



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

WEEKLY BRIEFING 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY Third Sunday of Advent

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

**St Luke's, Tutshill**  
Holy Communion 11.00am with Splash Christmas Party  
Advent Reflection 4.00pm

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

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

**Bible Readings: James 5:7-10 and Matthew 11:2-11**

**The Collect:** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's Priory, Chepstow (Churches Together)

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

#### Wednesday

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Luke's, Tutshill

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

#### Thursday

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

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

*There are more cases of Covid at the moment, so if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask during services, please feel free to do so – we will support you and respect your choices.*

**LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY:** Please contact your group leaders, if you would like to join us.

**Sunday**

7.30pm Life Group for Men! Online - James Parsons [jamesdparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdparsons727@gmail.com) **NOT THIS WEEK 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**Monday**

2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki [nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk)

7.30-9.00pm - From the Bible to the Reformation at St Luke's – Revd Canon Tudor. Contact [tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com](mailto:tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com) – **5<sup>th</sup> December**, then breaking until further notice

**Tuesday**

1.00pm with Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com) – **no groups on 27<sup>th</sup> December & 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Wednesday**

10.15-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill – feel free to come along and join us. Breaking from 14<sup>th</sup> December until 11<sup>th</sup> January.

7.30pm with Fiona on 01291 624868 or Wendy [wendy.moppett@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.moppett@btinternet.com)

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on [essywoolcock@googlemail.com](mailto:essywoolcock@googlemail.com).

**Thursday**

1.30pm Studying the Psalms with Tanya White at Rockymead - [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com)

**PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION**

**LOTS OF WONDERFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!**

An Evening of Music, Readings and Carols to open the Christmas Tree Festival 7.00pm on 16<sup>th</sup> December St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, followed by Open Church to see the trees 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December (not 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>)

An Afternoon of Festive Music & Song with Chepstow U3A Recorder group and Chepstow Chatelaines - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm at St Luke's Tutshill with mulled wine and light refreshments.

Free entry with retiring collection for Church funds and Chepstow Foodbank.

Family Nativity Service 11.00am on 18<sup>th</sup> December, St Luke's Tutshill – whilst held with reverent awe, this service is a time of joy and celebration, so come dressed up please! Shepherds, wise men and angels!

Nine Lessons & Carols 3.00pm on 18<sup>th</sup> December, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Christmas Crib Service 4.00pm on Christmas Eve, St Luke's Tutshill

'Midnight' Mass 9.00pm on Christmas Eve, St Luke's, Tutshill

Midnight Mass 11.15pm on Christmas Eve St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

BCP Holy Communion 9.00am on Christmas Day, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Christmas Worship 10.00am on Christmas Day, St Luke's Tutshill

Simple Communion with Carols 10.30am on New Year's Day, St Luke's Tutshill, joined by congregations from St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels, and St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

Epiphany Carols 4.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> January St Michael & All Angels', Tidenham Chase

Christingle Service 11.00am on 29<sup>th</sup> January, St Luke's Tutshill

**Christingle Services in December** - Please pray for the 5 Christingle Services taking place during December – thank you to Tesco for donating 150 oranges and everyone who has helped over the past two weeks.

**Parish Lunch** – first Thursday of the month, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 12.15pm at the Woodcroft Centre. Contact George or Beryl for more info and car sharing 01291 625551.

**FOODBANK** - This December, our Chepstow Foodbank is **10 YEARS OLD**, serving the needs of those struggling for whatever reason. Thank God for the faithful work of our volunteers and for the generosity of our community and keep in mind those that have need of us. If you can give just ONE hour, helping to

receive donations, mark up tins ready for delivery to the distribution centres and 'chatting' to people, please contact Sarah at [info@chepstow.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@chepstow.foodbank.org.uk) or Hilary at [news@chepstow.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:news@chepstow.foodbank.org.uk)  
Also, for information, the Christmas Opening Times for our Distribution Centres are:  
Wednesday 21st December - Bridge Church Centre is OPEN  
Friday 23rd December - Baptist Church Centre is OPEN  
Wednesday 28th December - Bridge Church Centre is CLOSED  
Friday 30th December - Baptist Church Centre is CLOSED  
Wednesday 4th/Friday 6th January - both Centres OPEN as usual.

**Tutshill Baby & Toddler Group** – Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke's, Tutshill. TERM TIME ONLY. Emma Durbin 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

**Sedbury Stay & Play for pre-school families** - Wednesdays 9.15-10.30am at Sedbury Village Hall. TERM TIME ONLY. Emma 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

**Pilates** – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke's Church, Tutshill; this is part of our Wellbeing initiative to promote gentle physical activity to support your spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / [loreespinosaa@icloud.com](mailto:loreespinosaa@icloud.com). Not running 27<sup>th</sup> December.

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

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 130-3.30pm

**Baptism & Confirmation** – would you like to be baptised or confirmed? Or do you just want to know more about the Christian faith? A new course for Confirmation will be running in the New Year on Tuesday evenings - please speak to Revd David.

**Bereavement Support Group** – feeling lost or weighed down? Contact Revd Nicki 07936 787409 for a chat.

**Financial Support** - can you give to God's church? A big thank you to all of you who do! Bank Account Giving is - Tidenham Parochial Church, Sort Code 30-91-89 Account Number 00304754, via our website <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/giving/> or the card reader in St Luke's Tutshill.

## **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: all welcome to join this private group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester - <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

Revd David Treharne, Vicar - 01291 760034 - dtrevd@aol.com

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