



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

PASSIONTIDE BEGINS

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill

10.30am Youth breakfast at Non's

11.00am Morning Worship

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

6.00pm Evensong

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: Isaiah 43: 16-21 and John 12: 1-8

Collect: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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

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
7.00pm Holy Communion followed by The Watch, St Mary the Virgin St Briavels

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

11.00am Service of Reflection with readings and music, St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield
2.00pm Open Air Service on the Tump, St Briavels

Saturday 19 April

9.00pm Easter Vigil at St Mary & St Peter Tidenham

Easter Sunday 20 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

8.30am BCP Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin St Briavels
9.30am Family Communion, St Mary the Virgin St Briavels
11.00am Family Communion, St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield

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, 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

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

LATEST UPDATE – THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR

We are excited to announce our next round of advertising for this vacancy; Archdeacon Hilary and Bishop Robert, as well as the Area Dean Bea and Deanery Lay Chair Chris, have produced the following schedule:

Church Times - Friday 9 May, 16 May, 23 May and 30 May with a Closing Date of 9.00am Wednesday 4 June, shortlisting Monday 9 June 2025 at 7.30pm and interviews Monday 23 June 2025.

Please really pray for a successful outcome this time and that with God's guidance we find the right match; in the meantime, please contact Revd Nicki for pastoral matters 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.

ANNUAL TUTSHILL SCARECROW TRAIL STARTS 9.00AM THIS SUNDAY!

Dear Friends

Our annual Tutshill Scarecrow trail starts 9.00am this Sunday 6 April until 27 April 2025. £3.00 entry forms are available from the Lifestyle Express Shop in Tutshill NP16 7DJ, where you can start the trail and see all the creative scarecrows in front gardens. This year funds raised will go to Tidenham Parish Churches with donations to SARA (Severn Valley Rescue Association) and The Wye Valley Greenway.

£3 entry forms will be available as usual 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 THE TRAIL WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM 13 APRIL 2025

The physical version is available on 6 April, but this year we are 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 via the Just Giving website - just type in "Tidenham Parish Church" to find it or alternatively cover and paste this link into your browser:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/tutshill-scarecrows-2025?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

After 13 April, you will find there a link to a form with all the photos of the 2025 Scarecrows with a box above each one to name them. The form can be submitted back to us to mark.

MAKING A DONATION FOR THE ONLINE VERSION

We invite you to make a £3 donation to enter the competition via the above JustGiving page 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 from the Scarecrow Committee and enjoy guessing the Favourite Book Scarecrows 2025.

PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AFTER 13 APRIL

Please forward this email to your friends and family who can then forward onto their friends and family.

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

Tidenham Parish Quiet Day

Saturday 14 June at Ty Mawr Convent. Please register your place with either Leonie Jones 07742977214 or Cate Phillips 01291 624260.

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.
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.

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.

CYFM SNIPPETS & WELLBEING MINISTRY

- Could you volunteer **one morning a month** to make tea, coffee and toast for tired parents and gorgeous toddlers? Our weekly Baby & Toddler groups are a special time as a Church to minister in our local community. If you feel that you could be a part of this ministry, please talk to Emma or Non.
- **HELP NEEDED AT THE GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE** at St. Luke, 10-11.00am. Could you sit with the children and help them stick, cut and glue? If so, we would love your help!! Please see Emma or contact her on emmad.cyfm@gmail.com or 07369226546.

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
BREATHE - Breathe Youth is a Christian Charity based in the Forest of Dean. Tel: 07738 422831 Email: riulius@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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