



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025
SIXTH 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 Evensong

St Mary the Virgin St Briavels

9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield

11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name 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 Emma 07369 226546 or emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

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

ROAD CLOSURE

Whilst works are being carried out on the Coleford Road, 28 July–28 August 0900-1500 weekdays only:

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

On the parish website, there are some wonderful photos of the recent Art & Flower festival!



St Luke's Fantasy Football

Another season is soon to begin, and do you fancy your chances? Join the St Luke's League and pitch yourself against some of the giants of the game (OK, a little exaggerated!). We would love you to enter your team and join in week by week. If you were in the League last year, you will be automatically entered when you register your team.

The details you need to know are

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/1lhc8j>

League Code: 1lhc8j

Look forward to competing again, Tudor

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 Wednesday 30 July, 6, 13, 20 and 27 August, with an activity afterwards: Wyldwood Arts are visiting after the 23 July session with a free packed lunch included.
- **Free** Music Bus – Sedbury Village Hall 1000-1200 Wednesday 6 August

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

After two years as our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Rosalind is stepping down from the role at the end of August. Thank you, Rosalind, for your stellar work in keep our parish a safe place to be! If you think you could help with this vital role in our parish, please contact Robin or Brian.



This year's Ride + Stride is on Saturday **13 September**. It's an opportunity to raise money for the upkeep of our churches by supporting Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT). 50% of money raised, for example, by sponsored walk or cycle between our own (or other Gloucestershire churches, or both!), comes back to us for the upkeep of own churches. Last year we raised about £700 of which about £350 came back to us. If you would like to take part, to walk or cycle and raise sponsor money, and to organise this year's walk (James can't do it this year) please let James Parsons know – contact him on 07970 489362 or jamesdparsons727@gmail.com

CHURCH KITCHENS

Whenever you are using the kitchens in St Luke or St Mary & St Peter, please can you wipe down the surfaces before and afterwards to ensure they are always clean – thank you.

Parish Wellbeing Coffee Mornings – we'll see you on the last Monday of September at St Luke Tutshill 1000-1200. None in July or 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

Flowers at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase Church

Please contact Susanna Jacks if you would like to remember someone special with flowers or prayers: susanna.jacks@btinternet.com or 07411 188627.

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 LUNCH – 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.** Emma 07369 2265406 or <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. Contact Emma 07369 226546 or <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 / lorespinosaa@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/>

Revd Nicki Bullivant, Associate Priest & Wellbeing Chaplain - 07936 787409 - nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk

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