



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT & MOTHERING SUNDAY**

### ***CLOCKS CHANGE & SERVICE TIME AT CHASE***

**St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham**

9.00am Holy Communion

**St Luke, Tutshill**

11.00am Family Worship

**St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase**

6.00pm Evensong

**St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels**

9.30am Family Communion

**St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield**

4.00pm Joint service with the Moravians

**Bible Readings: John 19: 25-27 and Exodus 2: 1-10**

**Collect: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## **Lent 2025 – look out daily for Holy inspiration on Facebook and the website:**

We are offering a Prayer Space after the Wednesday Healing Eucharist; also visit the parish website or Facebook page for daily inspiration. This year we will 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**



#### **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

## **AND HERE ARE OUR EASTER SERVICES:**

### **Palm Sunday 13 April**

With Revd Ali Mephram presiding  
9.00am Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter Tidenham  
10.30am procession from Tutshill Memorial Hall to St Luke for  
11.00am Family Holy Communion  
6.00pm Compline at St Michael & All Angels Chase

### **Wednesday 16 April**

7.00pm 'Journeying through Grief to Hope',  
Service for the Bereaved at St Michael & All Angels' Chase

### **Maundy Thursday 17 April**

7.00pm Holy Communion & The Watch at St Luke Tutshill

### **Good Friday 18 April**

10.00am Children's Service at St Luke Tutshill  
2.00pm Good Friday Devotions at St Luke Tutshill with Parish Choir  
with Archdeacon Hilary presiding

### **Saturday 19 April**

9.00pm Easter Vigil at St Mary & St Peter Tidenham

### **Easter Sunday 19 April**

Archdeacon Hilary presiding at Tidenham & Tutshill  
9.00am Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter Tidenham  
11.00am Family Communion at St Luke Tutshill  
6.00pm BCP Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels Chase

See [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.youtube.com/channel/UCKRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w](https://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](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@gmail.com](mailto:essywoolcock@gmail.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

**Men's Breakfast** - Advance notice regarding Men's Breakfast on Saturday 5 April, St Luke 0900-1030. A chance to get together to have a bacon roll, as well as talk about issues of the day – AI has been suggested as the topic. If you are not sure what AI is, come and find out (and in case you think I watch too much Countryfile or My Farming Life, it's Artificial Intelligence, not the other AI!). How can it be used? Is AI an opportunity or a threat? Suggested cost £5.00 per person. It helps to know numbers in advance – please let James Parsons know by email jamesdparsons727@gmail.com or text 07970 489362 by Friday 4 April.

## **PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **ANNUAL TUTSHILL SCARECROW TRAIL BEGINS SOON!**

Dear Friends

Our annual Tutshill Scarecrow trail will take place again from the 6 - 27 April 2025. Entry forms will be available from the Lifestyle Express Shop in Tutshill NP16 7DJ, where you can start the trail and walk around to see the creative scarecrows in front gardens. This year the money raised will go to Tidenham Parish Churches with donations to SARA (Severn Valley Rescue Association) and The Wye Valley Greenway.

#### **THIS YEAR WILL ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM 13 APRIL**

The physical version is available on 6 April, but this year we are additionally making the scarecrow trail available online from the 13 -27 April 2025 for people who find it difficult to walk around or just live too far away. After 13 April, the online trail can be found on the Just Giving website - just type in "Tidenham Parish Church" to find it or alternatively click on this link which will be updated on 13 April, but will give you an idea of this year's format:

[JustGiving for Tutshill ScareCrow Trail 2025](#)

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/tutshill-scarecrows-2025?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/tutshill-scarecrows-2025?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

There you will find a link to a form with all the photos of the 2025 Scarecrows with a box above each one to name it. The form can be submitted back to us to mark. Help Tutshill ScareCrow-Committee raise money to support Tidenham Parish Church at [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)  
The form can be submitted back to us to mark.

#### **MAKING A DONATION**

We invite you to make a £3 donation to enter the competition and be eligible to win the special online prize. PLEASE BE AWARE that JustGiving will automatically add a £1 tip which will go to JustGiving. If you would like to alter this amount, then you can click on 'Enter Custom Amount' and reduce this to any amount. If you are eligible to tick the Gift Aid box that would be great. Thank You!

#### **PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Please forward this email to your friends and family. We are hoping that they will also then forward the email on to their friends and family.

Thank you and enjoy guessing the Favourite Book Scarecrows 2025 - *Scarecrow Committee March 2025*

## **New Church Electoral Roll 2025 – A gentle reminder!**

As Churchwarden Brian has said, “Being a church member is much more than being able to vote at the annual church meeting or standing for Churchwarden or our Church Council (The PCC). It’s really important that we know that you are part of our local church community”.

If you haven’t yet sent in your application, please don’t delay! Time is running out – **15 APRIL DEADLINE**. The forms at the back of church have been stocked up, but you can complete a form on the website.

If you need any help or have any questions, please do contact me!

Iain Gardiner, 01291 624868 or email me at [iain706gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:iain706gardiner@btinternet.com).  
Church Electoral Roll Officer, Tidenham Parish

## **Diocese of Gloucester Funerals 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).

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

- Please can you help with Sedbury Stay & Play (Babies & Toddlers) 8.45am- 11.00am. If you’d like to bless and be blessed, please contact Emma Durbin ([emmad.cyfm@gmail.com](mailto:emmad.cyfm@gmail.com) or 07369226546).

## **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.

*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: 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.

**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 (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](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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