



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

WEEKLY BRIEFING 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Advent

### St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

Holy Communion 9.00am

Nine Lessons & Carols 3.00pm

### St Luke's, Tutshill

Family Nativity Worship 11.00am

Come dressed in festive Nativity theme, if you wish!

### St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

BCP Holy Communion 8.30am

Family Communion 9.30am

Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30pm

### St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

5.00pm Readings & Carols

**Bible Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-end**

**The Collect:** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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

10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

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)

*If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask during services, 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! James Parsons [jamesdparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdparsons727@gmail.com) Last one 18<sup>th</sup>, resuming 15<sup>th</sup> January

**Monday**

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) – 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. **Breaking 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 with Tanya White at Rockymead - [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com). **Breaking until 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION**

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

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

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, Open Church to see the trees 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December (not 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>)

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, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 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** – breaks until 10<sup>th</sup> January, then Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke's, Tutshill. Emma Durbin 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

**Sedbury Stay & Play for pre-school families** – breaks until 11<sup>th</sup> January, then Wednesdays 9.15-10.30am at Sedbury Village Hall. 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> Closed 26<sup>th</sup> Dec-1<sup>st</sup> Jan inc.

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 1.30-3.30pm

**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 - Christmas Giving to your Church.** As Christmas approaches, this Parish Church has often relied on extra giving. Sadly, the aftereffects of Covid may affect this. Please consider whether you can give a financial gift to God's church here in this Parish and/or whether you can increase your regular giving. Parish Bank Account - Tidenham Parochial Church Sort Code 30-91-89 Account Number 00304754. Standing Order & Gift Aid Forms available to download from Website and there is a card reader in church. <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/giving/> Parish Treasurer - Paul Coombs

***A big thank you to all of you who give to the Lord's work here in this place!***

You may want to give to a charity and the PCC would encourage gifts to the following:

**Crisis**, Bank sort code: 16-00-30, Account number: 12011155

**Barnabas Fund**, Bank sort code: 20-26-53, Account number: 50133299

**Embrace the Middle East**, Bank sort code: 60-11-01, Account number: 15540464

Further details of ways to donate and how to donate by Gift Aid, if you are a UK taxpayer, can be found on the websites of each of the charities.

## **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/>

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