



"where the river flows everything will live"

WEEKLY BRIEFING 4TH DECEMBER 2022

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY Second Sunday of Advent

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

St Luke's, Tutshill
Morning Worship 11.00am with Splash Children's Provision
Advent Reflection 4.00pm
Youth Group 4.30-6.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
BCP Holy Communion 8.30am
Family communion 9.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield & Brockweir
Family Communion 11.00pm

Bible Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12

The Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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, returns fortnightly from 7th December

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

Thursday

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

See www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk or 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

Monday

2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki 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 – 5th December, then breaking until further notice

Tuesday

1.00pm with Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com – no groups on 27th December & 3rd 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 14th December until 11th January.

7.30pm with Fiona on 01291 624868 or Wendy wendy.moppett@btinternet.com

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on essywoolcock@gmail.com.

Thursday

1.30pm Studying the Psalms with Tanya White at Rockymead - 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 16th December St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, followed by Open Church to see the trees 19th-30th December (not 24th/25th)

An Afternoon of Festive Music & Song with Chepstow U3A Recorder group and Chepstow Chatelaines -

Saturday 17th 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 18th December, St Luke's Tutshill

Nine Lessons & Carols 3.00pm on 18th 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 8th January St Michael & All Angels', Tidenham Chase

Christingle Service 11.00am on 29th 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. If anyone can help on Monday 5th and/or Thursday 8th to make Christingle oranges, please contact emmad.cyfm@gmail.com or 07369 226546.

Friends of St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, AGM – 7.00pm on 7th December at the church, with an update on the revised plans for the reordering of the north aisle.

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

FAIRTRADE - Julia now has some Traidcraft catalogues - you can also see the full range of gifts and edibles online at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk and to save postage, ask Julia to order at juliaparsons727@gmail.com

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 . We will be holding a '**10 Year Celebration Service**' on **Sunday 4th December at 6.00pm, at Chepstow Methodist Church** to which ALL are welcome.

Talking of **December**.... it's not that long away!..... our next **Tesco Collection** takes place **1st-3rd December 10.00am-2.00pm**. 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 or Hilary at 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. Please bring your own mat, if possible, but not essential!

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

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: 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 - dtrevid@aol.com

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