



"where the river flows everything will live"

Weekly Parish Briefing Sunday 27 June 2021

First Eucharist... joy!

Following her ordination on Saturday 26th June at Gloucester Cathedral (*the 3pm service will be available online... unfortunately if you turn up at the Cathedral you won't be able to go in*) Nicki will celebrate the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 27 June, 9.30am in Tidenham Parish Church and then at 11am in St Luke's, Tutshill. Don't forget to book a place as demand may be high.

If the weather is okay we will gather outside for a celebratory **'Bring your own'** lunch at St Luke's Church, Tutshill at 12.30pm (I'm afraid no food will be provided – you must bring your own). Do come along if you are able. Nicki will then celebrate the Eucharist for the first time in St Briavels and Hewelsfield churches the following Sunday, 4 July.



Parish Wellbeing Project - Crowdfunding Campaign.

In the light of the need for post Covid recovery within the Parish Tidenham PCC are developing a project to address the vital need for holistic wellbeing. The new Children, Youth and Families Missioner role will have wellbeing as a particular focus but we are also hoping to appoint a part-time community Wellbeing Chaplain. A leaflet with further details of the project is available from the churches or downloadable from the website, which explains how you might support this project financially, either by a one-off contribution or by a regular commitment. Please prayerfully consider your response to this important appeal.

We have launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise money to employ the part time Wellbeing Chaplain. Find out more and donate at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/wellbeing-chaplain

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

Saturday 26 June at 3pm - Revd Nicki Bullivant will be ordained priest at Gloucester Cathedral

Link for the ordinations;

https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/ordinations-2021-approach/?utm_source=Diocese+of+Gloucester&utm_campaign=7f854b2a9e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_06_22_09_08&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_69ea2ab3ba-7f854b2a9e-149180217

Sunday 27 June at 12.30pm- Revd Nicki will preside at the Eucharist for the first time. Celebration lunch at St Luke's Tutshill

Sunday 4 July - National 'thank you' day.

Sunday 4 July at 6pm - Outdoor Songs of Praise Service at Tidenham Chase (weather permitting). Singing is allowed and there is no requirement to wear face coverings.

Sunday 18 July at 12.30pm - Leaving lunch for Revd. Janice and Ewen at St Luke's, Tutshill

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

Sunday 29 August at 12.30pm - Jane's last Sunday in the Parish. A leaving lunch/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 4 - Sunday 27 June 2021



9.30am Tidenham Church, Holy Communion - Contact Brian Duerden to book your place

11am St Luke's Church Service, Holy Communion - Contact Nicholette Flatman to book your place

6pm St Michael & All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase, Evening Prayer - Contact Vicar David to book your 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: 2 Corinthians 8:7-end and Mark 5:21-end

The Collect: Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Services 27 June

8.30am St Briavels - Holy Communion

9.30am St Briavels - All Age Eucharist

11.00am Hewelsfield - Morning Worship

Mid-Week Communion - The next mid-week Communion at St Luke's will be Wednesday 30 June at 12 noon. After this service there will be a 'Bring your own' picnic outside and an opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Maureen Green, who will be moving in the very near future.



Contact Vicar David (760034) to book.

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 in St Luke's Church at 9.15am or 11.30am.

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, 7.30pm Life Group, Online - fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- Wednesday 8pm – Life Group, Online - janice-hamilton@outlook.com
- Thursday 1pm - 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

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.

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!

A Message from Bishop Rachel - Saying 'yes' to God

Last weekend I had the joy of being with the curates of this diocese as they gathered for a weekend of teaching, prayer and reflection; and next week I will be on retreat with those among them preparing for ordination as deacons and priests. This will be a significant landmark in their lives, but most importantly a significant landmark in the life of the Church, because ordination is primarily about the calling of the whole Body of Christ.



When those to be ordained priest and deacon stand in the cathedral and publicly say 'yes' to God, it is rooted in the 'yes' of baptism. It is why the ordination service begins with the words:

'The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his Kingdom'.

I pray that we will all keep these words in mind as we emerge into the next season and experiment locally with new patterns of worship, so that all expressions of our gathered worship, not least across multi-parish benefices, send out the youngest to the oldest into daily life to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of God's Kingdom. If our local expressions of Church do not have this at the heart then we are in danger of doing Church but not being Church.

As I listen to the stories of those coming to be ordained, and those once more coming to confirmation to confirm the promises that were made when they were baptised, often as tiny children, I am struck by the big 'yes' having often emerged from seemingly small words and encounters which have been fanned into flame by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ's words as told in last Sunday's gospel reading (Mark 4:31 – 32) speak of the tiny seed growing into an enormous tree, whose branches become a place of welcome, hospitality, life, and home, for the birds of the air. Here is a picture of the Kingdom of God which begins with the small.

As the ordinands prepare to say 'yes' to serving Christ in their calling, may these coming weeks and months be a season for a fresh 'yes' to God from us all, from the youngest to the oldest. It is perhaps good to remember that this is not only the time of year for ordinations but it is also the time of year for our primary school leavers' services, taking place online at a school near you. It is a beautiful time of worship as the children look back with thanks and are sent out to the next chapter of their lives, amid so much that is uncertain and unknown. Yet children are often far better than adults at authentically living their faith in the small things of everyday life and being Church among the people and places of their week, including home and school.

As we pray for our 15 new priests and six new deacons, and all those participating in a leavers' service in their school, let us continue to pray for one another that we would have the courage, from the tiniest to the tallest, to say 'yes' to God afresh in our commitment to follow Christ, and to be expectant about what can take root and grow in the stuff of our everyday lives as we seek to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of God's Kingdom.

With my thanks and prayers as ever,

+ Rachel

'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/UChRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

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

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