Chase will be open for Private Prayer during December 9am-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays

Hewelsfield Church will be open for Private Prayer 9-4pm

St Briavels Church will be open for Private Prayer 10-4pm

Christmas Worship - We are finalising the services for December and will publish a list of all the worship on offer in our church buildings and online shortly. Look out for details in the weekly briefings.

We are collating a rota of people to do readings and lead prayers at both Tutshill and Tidenham Churches over the next few months. If you are interested in being involved please contact Clare. If you are unable to get to the church but would like to contribute, we might be able to arrange for someone to film you or you could send us a recording.

Financial Support - Without our usual Sunday gatherings in our church buildings financial giving to the Parish(es) has inevitably reduced. Please can we ask that you consider making a gift to the Church this December and also consider ongoing regular financial giving into 2021. We realise that some people are under financial pressures, whilst others have more income at their disposal as outgoings have reduced. For information and advice please contact Parish



Treasurer Ewen Hamilton on 01291 62615 or 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.

Parish News and Information

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

Fairtrade – If you would like to order any gifts from the Traidcraft catalogue please call Julia on 622163 or for more information visit their website, <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>. Thanks



Nativity Trail - A nativity trail will start on Friday 4th December. It will begin at Tutshill Memorial Hall and finish in St Luke's Churchyard. Children are welcome to paint a nativity character on a pebble and place it on the footpath leading to the church. More details and a trail map will be available on the facebook page; www.facebook.com/Tutshill-Nativity-Trail or for more information please contact Jane on cfmtidenham@btinternet.com, thank you.

Food Bank Christmas Gift Appeal – Thank you to all those who have kindly donated to the Food Bank Appeal. You can still donate gift bags of treats for children and young people perhaps including stationery, toys, toiletries or confectionery. For more information please contact Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com or Sue Thompson 07712 938926 suzyt43079@aol.com



CAP Debt Centre Manager David Price has a client in our parish and is seeking someone from the church community to accompany him on visits and to act as a befriender. If you would like to offer or to know more about what's involved please contact Revd Janice by Monday 7th December.

Charitable Donations - Tidenham Parish Churches have donated to the following charities in the past on behalf of its parishioners via the church collections. The PCC have provided bank details below of these charities if you wish to make a donation. Thank you

Crisis, Bank sort code: 16-00-30, Account number: 12011155

Tearfund, Bank sort code: 20-00-00, Account number: 53803058

Barnabus Fund, Bank sort code: 20-26-53, Account number: 50133299

Embrace the Middle East, Bank sort code: 60-11-01, Account number: 15540464

GARAS, Bank sort code: 40-22-09, Account number: 01771671

Further details of ways to donate, and how to make a donation by Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, can be found on the websites of each of the charities.

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/UcKriOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group Online - Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- Wednesday 10.30am (hopefully restarting soon) DTRevd@aol.com
- Wednesday 8pm. fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1pm - Life Group Online – Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

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St Briavels & Hewelsfield website		www.stbandhchurches.org.uk