



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

Second Sunday of Easter

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke's, Tutshill

11.00am Morning Worship with Splash children's provision

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

6.00pm Evensong

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings: Acts 4:32-35 & John 20:19-end

Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MID-WEEK GATHERINGS 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 for information.**

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

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

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING / ANNUAL REVISION OF OUR CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Annual Report for 2023

The usual 52-page Annual Report for 2023 is available. Please let Annabelle know, if you want an electronic copy. We will produce a very limited number of hard copies, as our experience in previous years is that many copies had to be recycled without being read.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held at 12 noon prompt in Tutshill church on Sunday 14 April AFTER the morning service, which starts as usual at 11.00am. The agenda is available on church notice boards and from Annabelle / Iain Gardiner.

This year there are vacancies for: -

- two churchwardens and
- seven members of the PCC.

Nomination forms are available at the back of our churches.

One of our current wardens, Nicholette Flatman, is stepping down, as she has served the maximum six consecutive terms in office. Brian Duerden has advised that he is willing to serve for another year. PCC members Andy Palmer and Polly Morgan have advised that they are willing to seek re-election. This does not preclude anyone putting their name forward!

There are vacancies for: -

- PCC Secretary (Iain Gardiner stepping down)
- Deputy Treasurer (unfilled position)
- Health & Safety Advisor (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 Accounts for 2023 were approved by PCC on 11 March and signed off by our independent examiner, Andy Royle. They will be presented to the Annual Church Meeting.

If you want a copy of the Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts for 2023, please contact PCC Secretary Iain Gardiner who will email a copy to you. A hard copy is also available - Iain Gardiner, Tidenham PCC Secretary, 01291 624868

The revised Church Electoral Roll of Tidenham Parish and the report on the PCC's Review of the roll have been posted on church notice boards. Copies can be obtained from Iain Gardiner. If you spot any errors, please do let Iain Gardiner know by close of play on Sunday 07 April.

CONGRATULATIONS – to Corette and Jono on the birth of their baby boy, Tiaan, who arrived on Saturday 30 March 2024, weighing 7.2lb

URGENT - HELP NEEDED FOR COFFEE HOSTS ON SUNDAY'S AFTER SERVICE

We need two helpers each Sunday. If we cannot get enough helpers, then there will be no coffee served! Thank you to Nicholette, Kate & John, Hester, Linda, Sue, Polly who are already serving most Sundays but they do need help.

Email or call Polly - Pastoral Assistant - Paulinemorgan23@gmail.com or 07724738848.

THANK YOU - to all those in the Parish that supported, decorated, played, sang, read, led Intercessions, tidied, swept, organised and during Holy Week and Easter made worship possible and such a pleasure. As the body of Christ, together we are so effective.

Parish Weekend Away – with Vicar David leaving the Parish, we think it is best to postpone the weekend away until next year, depending on what his replacement wishes to do. We shall keep you posted, but for now it has been cancelled, sorry!

Bring Hope & Healing on the journey to Easter

Give today:
friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/hope

In Gaza, over 800 Christians are sheltering in churches. Every day involves fear, prayers, and one piece of bread to eat. International aid can't reach them.

In Bethlehem, 80% of Christians have lost their income as tourism has collapsed.

You can help: Give to the Hope & Healing Fund this Lent.



FRIENDS OF HOLY LAND Tel: 01926 512980
Registered Charity Number 102266

Bring Hope & Healing on the Journey to Easter

We no longer have special church collections at Easter or Christmas, but we have just received an urgent appeal from the “Friends of the Holy Land”, a non-political Christian Charity, asking us to help the 800 plus Christians trapped in Gaza.

Revd David has confirmed that this is a bona fide charity, set up in 2009 and supported by both Anglican and Catholic Bishops. If you are able to make a special donation at this time, you might like to support “Friends of the Holy Land” – see [Bring Hope & Healing on the journey to Easter | Friends of the Holy Land](#)

Ukraine, Gaza and there is still Afghanistan to be concerned for. Mandy, a colleague of Anna Griffiths’ with whom she lived in Afghanistan, is visiting and will be available to give an update on the situation on Thursday evening 11th April. If you are interested, please call or text Anna on 07504 662539.



GOOD NEWS!!! Revd Nicki is our Licensed Associate Priest

Whilst Revd David will be leaving, Revd Nicki has successfully completed her curacy and is now licensed as an Associate Priest in the Parishes here. The ceremony took place in Bishop Rachel's Chapel.

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 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 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).

SCARECROW TRAIL STARTS NOW! 24 March – 13 April

You will see the wonderful scarecrows all over Tutshill! Come and join the fun and pick up your trail form from Lifestyle Express in Tutshill £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 – Last Monday of the month 10.00-12.00am at St Luke's

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. If you have replied, you will receive your ticket before the event.

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.

6.00pm Holy Communion at St Luke's Tutshill

NEW DATE FOR NEXT PARISH LUNCH - 11 April 12.15-1.30pm at Woodcroft Christian Centre.

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: rjulius@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 or directly Tidenham Parochial Church. Sort Code 30-91-89. Account Number 00304754.