



"where the river flows everything will live"

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY First Sunday of Lent

*As we journey through a renewing Lent, may we learn and relearn to live life together
in the flow of God's amazing love.*

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham
Holy Communion 9.00am

St Luke's, Tutshill
Holy Communion 11.00am with Splash children's provision

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
Evensong 4.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
Family Holy Communion 9.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
Family Worship 11.00am

Bible Readings: Genesis Ch 2:15-17 and Ch 3:1-7 and Matt 4:1-11

The Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Post Communion Prayer: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

Monday

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9.00am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke's, Tutshill

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

Please don't dunk!

"The Church of England advises against the practice of 'intinction' – when the consecrated bread is dipped into the wine - this could represent an infection transmission route."

See www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk or www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w

LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY: Please contact your group leaders, if you would like to join us.

Sunday

7.30pm Life Group for Men! Online with James Parsons jamesdparsons727@gmail.com

Monday

2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk

7.30-9.00pm **Living the Christian Life** – see below, starting on 27th February @ 7.30pm in St Luke's.

Lent 2023 - think seriously about what you are called to be and/or do this Lent. Lent can be a time of transformation.

In this Year of Discipleship and season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, we are once again invited on a journey of deepening our relationship with the Lord. The theme for Lent is 'Living the Christian Life' and we will look at 5 areas of Christian life:

- 1. Living God's Way: God's commandments, ethics and lifestyle*
- 2. Serving the Lord: Christian ministry and calling*
- 3. Your money and your life: Christian attitudes to money and possessions*
- 4. Learning to Love: Relationships and matters of forgiveness and reconciliation*
- 5. Sharing the Faith: Sharing our story*

All the Parish Life Groups will be invited to engage with this material and there will be an additional Lent Life Group for 5 Monday evenings... 27 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar and 27 Mar meeting at 7.30pm until 9.00pm in St Luke's Church, Tutshill (tea and coffee from 7.15pm).

Tuesday

1.00pm with Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com

Wednesday

10.15-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill.

7.30pm with Fiona/Wendy, **breaking for Lent and Easter**

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on essywoolcock@googlemail.com

Thursday

1.30pm with Tanya White at Rockymead - tanya.rockymead@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING / ANNUAL REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL - Tidenham Parish, Iain Gardiner, Church Electoral Roll Officer 01291 624868.

This year's Annual Church Meeting (APCM /AGM) will be held at 12:00 noon in St Luke's Church, Tutshill, on Sunday 23rd April, i.e. after the Morning Service, followed by a Bring & Share lunch.

In advance of that meeting, the PCC must review the existing Church Electoral Roll which has been posted on all Church notice boards, between Sunday 19th March and Sunday 2nd April. If your name is already on the Roll, you don't need to do anything! If your name is **not** on the Church Electoral Roll and you wish to

register, application forms are available at the back of each church, or email me at ian706gardiner@btinternet.com. These should be completed and returned to me either electronically or via hard copy no later than Sunday 2nd April.

The formal legal notice of the proposed annual revision to the roll and Tidenham Parish's GDPR privacy notice redated January 2023 have also been posted on the church notice boards.

Bereavement Group Fish & Chip Supper – 7.00pm 1st March at Sedbury Space. We will be having our annual Fish & Chip supper to bring together anyone who has suffered bereavement. We do need numbers please, so contact Revd Nicki 07936 787409 or Susan on info@sedburyspace.org.uk.

Rotas – please can you give us a hand with refreshments after the Sunday service at St Luke's Tutshill? It's only once a month – please let Polly or Nicholette know. Same for cleaning, please help!

DATE CHANGE - Tidenham Parish Quiet Day - a day for silence and stillness 10.00am-4.30pm on Saturday 15th July 2023 at Michaelgarth TyMawr Convent, Trellech. For details and to confirm a place, please contact Leonie Jones 07742 977214 or 01291 628682 or Cate Phillips 01291 624260.

Parish Well-Being Easter Coffee Morning – come along to St Luke's 10.00-12.00am for our next get-together on **27th March** for a chat and a coffee, with an Easter theme – please bring/make an Easter bonnet or hat! Please contact Polly Morgan, Pastoral Assistant, for more info pollyanne60@icloud.com.

Scarecrow Trail – **26th March-15th April**. It won't be long before we have our special pilgrimage around Tutshill with our family Scarecrow Trail, Musicals – Stage or Screen. This is a fantastic community event which raises money for our Parish churches and local charities – get your family and friends along to join you in this wonderful event. Please contact Emma 07369 226546 - emmad.cyfm@gmail.com - or the Scarecrow team on scarecrowtrail@yahoo.com

Share your Favourite Bible Story – If you can read a story to Reception class at Tutshill CofE School, please contact Emma: 07369 226546 - emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

Do we have any crafters out there? Can you offer a one-off craft session or teach a hobby to the Youth or Children, eg. cake icing, crocheting, planting, etc. Please contact Emma, Non, Joel or JR.

To Be Connected (TBC) is a Forest wide Christian Young Adults group (18-30yr olds). First Wednesday of the month, 7.00-8.30pm at Ruardean Hill Baptist Church, Ruardean GL17 9AZ and on Zoom. For more info, please contact jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk

Tutshill Baby & Toddler Group – Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke's, Tutshill. Term time only. Emma Durbin 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

Sedbury Stay & Play for pre-school families – Wednesdays 9.15-10.30am at Sedbury Village Hall. Term time only. Emma 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

Parish Lunch – 12.15pm first Thursday of the month at Woodcroft Centre, but we have two in March, 2nd March and 30th, and none in April. Contact George and Beryl for more info 01291 625551.

Pilates – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke's Church, Tutshill; part of our Wellbeing initiative with gentle physical activity to support spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / loreespinosaa@icloud.com.

What's On at Sedbury Space - check at <https://www.sedburyspace.org.uk>
One Stop Café - Tuesdays 10.00-12.00am - come for a cuppa and a chat at Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall

Memory Café - First Wednesday of each month 2.00-3.30pm

Chaplaincy Chatroom - Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm

Financial Support – are you able to give a financial gift to God’s church here in this Parish or can you increase your regular giving. Thank you to all those who do. Parish Bank Account - Tidenham Parochial Church Sort Code 30-91-89 Account Number 00304754. Standing Order & Gift Aid Forms available to download from Website and there is a card reader in church.

<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/giving/> Parish Treasurer - Paul Coombs

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER - The Parish will not be holding any retiring collections for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster 2023. Should you wish to financially support the efforts, please donate via the Disasters Emergency Appeal - www.dec.org.uk

TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS & 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/>

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

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