



"where the river flows everything will live"

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

First Sunday of Lent

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke's, Tutshill

11.00am Morning Worship with Splash

4.30pm Youth Group

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

4.00pm BCP Holy Communion

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

11.00am Family Worship

Bible Readings: 1 Peter 3:18-end and Mark 1:9-15

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MID-WEEK SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

MONDAYS

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

9.15am Children & Families Morning Prayer – fortnightly – see website calendar, venue varies. Contact juliaparsons727@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

9.00am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke's, Tutshill

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

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

THURSDAYS

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

See www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk or www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w



LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY

Here are our Life Groups, open to all, running throughout the week; we talk about life and faith or specific topics relevant to what's happening around us. Please contact leaders to find out more.

Monday

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

10.15-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill

7.30pm with Wendy or Fiona at home: wendy.moppett@btinternet.com or

fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com

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 are a young person and want to know more about faith, have fun and food with your peers, come along to our weekly Youth Group. We have regular events specifically for your age group. Contact Emma for details 07369 226546 or emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

LENT 2024

'Worship in the Wilderness: Journeying with Jesus.'

In this Year of Worship and season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday 14 February, we are once again invited on a journey. We are picking up our worship theme and linking it with the wilderness, the place and a journey Jesus faced for 40 days and 40 nights, but also a place and a journey we will encounter in our lives. What might we learn in the wilderness?

The Lent Course will take place at St Luke's on TUESDAY evenings, 7.15pm coffee/tea for 7.30pm, finishing at 9pm. A different person will be leading the session each week and there will be opportunities to learn and share with one another.

1. Session 1: Spirit led - Tues 20 February
2. Session 2: Sorrowful (Lament) - Tues 27 February
3. Session 3: Simplicity - Tues 5 March
4. Session 4: Truth Speaking - Tues 12 March
5. Session 5: Sacrificial - Tues 19 March

The Parish Life Groups are invited to engage with this material which will also be available on the Parish Website and Facebook Group.

May we have a renewing and worship-full Lent. As we journey Lent may we learn and relearn to live life together in the flow of God's amazing love. God bless – *Vicar David*

BLUE SONG BOOKS! If you have any copies hiding or lurking in dark corners, please return them to St Luke's by Sunday 18 February, so that we can complete an audit. And if Worship Leaders & Musicians could please plan not to use the blue books until further notice, it would be much appreciated!

Offas Mead Academy are looking to recruit community volunteers to their Academy board. Could you support your community by giving some of your time to an Ofsted rated 'Good' school here in our neighbourhood? If you would like more information contact Susan Riordan on 07742 673394.

Tidenham Parish Quiet Day will be held at TyMawr Convent on Saturday 2nd March 10am-4pm. The Speaker is Rev Anna Griffiths and her theme is: What does it mean to love God? For details and booking, please contact Cate Phillips 01291 624260. Or Leonie Jones 07742977214.

The annual SCARECROW TRAIL is fast approaching!!! Did you know that this is one of Tidenham Parish Churches' main fundraisers? And that the Scarecrow Trail is put together by volunteers! It's a lot of work but hugely rewarding. If you feel that you can help, please contact Emma 07369 226546 / emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

Confirmation – would you like to be confirmed / baptised? Or would you just like to know more about the core teachings of the Christian faith? Please speak to Revd David or one of the team – come and explore Life & Faith.



PARISH COFFEE MORNING

Last Monday of the month 10.00-12.00am at St Luke's Tutshill.

Parish Lunch – first Thursday of the month 12.15-1.30pm at Woodcroft Christian Centre.

OUR LITTLE LARDER

Don't forget that our Little Larder at St Luke's is there for anyone who needs our help. Please help us to keep it stocked up with non-perishable items – thank you.

PCC Minutes for 2023 – If you would like an electronic copy of the signed PCC minutes for 2023, please email the PCC Secretary, Iain Gardiner iain706gardiner@btinternet.com.

Bell Ringing – Weekly practice at St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, 7.30–9.00pm on Tuesdays. Contact Cate Phillips (01291 624260) for more information, or just turn up and give it a go!

OUR PARISH BABY & TODDLER GROUPS

TUTSHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP – Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke's, Tutshill. **Term time only.**

Emma 07369 226546 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: rjulus@breatheyouth.org.uk <http://www.breatheyouth.org.uk/>

Pilates – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke's Church, Tutshill; part of our Wellbeing initiative with gentle physical activity to support spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / lorespinosaa@icloud.com .

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 1.30-5.00pm

GIVING TO THE CHURCH IN TIDENHAM PARISH

Giving by Cheque - If you want to contribute via a cheque, can you please make it payable to

Tidenham Parochial Church

which is the formal name of our church bank account. Banks have recently tightened up on cheque payments, so if you write 'St Luke's Tutshill', or 'Tutshill Church' etc, it is likely that it won't be accepted by our bank, or indeed by your own! We are charged £25 every time a cheque bounces!

Parish Bank Account - Tidenham Parochial Church. Sort Code 30-91-89. Account Number 00304754.

Giving by Standing Order instead of Cash

You may know that we have to pay bank charges every time we pay cash into our church bank account at Lloyds, but there are no bank charges when people use a standing orders. Last year across the parish these bank charges amounted to some £200, so it would help enormously, if you could set up a standing order. If you want to do this, please get in touch with our Treasurer Paul Coombs or one of the churchwardens Nicholette Flatman or Brian Duerden. You can also find information on our church website.

Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms are also available at each church or to download from the Website (<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/giving>) St Luke's also has a card reader.

Any queries, please contact the Parish Treasurer - Paul Coombs – 814yug@gmail.com - 07831 469951

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/>

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