



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke's, Tutshill

11.00am Holy Communion with Splash children's provision

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

6.00pm Evensong

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings: Acts 8:26-end & John 15:1-8

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Our Annual Church Meeting was held on Sunday 14 April at Tutshill Church. Copies of the Annual Report for 2023, the Trustees' Annual Report and the Annual Accounts for 2023 (electronic or hard copies) and the Draft Minutes of the meeting, are available on request to Annabelle, our Parish Administrator, or Iain Gardiner, PCC Secretary.

Congratulations to those elected to office at this year's Annual Church Meeting including: -

Brian Duerden and Robin Riordan who were elected as Churchwardens until the next Annual Church Meeting in 2025

Nicholette Flatman, Oliver Hinton, Polly Morgan, Andy Palmer and Tanya White who were elected to the PCC until the Annual Church Meeting in 2027. They join our existing PCC members: Paul Coombs, Iain Gardiner, Marilyn Henderson and Emma Phillips.

Alongside them as Ex-Officio PCC members are: -

- Vicar David and Revd Nicki Bullivant, our ordained clergy, *and*
- Molly Mayo and James Parsons who were elected to the Forest South Deanery Synod until the Annual Church Meeting in 2026

Please pray for all those called to serve Christ and his Church on the PCC.

Thanks to those who are stepping down this year: John-Ross Henderson and Fiona Gardiner, whose last day as a licensed reader will be Sunday 5 May.

Confirmation - On Sunday 5 May 2024 at 11.00am we are having Confirmation & Holy Communion with Bishop Rachel at St Luke's Church. Come and support those being Confirmed and enjoy light refreshments after with bubbles and cake! This will also give you a chance to speak to Vicar David or one of the team, if you are interested in being confirmed or baptized yourself. Please let Polly or Annabelle know, if you could donate or bring cake on 5 May – there are also sign-up forms in all churches.

ASCENSION DAY – Ascension Day Worship 6.00am Thursday 9 May at St Luke's, Tutshill, followed by breakfast in the church. If you're planning to stay for breakfast, please sign up via the sign-up sheets at the rear of each church or let Annabelle know.

Bring & Share Lunch – after 11.00am Morning Service on 19 May at St Luke's Tutshill to celebrate Revd Nicki's licensing as Associate Priest. Again, sign-up forms in all churches or email Annabelle.

LANCAUT PILGRIMAGE 3.00pm on Sunday 9 June

Our annual pilgrimage from St Luke's, Tutshill, to the ruins of St James' church, Lancaut, for Holy Communion.

Walk from home or from local churches and have a picnic lunch beforehand! There is designated parking in Lancaut from where you can walk down to the stunning banks of the River Wye. For those with limited mobility, Carol Clammer is looking to organise 4x4 transport to the site. Please make your own way there in time for the outside gathering. This event is open to all, including St Briavels and Hewelsfield. Well behaved dogs also welcome!

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?



PARISH COFFEE MORNING – Last Monday of the month 10.00-12.00am at St Luke's

Sunday 26 May 2024

The following Parish gatherings will be the only ones on this Sunday:

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

PARISH LUNCH – First Thursday of each month 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 / 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

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 - 07831 469951

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!

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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