



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025**  
**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

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

**St Luke's, Tutshill**  
10.30am Youth Breakfast at Non's  
11.00am Morning Worship 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 Communion

**Bible Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 & Luke 6: 17-26**

**Collect: Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.**

**Post Communion: Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.**

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

### **MONDAYS**

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

## **WEDNESDAYS**

9.15am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke, Tutshill

10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke, Tutshill

## **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**

### **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 will be available at each church from 23 February 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 last one, 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 Church Electoral Roll.

## **FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED INTO GOD'S LOVING CARE THIS WEEK**

*Dear Friends,*

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to let you know that our beloved Renate Michard, Sue Pears and Poppy Moss all died recently.

They were faithful, much-loved and respected members of our worshipping family and the local community, whose love of Christ was evident to all who knew them. Sue's family are holding a 2.30pm Thanksgiving Service at St Luke on Saturday 22 February after her private funeral.

Please hold their families in your thoughts and prayers.

With love in Christ - *Revd Nicki*

## **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! The theme this year is Favourite Books and if anyone is able to make a scarecrow, please let Emma know.

## Lent 2025

We aren't running a set 'course' this year, but we will be offering a Prayer Space after the Wednesday Healing Eucharist and, of course, our Prayer for the Day on Facebook. 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.

## Breakfast Club

We are now running a breakfast club at St Luke Tutshill during Half Term 18 February and a pizza making workshop for children on 3 March at Sedbury Village Hall and St Luke Tutshill on 10 March, both 4.00-5.30pm.

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

- 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)
- **Prayer for Schools** - Networking and Prayer for those involved in school work or those wanting to pray for schools on 26 February, 7-8.00pm at Dean Close St John's Tutshill.

## LATEST UPDATE – THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR

Thank you to all who contributed to the production of the Parish Profile through the questionnaire and your responses and to the writing and editing team chaired by Robin who pulled it all together. The final document was approved by the PCCs of Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield and was submitted in December to Archdeacon Hilary representing the diocese. It was promptly and positively accepted and is now available to potential applicants. The link to the Profile on the website is:

<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/files/uploads/Profile-Publication-Version.pdf>

The post of Vicar of the Parish of Tidenham and Priest in Charge of the Parishes of St Briavels and Hewelsfield has been advertised for four weeks and the closing date is the week after 7 February. The appointments panel will select a short list from the applicants, if needed, and interviews will be held on Friday 7 March at the Christian Centre, Woodcroft. In addition to our nominated interview panel members, we will be seeking volunteers to help with meeting applicants, introducing them to the area and taking them on a tour of the five churches and other key venues in the parishes.

The interview panel will comprise Bishop Robert and Archdeacon Hilary on behalf of the diocese, three PCC members from Tidenham Parish and one each from St Briavels and Hewelsfield. Our three members were elected at the PCC meeting in December and are James Parsons, Emma Phillips and Robin Riordan.

We will keep you updated, but in the meantime please contact Revd Nicki for pastoral and Churchwardens, Brian or Robin, for non-pastoral matters. And we also have a special prayer 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: [rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:lorespinosaa@icloud.com)

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

Bible Study – Mondays 2.00-3.00pm – **not this week**

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 – **not this week**

#### **PLEASE GIVE!**

**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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