



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## **WEEKLY PARISH BRIEFING SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021**

### **Some Staff News...**

**Clare Presley** - Next week Clare will be having her long-awaited hip replacement operation; so Clare will be on leave from her duties in the Parish for a few weeks. If you have any admin enquiries, please contact Vicar David or other members of the team (contacts at the end of the briefing). We will of course do our best to cover Clare's work but please be patient with us if we're not up to scratch! In the meantime please do hold Clare in your prayers. Clare, we wish you well and a speedy recovery!



### **An apprise from our Associate Priest Revd. Canon Dr Tom Clammer.**

Some of you might be aware that since I found myself needing to retire from paid ministry in the Church of England a couple of years ago I have been trying to work out where my vocation might lie moving forward. For the past couple of years I have been exploring potentially becoming a Brother of the Anglican Order of Cistercians. This is a relatively young Order, which seeks to recover something of the Cistercian charism within the Anglican churches of Great Britain. If you want to know more about this community you can Google them <https://cistercianorder.com/>



You will be aware of the ancient presence of the Cistercians within the Wye Valley, symbolised in the enduring presence of the ruins of Tintern Abbey. Fundamentally the life is one of worship, contemplation and underpinning of the active church in prayer. In my case the focus of this prayer will be on supporting and enabling the life of the parishes. There is a commitment to at least five liturgical moments of prayer each day, together with study, reading and silence. All of this is lived fully in the secular world, and in my case in the context of my vocation to be an Anglican priest, and to be married to Emma.



Having been an enquirer, and then for the last 18 months a postulant, I am able to announce that the Chapter of the Order have agreed to admit me as a novice on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, on 19 March this year. I will spend several years as a novice, deepening my understanding of the Cistercian way, after which I may be invited to make the vows of Obedience, Stability and Conversion of Life. You won't see any immediate evidence of this development of my vocation, other than the letters OC appearing after my name. In due course you might also see that I begin to appear wearing the habit of the Order rather than a cassock and collar, as secular clergy do.

If you were able to take a moment on 19 March to pray for me, together with my fellow postulant Heller, who is also becoming a novice that day, that would be a kindness.

God bless

*Tom Clammer*

**Lent Continues... do join in if you can**



### **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm - Zoom Lent Course.**

40 Days of Renewal - Noticing God in Everyday Things.

Here is the Zoom link for you to join the 7.30pm Lent gathering

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84395865106?pwd=TOlxYjdYajNBbmRicDBwaXI5N2Zrdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 9586 5106 Passcode: 314970

### **Lent Pilgrimage at Home daily booklet**

Although we are still detached from one another we are all invited to journey together this Lent. As well as the Lent course on Wednesday evenings we have a daily devotional. Hard copies are available in the porches of the 5 churches (Tidenham, Tutshill, Chase, St Briavels and Hewelsfield) or you can find the daily devotion on the Parish Facebook page or you can go to Instagram @tidenhamparishlent which has additional posts giving the background to some Lenten practices.

## **Services in Parish of Tidenham**

### **Important Covid Update**

In light of the recent Government Roadmap announcement, from Wednesday 10 March the small gatherings for Holy Communion will resume at St Luke's Church at 11am and 12noon. Places are limited, masks must be worn and social distancing maintained.

If you would like to attend please email Vicar David - DTRevd@aol.com or leave a message on 01291 760034.

We hope that other 'in person' worship and private prayer opportunities will restart around Holy Week, in line with the easing of restrictions. In the meantime Sunday worship and other provision will continue to be available 'online.'

### **The Third Sunday of Lent**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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

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 week, and what might you want/need prayer for in the coming week? Feel free to join us.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82631968802?pwd=N3hyak5IL3hnRXlVV3NtelVtVG0zZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 3196 8802, Passcode: 497225

**The Bible readings:** Exodus 20:1-17 & John 2:13-22

**The Collect:** Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Morning Prayer on zoom.**

We continue 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 prayer for YCFM.

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

Meeting ID: 781 7053 1212 Passcode: 2vKKGp

**Splash Meeting via Zoom** - 3pm Sunday 7th March, 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](mailto:James.darsie@gmail.com)
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group Online - Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)
- Wednesday, 7.30pm Life Group online (**not during Lent**) [fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com)
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group Online (**not during Lent**) [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.”*

**Scarecrow Trail 2021** - The route has changed slightly this year and we need Scarecrow hosts along Coleford Road (as well as Sedbury Lane and Severn Avenue). If you are interested please contact Jane or Susan on [tutshillscarecrow@yahoo.com](mailto:tutshillscarecrow@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.



Thank you

**Sedbury Space Newsletter** is now available. If you would like a copy please phone Susan on 07522 178639 or email [info@sedburyspace@gmail.com](mailto:info@sedburyspace@gmail.com).

**Fairtrade Fortnight** is from Monday 22 Feb to Sunday 7 March. It's an opportunity to find out more about the difference Fairtrade makes. The theme this year is 'Climate,' 'Fairtrade and You' and 'Choose the World You Want.' As Christians we are encouraged to care for one another and the beautiful world God has given us. We can all make changes to help choose the world we want by buying Fairtrade produce and enabling producers to feed their families and invest in their land and farm sustainably. Give Fairtrade a try, there are



over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop look for the Fairtrade mark. For more information speak to Julia, Cate, Tanya or Marilyn, or visit the website

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/resources-library/current-campaigns/fairtrade-and-the-climate-crisis/> or <https://fairtradewales.com/get-involved/fairtrade-fortnight-2021>

**Fairtrade Easter Eggs** – We wanted to alert you that this range has moved online as supermarkets have failed to make space for the UK's only egg which shares the Easter story and support Fairtrade.

David Marshall, from The Meaningful Chocolate Company, said: "We have supplied supermarkets since 2010. Last year, with Easter at the start of lockdown, the supermarkets had a disastrous time as people stayed away from high streets. This year, supermarket buyers were told to cut brands and this has included The Real Easter Egg. So if you are one of the 80,000 people who usually buy a Real Easter Egg from Tesco, Waitrose, ASDA or Morrisons then go online and order direct."

All Real Easter Eggs come with an Easter story in the box. They provide an opportunity to share the joy of Easter with friends and family. The 2021 Original Real Easter Egg includes a new 24-page Easter story activity book. It features a rainbow design to remind us of the importance of working together, in amazing and inspiring ways, for the common good. It costs £4.50 and is delivered in multiples of six or as singles. Order your eggs now direct from [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk).

### **Annual Revision of Church Electoral Roll - Tidenham Parish.**

The existing church electoral roll is posted on all Church notice boards, along with the formal legal notice of the proposed annual revision in advance of this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM /AGM) on Sunday 25 April. The PCC will revise the roll between Sunday 21 March and Sunday 4 April.

If you are not on the church electoral roll, and wish to register please contact Iain on 01291 624868 or email [i.a.gardiner007@btinternet.com](mailto:i.a.gardiner007@btinternet.com) for an application form. These should be returned to Iain Gardiner, Church electoral roll officer by Sunday 4 April.

**Desert Island Hymns** – ‘Last Chance’- 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 David know or post your favourites on our Parish Facebook page.



**‘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-23-02-21/>

**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/UcKjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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

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