



"where the river flows everything will live"

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion

11.15pm Midnight Mass

St Luke's, Tutshill

11.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Family Crib Service

9.00pm Midnight Mass

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

No service today

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion

11.30pm Midnight Mass

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

11.00am Family Worship

10.00pm Midnight Mass

Bible Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent: Romans 16:25-end and Luke 1:26-38

Collect for Fourth Sunday of Advent: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible Readings for Christmas Eve: Isaiah 52:7-10 and John 1:1-14 for 11.15pm

Collect for Christmas Eve: Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - the beautiful flowers in St Luke's this Christmas have kindly been donated by Leslie and John Sterry in loving memory of Eileen & Stanley Sterry and Julie & Ken Standen.

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

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:

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

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 – a few photos

from the recent grocery drop at Tesco. A massive thank you to Tesco for their support and also to Revd Nicki and the team for making this happen for the benefit of our community and those who are struggling.

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: rjulus@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 / 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 1.30-3.30pm

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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