



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: Acts 16: 9-15; John 5:1-9

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Ascension Day

Bible Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-53

Collect: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through 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

9.15am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke Tutshill

12.00am Healing Holy Communion, St Luke Tutshill

THURSDAY – ASCENSION DAY

6.00am Holy Communion with breakfast, St Luke Tutshill

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

10.30-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill

7.30pm with Wendy at home

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

Thursday

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

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION



Charity no. 1159658

SATURDAY JUNE 14th
7.30pm

“WELCOME TO SUMMER” - a GALA CONCERT



**St MARY & St PETER
CHURCH, TIDENHAM**



**AN EVENING OF WONDERFUL MUSIC
WITH
YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SOLOISTS**



MAISIE O'SHEA (Soprano)
MOLLY BEERE (Alto)
LAURIE STANDISH HAYES (Tenor)
LUCAS MAUNDER (Bass)
ELIZABETH BONSELL (Accompanist)



Tickets £15, including refreshments

All proceeds to the Friends of Tidenham Church

Please contact Marje & Brian for further information

***Tel. 01291 623310, bduerden@doctors.org.uk or
secretary.friends@icloud.com***

2025 Annual Church Meeting, Tidenham Parish

Our ACM was held on Sunday 11 May at Tutshill Church, chaired by Churchwarden Brian Duerden. Electronic or hard copies of the supporting documents are available from Annabelle Stephens, our Administration Assistant, or Iain Gardiner, PCC Secretary: - the 6-page Agenda and written reports, the 16-page Trustees' Annual Report and the Annual Accounts for 2024, and 4-page Draft Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting,

Congratulations to those elected to office at this year's Annual Church Meeting: -

- Brian Duerden and Robin Riordan, who were re-elected as Churchwardens until the next Annual Church Meeting in 2026
- Paul Coombs, Susan Riordan and Marilyn Turner who were elected to the PCC until the Annual Church Meeting in 2028.

They join our existing PCC members: Nicholette Flatman, Iain Gardiner, Andy Palmer, Emma Phillips and Tanya White.

Alongside them as Ex-Officio PCC members are: -

- Revd. Nicki Bullivant, our Associate Priest, *and*
- Molly Mayo and James Parsons, who were elected in 2023 to the Forest South Deanery Synod until the Annual Church Meeting in 2026

Please pray for all those called to serve Christ and his Church on the PCC.

Brian expressed sincere thanks to those who are stepping down from PCC this year: Oliver Hinton, Polly Morgan and Marilyn Henderson, who has stepped down after 20 years on the PCC.

Best regards, Iain Gardiner, Tidenham PCC Secretary, Church of England
01291 624868 / 07738 095839

A message from Brother Tom OC

It was a joy to return 'home' to the parishes that formed and nurtured me as a young Christian, and to exercise a roughly monthly ministry, since 2018. With a heavy heart I have discerned that after seven very happy years as an Honorary Associate Priest in the parishes, the time has come for me to lay down this piece of regular ministry. This is mostly due to the parish in which Emma and I worship the rest of the time going into vacancy in July. The Bishop of Salisbury has indicated that he would welcome me stepping up during the vacancy and helping to guide the parish through the next year or so, and I feel that I need to be obedient to that call. My health has also been gently declining over the past year or so, and it would seem prudent to begin to address some of the things that are the source of most fatigue, of which driving is definitely one.

So, I expect to bring my regular monthly ministry in the parishes to an end this summer, finishing in St Briavels and Hewelsfield on the Day of Pentecost, and then in 'the South' probably on 13 July. I'm not handing in my Permission to Officiate however, and will remain available for occasional cover, or invitations, and as these are my home parishes, you are likely to see me popping up in the congregation every now and then!

Emma and I are so grateful for the welcome we received in 2018 when we returned to regular worship in these parishes in the loveliest part of God's vineyard and be assured that you will remain uppermost in our prayers.

St Mary & St Peter Tidenham – now open regularly on Sundays and Mondays 9am-5pm.

BRANCH YOUTH WORSHIP BBQ EVENT:

Saturday 7th June 7.00pm at The Community Church, Cinderford GL14 2LY –
branchyouthworshipevent@gmail.com

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

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.

Tidenham Parish Quiet Day

Saturday 14 June at Ty Mawr Convent. Please register your place with either Leonie Jones 07742977214 or Cate Phillips 07596 185918.

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

Chepstow Foodbank is desperate for supplies, particularly tinned veg, tinned spaghetti hoops and tomatoes, pasta and rice, pasta sauces, rice pudding, custard, jam, biscuits and toothpaste. Contact www.chepstow.foodbank.org.uk

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

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.

Regular Bell Ringing is back at St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham – Sunday ringing from 8.30am. Weekly practice Tuesday evenings 7.15-9.00pm. 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: rjulus@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!

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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