



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St Mary & St Peter Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke Tutshill

11.00am Holy Communion with Splash/Youth

St Michael & All Angels Chase

6.00pm Compline

St Mary the Virgin St Briavels

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield

11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings: Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP
SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St Mary & St Peter Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke Tutshill
11.00am Morning Worship with Splash/Youth

St Michael & All Angels Chase
6.00pm BCP Holy Communion

St Mary the Virgin St Briavels
9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield
11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings: Hebrews 11:29-12; 2 Luke 12:49-56

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

MID-WEEK GATHERINGS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAYS – not Bank Holidays

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter Tidenham

9.15am Children & Families Morning Prayer. Contact juliaparsons727@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's Priory Chepstow

5.00pm Evening Prayer, St Michael & All Angels Chase

WEDNESDAY

9.00am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke Tutshill

12.00am Healing Holy Communion, St Mary & St Peter Tidenham

THURSDAY

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

See www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk or www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w

LIFE GROUP WEEKLY MEETINGS



Come and join a Life Group, open to all, running throughout the week; we talk about life and faith or topics relevant to what's happening around us.

Monday - not Bank Holidays

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

Tuesday

1.00pm with Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com

Wednesday

Finished for the summer, reconvening in September at Café on the Hill

7.30pm with Fiona and Wendy at home: Fiona 01291 624868 or fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com

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

Thursday

Finished for the summer, reconvening September 1.30pm at Tanya's – tanya.rockymead@gmail.com for information

Youth

If you want to know more about faith, enjoy fun and food, come to our weekly Youth Group with regular events specifically for your age group, contact churchwarden, Robin.

Five Churches Fellowship – 29 September and 24 November

Following the very encouraging launch of the Five Churches Fellowship, when all five churches were represented, we are delighted to confirm the next one is on Monday 29 September at St Mary the Virgin St Briavels and Monday 24 November at St Luke Tutshill. Please come along or ask Tudor for more details.

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

MONEY MANAGEMENT

As part of a local churches CAP programme, we are co-running a money management course in September. Having gone through the training to become a tutor, it has helped Robin think differently about how to budget and is very useful to reduce the stress of managing money in life.

If you are interested in attending, follow the instructions below: [Churches Together: Chepstow Churches Together - CAP Money Course](#)

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Rosalind will be finishing in her role as Parish Safeguarding Officer at the end of August. We are seeking a new volunteer to take on this role. If you have good organisational skills and would be willing to give of your time in this way, please speak to Rosalind or the churchwardens, Robin or Brian, or email tidenhamsafeguarding@gmail.com Full training will be provided. Safer recruitment processes will apply for this role including an enhanced DBS check.

ROAD CLOSURE – IMPACT ON ST LUKE TUTSHILL

Sunday Services are not affected, whilst road works are being carried out on the B4228 Coleford Road in Tutshill from 28 July–21 August 0900-1500 weekdays only. However:

- Wednesday's midday Healing Eucharist will be held at St Mary & St Peter Tidenham 1200
- Tuesday's Pilates will be cancelled until September
- No Coffee Morning in August

Stewardship and Funding Church Activities

As with all our domestic situations, the costs of sustaining our church ministry and associated parish activities are rising inexorably! There may be a view that during our vacancy without a vicar's stipend to pay, our outgoings may be reduced, BUT this has no impact on our PCC finances because the stipend is paid from "central" funds not directly by the PCC. We are still expected to pay our parish share to the diocese, but the PCC has reduced the amount of this significantly this year to help maintain our general activities and outgoings. We know that times are not easy, financially, for many people, but we would encourage those of you who feel able to look at what you can contribute through the collections (cash or card) or standing orders to the maintenance of Christ's Ministry and the spread of the Gospel in our parish.

With blessings and many thanks for your support - Brian, Robin and the team

A message from Emma Durbin

Thank you all, so very much for your friendship, support and loveliness over the past four years. I couldn't have been in the role of CYFM without you. Thank you also for your gifts and kind words. I feel quite overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you all, lots of love, Emma x

And a message from Tom and Emma Clammer

We wanted to write and thank all of the congregations of Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield so much for the kind words, messages, and gifts which we received over the past six weeks or so of our 'final' services in the parishes. Your generosity and kindness have been very touching, and we feel very enfolded in your prayers. As I hope we have made clear, we don't expect this to be the last time you see us, but as Tom has stepped back from formal ministry in the parishes in order to support our home parish here in Salisbury over the next little while, it is wonderful to know that we do that with your love and prayers. Please be assured of our love and prayers for you. Tom and Emma.

CYFM & Wellbeing Snippets

Below are **FREE** summer activities at Sedbury Village Hall, in partnership with Two Rivers Housing, Salvation Army and our own Wellbeing Project:

- **Free Community Breakfast Club** – Sedbury Village Hall 0900-1030 Wednesdays in August, with an activity afterwards.

Parish Wellbeing Coffee Mornings – we'll see you on the last Monday of September at St Luke Tutshill 1000-1200. None in August. Contact Polly for details: pollyanne60@icloud.com or 07724 738848

Parish Luncheon – again we shall see you in September on the first Thursday of the month 12.15pm at the Woodcroft Christian Centre. None in August. Contact George and Beryl on georgechealey@gmail.com or 01291 625551

A PRAYER DURING THE VACANCIES FOR OUR VICAR AND CYF MINISTER

Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield, as we serve you together in this period without a Priest in Charge.

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for us and that these plans are good. We ask you now that You will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers.

Lord, we thank you for all the Children, Youth & Families in this parish. Please lead the right person to us, to lead us forward in this ministry.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover Your way for the future and see Your Kingdom grow. All this we ask in the strength of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

OUR LITTLE LARDER @ ST LUKE TUTSHILL – If stocks are low, don't worry please – contact Revd Nicki on 07936 787409.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING FOR YOUR WELLBEING AND JUST GOOD FUN – LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH but not Bank Holidays 10.00-12.00am at St Luke Tutshill: Polly Morgan – 07724 738848 pollyanne60@icloud.com NONE NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER

PARISH LUNCHEON – usually first Thursday of the month 12.15-1.30pm at Woodcroft Christian Centre, but please check with George and Beryl for the next one: georgechealey@gmail.com or 01291 625551. NONE IN AUGUST.

Regular Bell Ringing is back at St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham – Sunday ringing from 8.30am. Weekly practice Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm. All ages and abilities welcome - contact Cate 07596 185918.

OUR PARISH BABY & TODDLER GROUPS

TUTSHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP – Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke, Tutshill. **Term time only with Breakfast Club in half term and holidays.** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>
SEDBURY STAY & PLAY - our Parish runs a wonderful group for pre-school families – Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am at Sedbury Village Hall. **Term time only.** We do need extra help from time to time please. <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

FOREST WIDE YOUTH GROUPS:

To Be Connected (TBC) for Christian Young Adults (18-30yr olds), 7.00-8.30pm first Wednesday each month at Ruardean Hill Baptist Church GL17 9AZ and on Zoom. Contact jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk
BREATHE - Breathe Youth is a Christian Charity based in the Forest of Dean. Tel: 07738 422831 Email: rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk <http://www.breatheyouth.org.uk/>

Pilates for Wellbeing – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke, Tutshill; gentle physical activity to support spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / loreespinosaa@icloud.com

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

Bible Study – Mondays 2.00-3.00pm (**not Bank Holidays**)

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 1.30-5.00pm

Tidenham Parish Church is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory DBS Check where applicable.

PLEASE GIVE – WE NEED YOUR HELP!



For the price of a coffee or an ice cream, please give a little something to your church on Sundays. Cash or transfer (there are even card readers in church, so you can use your phone!):

Parish Bank Account - Tidenham Parochial Church. Sort Code 30-91-89. Account Number 00304754.

Please give by Standing Order instead of Cash – see Churchwardens or the Parish website.

Giving by Cheque - Please make payable to **Tidenham Parochial Church**.

TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS & CONTACTS

Parish Website: www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk

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

Facebook 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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