



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY 17 MARCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent & Passion Sunday

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

St Luke's, Tutshill
11.00am Holy Communion with Splash
4.30pm Youth

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
4.00pm BCP Holy Communion

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Family Worship

Bible Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 & John 12:20—33

Collect: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Palm Sunday 24 March

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

10.30am procession, led by Breeze the donkey, from Tutshill Memorial Hall to St Luke's for 11.00am Worship and extra time with Breeze

4.00pm Passiontide Evening Worship

A special service, moving from Palm Sunday into the themes of Holy Week, St Michael & All Angels Tidenham Chase

Holy Wednesday 27 March

12 noon Holy Communion with homily, St Luke's Tutshill

7.00pm 'Journeying through Grief to Hope'

Service for the Bereaved, St Michael & All Angels' Tidenham Chase

Maundy Thursday 28 March

7.30pm Holy Communion with Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Sanctuary and optional Watch of prayer and bible readings until 10.00pm, St Luke's Tutshill

Good Friday 29 March

10.00am Family Service, St Luke's Tutshill

2.00pm The Last Hour - a service of devotions, St Luke's Tutshill

Holy Saturday 30 March

9.00pm Easter Vigil, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Easter Sunday 31 March (*clocks change!*)

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

11.00am Family Communion, St Luke's Tutshill

6.00pm BCP Holy Communion, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Br Tom, who will be joining us for Holy Week and Easter this year writes,

"I am looking forward to being with you through Holy Week this year. This most important week of the Christian Year begins next Sunday, with Palm Sunday. There are a lot of themes to consider on Palm Sunday, so there is an opportunity to come to church twice, in the morning to join in the slightly chaotic excitement of the Entry into Jerusalem, and then to come to Chase in the afternoon where we will develop the themes which ask us to move from the confused hubbub of Palm Sunday into the depths of Holy Week. Through hymns, readings and prayers, we explore the truths of this most Holy Week. We are asked to consider the realities of death and of life; of sin and of forgiveness; of despair and of hope. I look forward to worshipping with you through this special time."

MID-WEEK WORSHIP 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 – fortnightly generally

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: **not meeting until after Easter**

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.

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*

Extra good news...

Revd Nicki has completed her curacy with flying colours. Congratulations Nicki! Nicki will be licensed as an Associate Priest of the Parishes here by Bishop Rachel on the afternoon of Palm Sunday and will continue to serve as Wellbeing Chaplain. This is great news!

Serving in the Body of Christ. Being a member of the church means being part of the Body of Christ. What part might God be calling you or someone else to play in our life together as church? Perhaps helping with hospitality or cleaning? Or maybe as a member of the Parochial Church Council where we would welcome people with gifts in Health & Safety, Administration, Project Management or Finance? At our AGM on 14 April, we will be electing new members to our Parochial Church Council (PCC).

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING / ANNUAL REVISION OF OUR CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL –

Tidenham Parish, Iain Gardiner, Church Electoral Roll Officer

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This year's Annual Church Meeting (APCM /AGM) will be held at 12 noon, AFTER Morning Worship, which starts as usual at 11.00am in St Luke's Church Tutshill on Sunday 14 April.

The legal notices calling the Annual Church Meeting have been posted on church notice boards. The Annual Accounts for 2023 were approved by PCC on 11 March and signed off by our independent examiner, Andy Royle. If you want a copy of the Trustees' Report for 2023 and our Annual Accounts, please contact PCC Secretary Iain Gardiner who will be pleased to email a copy to you. A hard copy is also available.

Revision of the existing Church Electoral Roll -

In advance of that meeting, the PCC must revise the existing Church Electoral Roll, which has been posted on all Church notice boards, between Sunday 10 March and Sunday 24 March. If your name is already on the Roll, you don't need to do anything! If your name is not on the Church Electoral Roll and you wish to register, application forms are available at the back of each church, or email iain706gardiner@btinternet.com for a Word / pdf form. These should be completed and returned either electronically or via hard copy no later than Sunday 24 March.

If you have changed your address or contact details – phone or email - and wish to be kept informed of church news / events, please email Iain Gardiner.

The formal legal notice of the proposed annual review of the roll and Tidenham Parish's GDPR privacy notice redated January 2024 have also been posted on the church notice boards.

The 1-page review of our Church Electoral Roll during 2023 is available on church notice boards or direct from Iain Gardiner.

Election of Churchwardens –

Brian Duerden (standing for re-election)

Vacancy – (Nichollette Flatman not eligible for re-election having served six years)

Election of PCC Members -

Vacancies – PCC Members needed

Officers needed –

- PCC Secretary (Iain Gardiner stepping down)
- Deputy Treasurer (unfilled position)
- Health & Safety Lead (unfilled position)

If you think that you have the skills of governance, H&S, finance, administration, seeing the detail, then either speak to a PCC Member, Revd David or one of the Team

The annual SCARECROW TRAIL is fast approaching!

24 March – 13 April

Trail forms are available from Lifestyle Express in Tutshill from Friday 22 March £3.00. This is a fantastic community event which supports the Parish. Everyone loves it – young, old, families, visitors – it really is great fun.

Confirmation - On Sunday 5 May 2024 at 11.00am we are having a Confirmation & Holy Communion gathering with Bishop Rachel at St Luke's Church. Come and support those being Confirmed and enjoy light refreshments after. This will give you a chance to speak to Vicar David or one of the team, if you are interested in being confirmed or baptized yourself.



PARISH COFFEE MORNING – earlier this month!

Monday 18 March 10.00-12.00am at St Luke's Tutshill – Easter raffle prizes, Easter/Spring Garden competition. Come and join the fun and see friends with Revd Nicki and Polly.

Sunday 26 May 2024

9.30am Morning Worship with the Archbishop of Canterbury The Most Revd Justin Welby at Dean Close St John's School, Tutshill - very exciting visit to Tidenham Parish by the Archbishop of Canterbury. If you have received an invitation, you must RSVP by 18 March please. The event is ticket only.

3.00pm Final Gathering with Holy Communion at Gloucester Cathedral - Parishes will be joining together for a final celebration at the end of the Diocesan visit of The Archbishop of Canterbury in the cathedral.

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

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 / loreespinosaa@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 order. Last year across the par