



"where the river flows everything will live"

Weekly Parish Briefing Sunday 4 July 2021

The 4th of July...

It's not quite our Independence Day but on Sunday 4th July the Parish will be joining in with the National Day of Thanksgiving to recognize and give thanks for those who have been so amazing during this time of Pandemic. We are encouraged to send a 'thank you' to someone (or more than one) that may have helped us personally in some way. There are still some lovely postcards in the church porches which you are free to take and send.



On Sunday evening at Tidenham Chase (6pm), if the weather is kind to us we intend to have an outdoor 'Songs of Praise' service. By meeting outside there will be no requirement to wear face coverings and we will all be able sing... well at least make a joyful noise with our voices! I don't know about you, but my voice has got very rusty indeed. It reminds me of a funny moment in the Allo Allo comedy from years ago.

ALLO ALLO...

Lt. Hubert Gruber: Madame Edith has an unusual voice, Rene? Was it trained?

Rene Artois: Oh, yes... But it escaped and returned to the wild.



Double Joy!

Last weekend was wonderful as Revd Nicki Bullivant was ordained priest at Gloucester Cathedral on the Saturday and then presided at the Eucharist for the first time on the Sunday. Congratulations Nicki! The Parish gave Nicki a collection of books to mark the occasion.

I am also delighted to announce that we have a new Parish Treasurer, John Dempsey. John has been worshipping with us for a little while now and comes to the role with gifts, skills, enthusiasm and commitment. Please pray for John as he takes on this role and responsibility.

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 at St Luke's, Tutshill

Tuesday 20 July at 7pm - Tidenham Friends AGM

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/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 5 - Sunday 4 July 2021

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

11am St Luke's Church Service, Worship Without Walls (outside worship) followed by 'Bring Your Own Picnic.'

6pm St Michael & All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase, Songs of Praise Service (outside worship and singing)



Online Provision – Tidenham’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 12:2-10 and Mark 6:1-13

The Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Services 4 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 Wednesday 7 & 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 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 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

Parish Wellbeing Project - You will hopefully have now received a leaflet outlining the new parish Wellbeing Project. If not, copies are available from the churches or downloadable from the website. Please, prayerfully consider your response to this important appeal, whether to support the project by a one-off financial contribution or by a regular commitment. It would be helpful for planning if you could respond by Friday 9 July.

Here’s a direct link to the crowdfunding page where you can also see a promo video.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/wellbeing-chaplain

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.

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

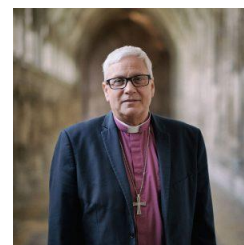
Tidenham Friends AGM – The AGM will be held in Tidenham Parish Church, St Mary and St Peter, on the 20th July at 7pm. Do come, hear what has been happening over the past year and the plans going forward, please let any friends and family know who might be interested in joining us for the update. There is lots of space in the church but with Covid restrictions in mind, please can you let me know if you plan to attend. Thank you Sarah-Jane, email secretary.friends@icloud.com or phone 07876346006

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/>

A message from Bishop Robert

Bishop Robert Springett, Bishop of Tewkesbury Those of us who remember Bishop Michael's induction services will remember they almost always begun with the reminder that Christian people are always thankful people. Thankful for the great story of salvation in Jesus Christ, thankful for life's everyday blessings. It was an exhortation that was usually then followed, especially in multi parish benefices, by trip around the saints to which the local churches were dedicated, quite a number on some occasions!



This is a theme to which we return this coming 4 July when with the rest of the Church and the nation we are invited to play our part in #ThankYouDay. This is a day (with a steering group chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury) that is bringing together hundreds of community groups to say thank you to everyone who has helped us – from shopkeepers and teachers to the friends, families, next door neighbours and people from our places of worship and community groups.

It is something that I hope we, as Christians, are eager to embrace. The word for the act that lies at the heart of our worship as Christians is 'Eucharist' – a Greek word that means thanksgiving. In the Eucharist as we read the scriptures and break bread, we tell the story of God's great saving work; of the creation when God made all that there is and saw that it was good; of our redemption in the birth and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ bringing new hope and a new start to a fallen humanity and a fallen world; and of the call to live in community in the power of the Spirit sharing the love of God and working for the coming of the Kingdom. As Christians we are the bearers of the Good News, called to live a life of thanksgiving and to share that with all we meet.

I hope that it might not be difficult for us to do something to give visible expression to this alongside others in our community this 4 July. This is a great opportunity use our diocesan 'Thank You' resources including the really great and FREE 'Thank You Cards'. Other suggestions are as simple as a litter-pick, a simple shared picnic or a community music event – outside of course! Have a look at <https://thankyouday.org.uk> for more information and suggestions.

Please share what you do on social media using #ThankYouDay and tagging @glosdioc

None of this has to be difficult or indeed demanding, it is rather about making the connections to who we already are and what we do. It's about playing our part in shaping the way we all live as we begin to emerge from this pandemic, a people thankful for each other, thankful for the gift of life, committed to sharing that life with all.

+ Robert

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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