



"where the river flows everything will live"

WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2021

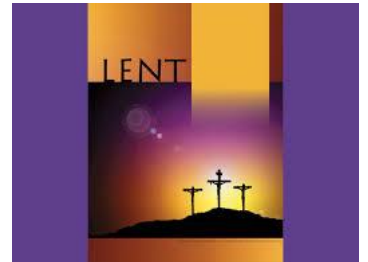
Update on Zoom Coffee 11.30am-12.15pm Sunday Mornings.

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.

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The 2nd February (Candlemas) marks the liturgical end of the Christmas season (yes, it's true). Now the Church begins the journey towards Lent which starts with Ash Wednesday on 17 February. Lent can often be thought of as a bit gloomy with its focus on repentance, amendment of life and giving up things. However, Lent need not be gloomy (it means 'springtime') and we're not planning for it to be such this year! We've all had our fill of 'gloomy!' Fiona Gardiner gives a little introduction to some of what we're planning...



Lenten Pilgrimage...A Different Way

*"Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything to do it as for thee."* (George Herbert, 1633)

We'd like to invite you to journey with us through Lent: a pilgrimage that breaks no lockdown rules; one we can do in our own homes! This year's Lenten theme is all about noticing God every day in the ordinary things around us. So what do we have to do?

Each week of Lent we'll focus on a particular room in our homes. Daily, a different object found there will be considered alongside a Bible verse or two, with some guidance or questions attached. Then it's over to each of us as we respond:

Upward: We speak to God about what we've discovered about Him, our faith, ourselves.

Inward: What is God teaching us through this object about his love and call on our lives?

Outward: How can put this.... in a simple and effective way? For our family, friends, neighbours, our community, God's wide world.



Our responses and insights will be explored in the Wednesday Lent Course as we delve together into the deep themes of Regret, Repentance, Resolution, Recognition, Reconciliation, Renewal and Resurrection. So, while we may not be trudging along the winding road to Santiago de Compostela on our pilgrimage, let's travel together and learn more about the Lord, about our faith, about ourselves as we head towards Holy Week and Easter.

Fiona Gardiner

Reader in the Parish of Tidenham.

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.

The Second Sunday before Lent

This Sunday will be Family Worship which includes creating an outdoor Christingle. To join in you will need the following items: Plant pot, soil, 4 bulbs, red ribbon or wool and a candle. If you do not have these items there is a paper template on page 5 or on our Facebook Page or website.

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.

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The Bible readings: Colossians 1:15-20 & John 1:1-14

The Collect: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion prayer: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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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.

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, 7.30pm Life Group online (weekly from 13 January) fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group Online (from 13th January fortnightly) 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."

I hope that those of you who have been able to watch the online church Sunday Service on YouTube enjoyed the worship led by some of the young people last week. It takes a lot of courage to appear on camera not knowing who will be watching. A big thank you to all those involved, also a thank you to the church family who support our young people and our children in their faith development. 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? We will be looking to include the hymns in our worship going forward, please let Clare or David know or post your favourites on our Parish Facebook page.

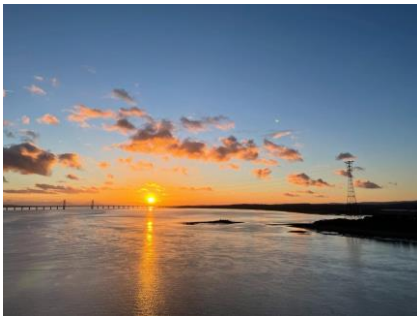
Here are some hymns we have received so far;

Mary Vittle – For All The Saints, Polly Morgan - Christ Be Our Light, Betty Bennett & Jean Marshall - How Great Thou Art, Marilyn Turner - Beauty for Brokenness, Rhian Maw & Kathy Treharne - In Christ Alone, Jean Massih-Carter - Shout to The Lord, Mary Murphy - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, Robin Riordan – Jerusalem, Adele Owen – Love Divine, Ella Richardson - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Jean Burgum - As the Deer Panteth for the Water, Jenny Shaw - Here is the Little Door and the late Audrey Vaughan's favourite was Hark my Soul it is the Lord.

Thanks Vicar David.



Congratulations to Margaret and Paul Coombs who celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary!



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 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/weekly-bulletin-26-01-21/>

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/>

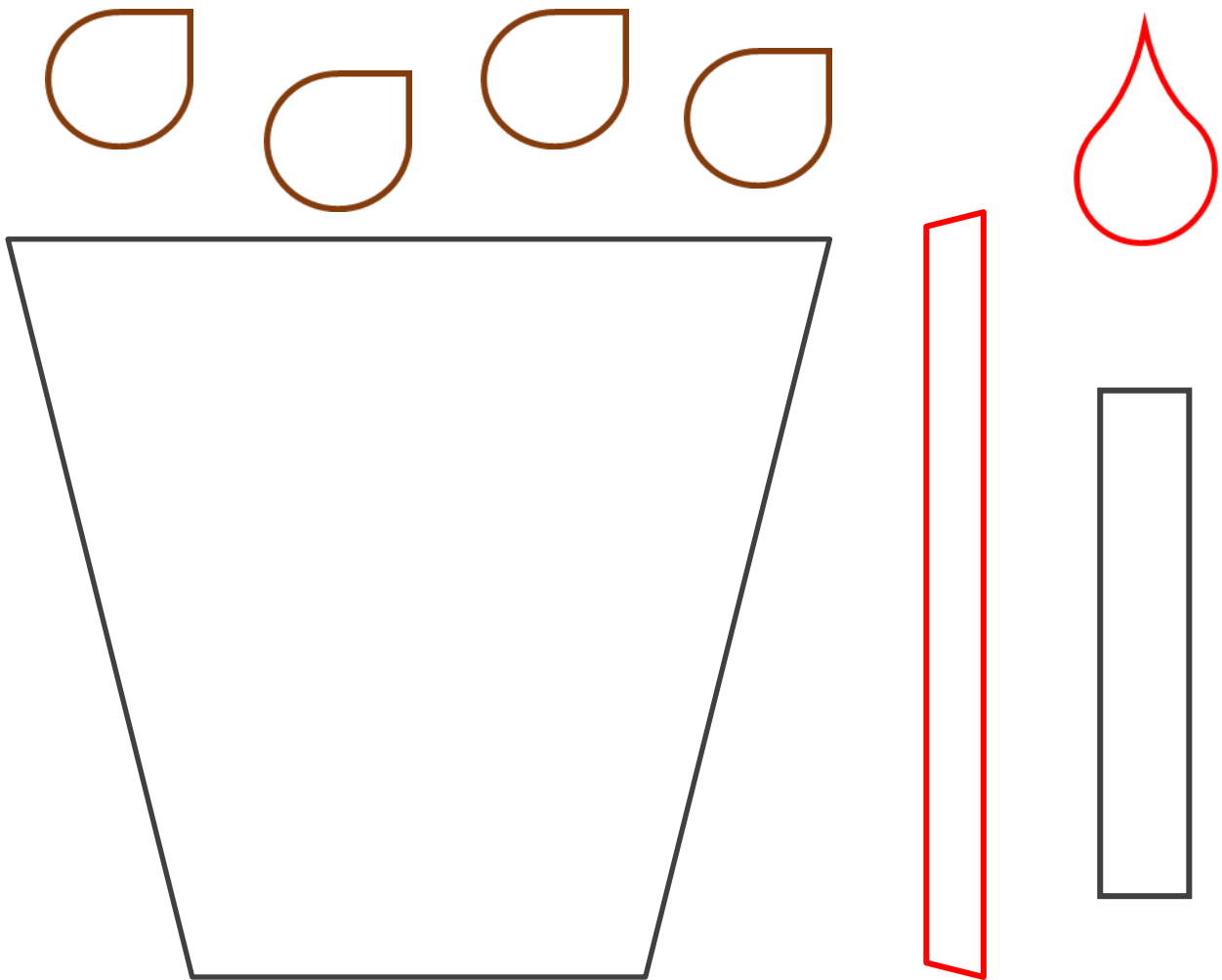
YouTube channel: ‘Tidenham Parish Online Church’ with videos to assist your devotions.

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

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Template for a paper Christingle



Cut out each part and reassemble (with glue) to create a virtual Christingle.
You can colour the parts if you want.

- Pot filled with soil reminds us of God's earth.
- 4 bulbs are hidden in the soil, as you 'plant' each bulb:

- 1) Give thanks
- 2) Pray for others who need God's love
- 3) Praise God for His wonderful creation
- 4) Pray for God's world in need

Bulbs grow in the darkness and we cannot see under the soil. We have to wait. God hears our prayers and sometimes we have to wait and trust that He is working, even when we cannot see it!

- Red ribbon reminds us of God's love. It wraps around the pot, just as God's love in Jesus surrounds the whole earth like a huge hug.

The ribbon is red, just like Jesus' blood, which he shed when He died for us to show His love.

- The candle is a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the World. Place the red flame on top of the candle.

Jesus is like light to us and shines, showing how to live. He is our guide throughout life. Light brings Hope, even in the darkest of places.

When you have created your outdoor Christingle, put it somewhere it can be seen and use it to remind you of God's love for you and the whole world.