



"where the river flows everything will live"

Final Briefing of 2021



Covid Updated Guidance

The situation with Covid has been changing rapidly in recent days and may change again soon. Currently, we aim to worship the Lord safely in our church buildings, outside or online! All are welcome, but please adhere to all the Covid guidelines - mandatory face coverings, hand sanitizer and keeping socially distanced. In addition, we encourage lateral flow tests before gathering indoors. If you feel unwell or have any of the Covid symptoms, PLEASE do not attend. Whilst our church buildings are very well ventilated, please be careful for the sake of others. We may take services outside, depending on numbers and current Government guidelines. Thank you!



Thank you to all who make our parishes/communities work so well. Thank you to all of you who bring Christ's light, love, joy, peace and hope. Thank you to all our financial supporters. Thank you to all my colleagues, co-workers, volunteers, fellow disciples and fellow travellers on the road.

May each of you know the hope, peace, joy and love of Jesus Christ in your heart and in your home. May you know the Light of the World in any darkness you may be facing and his loving presence in a special way over these days!

Please stay safe and Happy Christmas! God bless you.

David

Please see below and there is online provision at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

Bible Readings:

Christmas Eve Isaiah 52:7-10 and John 1:1-14

Christmas Day Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:8-20

Sunday 26th Acts 7:51 – end and Matthew 10:17-22

The Collect for Christmas Eve: Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer: God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be both now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Christmas Day: Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

Collect for First Sunday of Christmas: God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in Heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Check website for further details www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk

Christmas Eve

3.30pm Bobble hats and lanterns **outside** St Luke's on the school field. Feel free to come dressed as part of the Nativity!

4pm Family Service at St Briavels

9pm Midnight Mass at St Luke's, Tutshill

10pm Family Communion at Hewelsfield

11.15pm Midnight Mass at Tidenham Church

11.30pm Midnight Communion at St Briavels

Christmas Day

9am BCP Communion at Tidenham Chase

10am Worship at St Luke's, Tutshill

10am All Age Eucharist with carols at St Briavels

Boxing Day – Sunday 26th

10am Communion and carols at St Briavels

10.30am Simple Holy Communion with Carols at St Luke's, Tutshill

Tuesday 28th

Tuesday 28th December @ 3pm Christmas Blue Service to remember Loved Ones at Hewelsfield

Epiphany

Sunday 2nd January @ 8.30am BCP Communion at St Briavels

Sunday 2nd January @ 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's & St Peter's, Tidenham

Sunday 2nd January @ 9.30am All Age Eucharist at St Briavels

Sunday 2nd January @ 11am Family Worship at Hewelsfield

Sunday 2nd January @ 11am Family Communion at St Luke's, Tutshill

Sunday 9th January @ 4pm Epiphany carols at St Mary's & St Peter's, Tidenham

Weekday Holy Communion:

Wednesdays at 12.00 noon, St Luke's, Tutshill – last one until 12th January

Wednesdays at 10.30am, St Briavels – 22nd Dec - **first and third Wednesdays of each month only**

Weekly Morning Prayer – resuming 10th January

Mondays 9.30am St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham (except Bank Holidays)

Tuesdays 9.00am St Mary's Priory, Chepstow (Churches Together)

Wednesdays 9.15am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke's (note the change back to Wed)

Thursdays 9.00am St Briavels

Evening Prayer

Tuesdays 5.00pm Sedbury Space – please check

Life Group Meetings Weekly – please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in and the restart dates for 2022:

Sunday 7.30pm Life Group for Men! Resuming 9th January online - James Parsons - jamesdparsons727@gmail.com

Monday 2-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space – resuming 3rd Jan Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk

Monday 7.30pm New Life Group - Vicar David - dtrevd@aol.com (restart after Christmas)

Tuesday 1.00pm Life Group - Julia Parsons, venue varies - juliaparsons727@gmail.com

Wednesday	10.15am	Reconvene mid January - TBC
Wednesday	7.30pm	Reconvene mid January - TBC
Thursday	1.30pm	Life Group - Tanya White - tanya.rockymead@gmail.com

New Baby & Parent Support Group Weekly – restarting in 2022; please check. St Luke's, Tutshill, every Tuesday morning 9.15am-10.45am. To attend phone or text Emma Durbin on 07369 226546 or via Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

Sedbury Stay and Play – restarting in 2022; please check. Sedbury Village Hall on Wednesday at 9.15am-10.30am. To a book a place or send a message via facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay> or contact Emma

Youth Church Group (11-16yrs) meet in St Luke's most Sundays 5-6pm. Contact Ethan tidenhamyouth@gmail.com for restart date and more information

Parish News and Information

Annabelle Stephens now has a new mobile phone contact for parishioner enquiries: Monday-Friday 10am-4pm **07553 779632** and the email remains the same at tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com

NEW Bereavement Support Group. An opportunity to meet and talk with others over coffee. Contact Nicki 07936 787409 or Susan 07522 178639.

COME & SEE THE TREES IN DECEMBER AT ST MARY'S & PETER'S TIDENHAM

2-4pm on the following days:

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th

Independent Examiner. The Parish needs to appoint an Independent Examiner to examine the Parish Accounts at the year end. Andy Royle has been approached to undertake this task. If you have any questions/queries, please contact PCC Secretary Iain Gardiner 01291 624868.

Rotas. We are putting together various rotas at St Luke's Tutshill for 2022. If you are interested in being involved, please sign up on the relevant sheet at the church, or email Annabelle at tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com

What's on at Sedbury Space Check at <https://www.sedburyspace.org.uk>

One Stop Café – every Tuesday, 10.00am-Midday. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat

Shared Reading Group – last Wed in the month, 2-3.30pm. Please contact Polly - 07724 738848. Refreshments provided.

'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester - <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

Financial Support - Christmas Giving to your Church. As Christmas approaches, the Church here in the Parish has often relied on extra giving over this period. Sadly, Covid may well affect attendance at services and therefore our giving.

Please consider whether you may be able to give a financial gift to God's church here in this Parish. A big thank you to all of you who give to the Lord's work here in this place! These are the giving options - Bank Account - Tidenham Parochial Church Sort Code 30-91-89 Account Number 00304754. Standing Order & Gift Aid Forms available to download from Website <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/giving/>

Parish Treasurer - John Dempsey, tidenhamtreasurer@gmail.com

Charitable Donations – Please consider donating to the following charities this year. Thank you.

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

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

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

Further details of ways to donate, and how to donate 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: www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk

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

Facebook Group: all welcome to join this private group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

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