



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

### Sunday before Lent

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

9.00am Holy Communion

**St Luke's, Tutshill**

Youth Bowling

11.00am Holy Communion with Splash

**St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase**

4.00pm Compline

**St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels**

9.30am Family Communion

**St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield**

11.00am Family Worship

***Bible Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12 & Mark 9:2-9***

***Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.***

***Post Communion: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

# Ash Wednesday

14 February

## St Luke's, Tutshill

12.00noon Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes

7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition Ashes

## St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

10.00am Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes

**Bible Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12 & Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

**Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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](mailto: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 with Ashing, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels – 14<sup>th</sup> February

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](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w)

**YOUTH GROUP – CONTACT EMMA**



### 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](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk)

#### Tuesday

1.00pm with Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wendy.moppett@btinternet.com) or

[fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com)

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on [essywoolcock@gmail.com](mailto:essywoolcock@gmail.com)

#### Thursday

1.30pm at Tanya's – [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com) for information

## 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!

**FUNERAL:** the funeral of the late Doreen Quick who used to worship at St Luke's will be at Langstone Vale Crematorium on Friday 16th February at 1.00 pm. Latterly Doreen has been in Bethany Residential Home. Her family are inviting those who knew her to come and join the service of thanksgiving and committal.

**Is there anyone out there who's handy at fixing things?** The table tennis table at St Luke's is broken. It seems a shame to scrap it, when someone might be able to give it a new lease of life. If you feel you could help, please email Emma on [emmad.cyfm@gmail.com](mailto:emmad.cyfm@gmail.com)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Youth** - if you are a young person and would like to learn more about faith, enjoy having fun and sharing food with your peers, come along to our weekly Youth Group. We have regular events/activities and get-togethers specifically for your age group. Contact Emma for further details 07369 226546 or [emmad.cyfm@gmail.com](mailto:emmad.cyfm@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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.

**[ukraine-or-bust.org](http://ukraine-or-bust.org)**

In February, Mike & Mandy Scott will be driving a van full of aid for Ukraine all the way to Chelm near the Ukraine border. Chepstow to Chelm has a bit of a ring to it! The website is above but they will be doing a presentation at St Luke's all about it at some time soon. The website has a lot of information and an Amazon list of desired items, if people want to use it!



## 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.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk)

**BREATHE** - Breathe Youth is a Christian Charity based in the Forest of Dean. Tel: 07738 422831 Email: [rjuliuss@breatheyouth.org.uk](mailto:rjuliuss@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](mailto: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 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](mailto:814yug@gmail.com) - 07831 469951

## 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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