



"where the river flows everything will live"

Weekly Parish Briefing Sunday 11 July 2021

What a wonderful day!

Sunday 4 July was a great day to be a part of the worshipping community in the Parish of Tidenham, and a wonderful day to be its Vicar. At 9.30am in Tidenham Church we had the most peaceful celebration of the Eucharist which was followed at 11am with a lovely gathering for Worship Without Walls on the school playing field outside St Luke's with the sun shining and the rain only arriving as we sang our concluding song. Then at 3pm I officiated at the first baptism in the Parish since February 2020. How absolutely wonderful to welcome Tommy into the church family! Finally, at 6pm outside Tidenham Chase, twenty of us gathered for Evening Praise which, being outdoors provided many of us with the first opportunity to sing praises together in ages. Somehow, we were spared the rain... much to the relief of everyone, especially Marje on the electric keyboard! Praising the Lord together was a very moving experience. If all that wasn't enough, we read four lots of banns... a sign that there are church weddings ahead!



All in all, a really good day to be the Vicar of Tidenham and part of the Body of Christ. After so much anxiety, uncertainty, illness, suffering, distancing, masking, challenge and trauma this was a life filled, life-giving day. I hope and pray there are more of these days ahead.

I hope you can come back soon...

It's lovely to see people gradually beginning to come back to church, but I'm aware there are still others who haven't quite made it yet. If that's you, when you are ready I/we can't wait to gather with you to pray and worship... and renew our call to live life together in the flow of God's love. The church isn't complete without you! Indeed, the Body of Christ isn't complete without all its members! Some people may prefer to meet in a small group rather than in Sunday worship. Again, if that's you, please feel free to join midweek Life Group. We're hoping to resume the Wednesday morning 'Food for Thought' Life Group soon and resume our informal conversations about life and faith. Let me know if you're interested in coming along.

Some things coming up for your diaries and your prayers...

Sunday 11 July at 3pm - Sedbury Space AGM

Sunday 18 July at 12.30pm - Leaving lunch for Revd. Janice and Ewen followed by a game of rounders at St Luke's, Tutshill

Sunday 25 July - Revd Janice's last Sunday in the Parish of Tidenham

Wednesday 11 August - Revd Janice licensed to her new ministry at West Cheltenham (details to follow)

Sunday 29 August at 12.30pm - Jane's last Sunday in the Parish. A leaving lunch and Community Celebration at St Luke's following the morning worship.

God bless

David

Vicar of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut and Priest in Charge of St Briavels with Hewelsfield & Brockweir.

Services in Parish of Tidenham

Trinity 6 - Sunday 11 July 2021

9.30am Tidenham Church, Holy Communion - contact Brian Duerden to book a place

11am St Luke's Church Service, Holy Communion, contact Nicholette Flatman to book a place

6pm St Michael & All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase, Evening Prayer contact Vicar David to book a place



Online Provision – Tutshill’s Sunday service will be recorded and available later in the day on the Parish YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>.

The Bible readings: Ephesians 1:3-14 and Mark 6:14-29

The Collect: Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Services 11 July

8.30am St Briavels - Holy Communion

9.30am St Briavels - All Age Eucharist

11.00am Hewelsfield - Morning Worship

Mid-Week Communion - Mid-Week Communion will be available at St Luke’s on 14 July at 11am. Please contact Clare to book a place



Morning Prayer

Mondays: 9.30am at St Mary & St Peter’s Tidenham (except Bank Holidays).

Tuesdays: 9.00am Churches Together at St Mary’s Priory, Chepstow. We are no longer on Zoom!

Wednesdays: 9.00am at Sedbury Space, Tutshill.

Wednesdays: 9:15am prayer for YCFM at St Luke’s (contact Jane for details).

Thursdays: 9.00am at St Mary the Virgin Church, St Briavels.

Tuesday mornings

New Baby & Parent Support Group meet in St Luke's Church from 8.30am-midday every Tuesday.

Bookings can be made via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>.

Life Group meetings – please contact relevant people if you’d like to join in

- Sunday 7.30pm – Life Group for men! Online - James Parsons at James.darsie@gmail.com
- Tuesday 1pm - Life Group, Outside St Luke’s - Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group, Online - janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1.30pm - Life Group – Jane Penny cfmtidenham@btinternet.com

Churches open for Private Prayer:

St Michael & All Angels' Church Chase will be open for Private Prayer on Saturdays 9am-4pm

St Luke’s Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 9am-4pm

St Briavels and Hewelsfield Churches are open from 9am- 4pm for those who wish to find a space for quiet prayer and reflection, or just as a place of peace and calm.

Parish News and Information

Licensing Service for Revd Janice Hamilton on Wednesday 11 August at 7.30pm, you are welcome to join us at St Barnabas Church, Orchard Way, West Cheltenham, where Janice will be licensed as Community Pioneer Minister and to stay for refreshments afterwards. As yet it’s unsure what restrictions will be in place so please let Janice know if you intend to go so we can keep a handle on numbers. Unfortunately, there aren’t the facilities to live stream but they hope to make a video recording that can be viewed afterwards on the West Cheltenham YouTube Channel.



Reader Leader Book Group – will be held in Sedbury Space 2pm-3.30pm on the last Wednesday of each month please contact Polly Morgan for more information 07724 738848.

Memory Cafe - Due to COVID Restrictions the Memory Cafe has been delayed until Wednesday 4 August. Please contact Susan Riordan for any further information 07742673394.

Wellbeing Project Funding Appeal – Thank you to those of you who have already responded so generously to this appeal. We are still some way short of the target. PCC meets on Monday 12th July and it would be helpful for decision making to have a sense of the financial commitment by Friday 9th July. The leaflet outline details of the project and different ways to make a donation including an online crowdfunding campaign. Link for crowdfunding page www.crowdfunder.co.uk/wellbeing-chaplain

Sedbury Space AGM – will be held on Sunday 11 July 3pm at Sedbury Space. All are welcome to attend the annual meeting to hear reports on activities and finances of Sedbury Space Feb 2020-2021. This will be followed by a BBQ to celebrate and give thanks to our volunteers and supporters as well as say farewell to founding Chair of Trustees Rev Janice Hamilton. Sadly, due to continuing COVID restrictions, numbers are limited so please book your place with Susan Riordan 07522 178639 or managersedburyspace@gmail.com

Summer Edition of the Link Parish Magazine – is now available to download on the Parish website or the Parish Facebook Group. If you would like to have a paper copy please contact Tanya. Thanks to Tanya for preparing the magazine once again!

'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester - keeping you up to date, please follow this link <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

Daily Hope - A free phone line offering music, prayers and worship from the Church of England 0800 804 8044.

Financial Support

If you would like to make a gift to the Church and also consider ongoing regular financial giving into 2021. Bank details are Tidenham Parochial Church, Sort Code 30-91-89 & Account number 00304754. Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available to download from the website. PCC wishes to thank all who have continued to give generously this year.

You can donate directly on the website, go to <http://easydonate.org/COLLECT> or you can Text / SMS donations;

- ✧ To donate £5, text COLLECT to 70970,
- ✧ To donate £10, text COLLECT to 70191



TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS AND CONTACTS

Parish Website: This has information, documents and links to other sites. <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk>

Facebook Page – for communicating news & info to the community. <https://facebook.com/tidenhamparishchurch>

Facebook Group - all welcome to join this private group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

YouTube channel: 'Tidenham Parish Online Church' with videos to assist your devotions.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: www.stbandhchurches.org.uk

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