



"where the river flows everything will live"

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

Third Sunday of Advent

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols

St Luke's, Tutshill

11.00am Family Nativity Service

Please, everyone don a T- towel or dressing gown to support and encourage the children as we retell the AMAZING Nativity story

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

No service today

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

5.00pm Carol Service

Bible Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 and John 1:6-8 & 19-28

Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again, we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

MID-WEEK SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

All mid-week acts of worship are suspended between 21 December and 7 January

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 – 20 December

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

YOUTH GROUP – CONTACT EMMA



LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY

We have a number of 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. Broadly, we are on Christmas break 21st December, returning w/c 7th January, but please check the website or with your group leaders.

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, but contact Non nonvandenbraak@gmail.com for information

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

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. We'll be starting a weekly course in the New Year.



HERE IS A PREVIEW OF OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

17 December	11.00 am	Family Nativity Service, St Luke's Tutshill
	3.00 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Family Crib Service, St Luke's Tutshill
	9.00 pm	Midnight Mass, St Luke's Tutshill
	11.15 pm	Midnight Mass, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
Christmas Day	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion, St Michael & All Angels' Chase
	10.00 am	Morning Worship with optional Holy Communion, St Luke's Tutshill
New Year's Eve	10.30 am	Parish Communion, St Luke's Tutshill (no other services that day)
7 January 2024	4.00 pm	Epiphany Carol Service, St Michael & All Angels' Chase
28 January	11.00 am	Christingle Family Worship, St Luke's Tutshill

PLEASE BE PRAYING for all the folk attending our churches this Christmas. There will be five school services and Christingles will also be shared with the Toddler groups. It's a special time for those, who don't usually attend church, to hear the extraordinary message of God's love. THANK YOU!!!

ukraine-or-bust.org

In February 2024, 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!

6TH JANUARY 12.30PM UKRAINIAN EPIPHANY – We are planning a welcome, a meal, then Ukrainian carols, English Carols, some folk dancing and a few other things, finishing about 4.00pm. Should be a great time! Contact Mike Scott for more information **scottiusmikus@gmail.com**



Our Little Larder at St Luke's Tutshill – supporting our community in these difficult times.

Last Saturday, Tesco kindly offered us some trolleys with the aim of encouraging their shoppers to donate to our larder. Revd Nicki and her band of helpers were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Tesco shoppers and we have fantastic new stock for Christmas and the New Year. MASSIVE THANK YOU TO REVD NICKI AND HER TEAM

FOR THEIR AMAZING COMMITMENT!

The Parish Coffee Morning – Mondays 10.00-12.00am at St Luke's Tutshill. Back 29th January.

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!

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/>

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>

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 1.30-3.30pm

REGULAR GIVING Please remember your church this Christmas; perhaps a bit more in your regular giving or a one off – we really do appreciate it.

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

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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