



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham**  
9.00am Holy Communion

**St Luke, Tutshill**  
10.30am Youth breakfast at John & Esther's  
11.00am Holy Communion with Splash

**St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase**  
4.00pm Compline

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

**St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield**  
11.00am Family Worship

**Bible Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 & Luke 4: 1-13**

***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:*** 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.

## **Lent 2025 – look out every day for Holy inspiration on our parish Facebook page and website:**

We are offering a Prayer Space after the Wednesday Healing Eucharist and visit the parish website or Facebook page for daily inspiration. This year we would like to focus on Silence and waiting for God; in our busy worlds, we feel holding God in this way will help us all. Remember Jesus' contemplation in the wilderness.

### ***Lent course available at Gloucester Cathedral***

All are invited to participate in this year's Lent course at Gloucester Cathedral. It will consider the themes in Emma Ineson's book 'Failure: what Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up.'

Please register online using this link: [Gloucester Cathedral Lent Course](#)

The course is online on the following dates: Tuesday 4, 11, 18, 25 March and 1, 8 April at 7.30pm.

The course is also in person on the following dates: Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 3, 10 April at 1.45pm.

'The Passion Week of Jesus': 6 week online Lent course, 14 March, 7pm to 8.45pm: This is an in-depth biblical and theological look at the last seven days of Jesus' life, drawing on all four gospels for a detailed chronological picture. ['The Passion Week of Jesus': 6 week online Lent course – Diocese of Gloucester](#)

## **MID-WEEK GATHERINGS IN OUR PARISH**

### **MONDAYS**

## **LIVING HOPE**



### **Lent Course 2025**

**7pm Every Monday**

**March 10th to April 14th**

**St Christopher's Church, Bulwark**

God invites us to bring to him our own journey  
through everyday life. The hope God offers  
us is not wishful thinking. It is, real, robust, rooted.

And God promises a future where all things are  
healed and made new.

**Books are £2**

**RSVP: Rev Philip Averay on  
revphilipaveray@gmail.com  
or 01291 620980**

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

9.15am Children & Families Morning Prayer. Contact [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto: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, with our special prayer space during Lent for you to connect with the Lord**

### **THURSDAY**

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

See [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w)

### **LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY**



**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](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Tuesday**

1.00pm with Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:essywoolcock@googlemail.com)

#### **Thursday**

1.30pm at Tanya's – [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com) for information

#### **Youth**

If you want to know more about faith, have 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](mailto:emmad.cyfm@gmail.com)

## **PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **The Link Magazine is out now – enjoy!**

#### **New Parish Electoral Roll 2025**

Every C of E Parish has to create a completely new Church Electoral Roll in time for the 2025 Annual church meeting. The roll acts as a "membership list" for churchgoers in the parish and gives entitlement to vote at the Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) or stand for office as Churchwarden or PCC / Deanery Synod member.

Church rules require a formal notice to be published in early February, and you can see this on our church Notice Boards. Over the next few weeks congregations at Sunday services will be informed of what they need to do, but they can always contact the Church Electoral Roll Officer Iain Gardiner for more information.

- We start the new roll from scratch, meaning that everyone who wishes to be on the new roll needs to fill in a hard copy or pdf application form.
- Electoral Roll application forms are available at each church and should be returned to Iain Gardiner by 15 April.
- The preparation of the new roll will be completed by 22 April and exhibited in churches for at least two weeks before the APCM on Sunday 11 May 2025.

If you have previously given Iain your email address, he will send you a fillable pdf file that you can complete and email back to him at [iain706gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:iain706gardiner@btinternet.com). If, however, you were on the Parish Electoral Roll, you will **not** automatically be included in the next one; it is each person's responsibility to 'sign up' again, if they wish to be on the Parish Electoral Roll.

## 'Collected Poems and Prayers'

Our lovely Revd Canon Tudor Griffiths has recently published this collection which is available from Tudor himself for £5 - cheaper than Amazon! Some people have found it thought-provoking and even enjoyable - so if you are looking for something suitable for Lent, let Tudor know. You can even get a signed copy - just ask him in church or send a message (contact details below).

## Diocese of Gloucester Funerals are running some courses which you may be interested in:

### **Funeral & Bereavement Ministry Training April 2025**

Monday 7 April - 7 July 2025 weekly (no session Monday 21 April, 5 May, 26 May) 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
'The Monastery', (the old House of Frazer Building), near Cirencester Parish Church, Market Place, Cirencester, GL7 2NX (It will be possible to join some sessions by Zoom by arrangement)

This is a course for lay church members seeking to be Licensed for Funeral Ministry. It is also suitable for Readers or Ordained Ministers wishing to refresh their funeral ministry. The course will cover topics such as - leading funeral services, listening skills, the impact of grief and self-care for those in funeral & pastoral ministry. If you would like to register for this course, please talk with your incumbent first and then register by clicking [here](#). If you would like more information about the course, please contact Nick Partridge: [npartridge@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:npartridge@glosdioc.org.uk).

### **Bereavement Visitor Training June 2025**

Monday 16 June - 7 July 2025 weekly 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
'The Monastery', (the old House of Frazer Building), near Cirencester Parish Church, Market Place, Cirencester, GL7 2NX (It will be possible to join some sessions by Zoom by arrangement)

This course is suitable for lay church members wishing to be locally commissioned for Bereavement Ministry. It is also suitable for Readers or Ordained Ministers wishing to refresh their knowledge about Bereavement Ministry. If you would like to register for this course, please talk with your incumbent first and then register by clicking [here](#). If you would like more information about the course, please contact Nick Partridge: [npartridge@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:npartridge@glosdioc.org.uk).

### **SCARECROW TRAIL**

Here's the date for 2025 – 6-27 April – put in on your calendar now and get ready for our annual fun event! This is a massive fund raiser for our parish churches and local charities, so please get involved. The theme this year is Favourite Books and the entry fee remains a bargain £3! If anyone can make or host a scarecrow, encourage participants or help on the team, please let Emma know.

## **CYFM (Children Youth & Families Mission) SNIPPETS & WELLBEING MINISTRY**

- Wellbeing Ministry is running a pizza making workshop for children at St Luke Tutshill on 10 March 4.00-5.30pm.
- Do you think that you could spare one Wednesday morning a month to make refreshments for our lovely parents at Sedbury Stay & Play (Babies & Toddlers). It would be from 8.45am- 11.00am. If you'd like to bless and be blessed, please contact Emma Durbin (emmad.cyfm@gmail.com or 07369226546)
- Please pray for our Youth on 8 March, when they join other church Youth groups for a great day out.

## **LATEST UPDATE – THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR**

Whilst the initial lack of response to our recruitment drive has been disappointing, there are many parishes that have been in a similar situation before attracting the right person – so, we must not be downhearted! Please continue to pray for a successful outcome; in the meantime, please contact Revd Nicki for pastoral and Churchwardens, Brian or Robin, for non-pastoral matters. And please continue to pray to help us with the vacancy:

*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.*

*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** 10.00-12.00am at St Luke.

**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.

**Tuesday Bell Ringing** – Postponed until after all the works at Tidenham. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:loreespinosaa@icloud.com)

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

Bible Study – Mondays 2.00-3.00pm

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

## **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](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk)

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://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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