



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

WEEKLY BRIEFING 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY TRINITY TWO

**St Mary & Peter, Tidenham**  
Holy Communion 9.30am

**St Luke, Tutshill**  
Holy Communion 11.00am with SPLASH for children  
Youth Joint Social in Lydney 6.00-8.00pm

**St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase**  
BCP Holy Communion 6.00pm

**St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels**  
Family Communion 9.30am

**St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield & Brockweir**  
Morning Worship 11.00am

**Bible Readings:** Galatians 5:1,13-25 and Luke 9:51-end

**The Collect:** Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

#### Monday

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham.

## **Tuesday**

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's Priory, Chepstow (Churches Together)

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

## **Wednesday**

9.15am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke's, Tutshill

10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

## **Thursday**

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

See [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) and

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

**LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY:** Please check with your group leaders, if you would like to join us.

## **Sunday**

7.30pm Life Group for Men! Online - James Parsons [jamesdparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdparsons727@gmail.com)

## **Monday**

2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki [nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Tuesday**

1.00pm Life Group - Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)

## **Wednesday**

10.15-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill – Revd David [dtrevd@aol.com](mailto:dtrevd@aol.com)

7.30pm Life Group – please contact Wendy for venue and topic this week [wendy.moppett@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.moppett@btinternet.com)

## **Thursday**

1.30pm Life Group - Tanya White at Rockymead - [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com)

**Toddler & Parent Support Group** - St Luke's, Tutshill, Tuesdays at 9.15-10.30am TERM TIME ONLY. Emma Durbin 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

**Sedbury Stay & Play for pre-school families** - Sedbury Village Hall, Wednesdays at 9.15am-10.30am TERM TIME ONLY. Emma 07369 226546 or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

**Pilates in Church!** Every Tuesday 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke's Church, Tutshill; this is part of our Wellbeing initiative to promote gentle physical activity. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / [loreespinosaa@icloud.com](mailto:loreespinosaa@icloud.com) for information and booking. Please bring your own mat, if possible, but not essential!

**What's On at Sedbury Space** - check at <https://www.sedburyspace.org.uk>

Evening Prayer - Tuesdays 5.00pm

One Stop Café - Tuesdays 10.00-12.00am - please come along for a cuppa and a chat

Memory Café - First Wednesday of each month 2.00-3.30pm

Chaplaincy Chatroom - Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm

## **PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION**

**A Personal note from Vicar David** - As many of you know I was quite unwell with Covid back in March 2022. Whilst most people are now thankfully recovering swiftly, unfortunately my body has protested and been struggling to recover since then. As a result, I will be taking time off from all duties in the parishes (sabbatical) from mid-July to mid-September to give my body the chance to heal and renew.

Thankfully, I can take some time off in the full knowledge that I lead a fantastic team of people. Ministry is not 'mine' but something we share together in Christ. Revd Nicki, as curate and Wellbeing Chaplain, along

with Revds David (Rees), Tom, Tudor and Anna, Readers James, Fiona and Mandy, CYF Missioner Emma, Churchwardens, Pastoral Assistants and PCC members, Volunteers and all Co-workers in the Gospel and members of the Body of Christ are able to hold things more than adequately. Nicki especially has my delegated authority to lead with support from others and I'm sure you will support and encourage her in this. Annabelle is of course available in relation to admin and communication. Admin (10-4pm, Mon-Fri) - 07553 779632 - [tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com)

Communicate with one another, support one another, pray for one another, serve one another, encourage one another, bear with one another, forgive one another... LOVE one another! Sisters and brothers in Christ, dearly loved... hear our call to 'live life together in the flow of God's love!'

Please pray for me. I hope to come back renewed and hear about all the good things God has been doing amongst us!

God bless you - David, your Vicar

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS! If you think it's all over.....!** The celebrations are not over yet and we are having our own Parish Jubilee Celebrations on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July. This will involve a whole host of activities at all three churches. There are flyers in church and round about the community and Brian and Marje Duerden are the main point of contact on 01291 623310 or [bduerden70@gmail.com](mailto:bduerden70@gmail.com). If you can help eg. running a game or stall or just lending a hand, please contact Emma.

Emma is running a stall at the Tutshill Village Fete on 16<sup>th</sup> July and needs 80 (yes! 80) EMPTY wine bottles with caps and 20 FULL bottles of wine! Please save your empties or donate some full and pop them in St Luke's kitchen or contact Emma for collection. Help manning the stall would be appreciated too please.

**Mindfulness Course** – this is an 8-week wellbeing course (no set charge but donations/contributions please!) to help people with mental and spiritual health, starting on 6<sup>th</sup> September. This will be lead by Ian Bussell from Gloucester Diocese. There's an introduction and taster session on 20<sup>th</sup> July 6.30-8.45pm at St. Luke's, Tutshill, so come along and find out how you can benefit – GREAT, if you've always wondered what 'mindfulness' means and GREAT, if you have experienced this before and want something local within your church community. Contact Revd Nicki for more information or Ian Bussell on [ibussell@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:ibussell@glosdioc.org.uk)

**Resuming Communion in Both Kinds** i.e. returning to receiving the wine at Communion.

The CofE website has amended its guidance on Communion in both kinds COVID 19 Guidance v3.1\_0.pdf ([churchofengland.org](http://churchofengland.org)). The Diocese of Gloucester has also given guidance. As a result, a decision has been made by the Vicar and Tidenham PCC to resume the offer of the chalice at Communion at all relevant services, and communicants will be offered the chalice from which to take a sip of consecrated wine as well as the bread.

Three things to note:

1. No one must feel under compulsion to receive the cup. After restrictions, not everyone will feel comfortable or safe doing so.
2. Communicants should NOT dip their wafer into the wine (intinction), which can lead to fingers going into the wine as well.
3. If anyone feels unwell and has symptoms of a virus/bug, please think of others and do not partake of the wine.

As the future of the Virus is still unknown, this decision will be kept under review.

**BREATHE are looking for female volunteers** - mentors to support girls and young women who live in the Forest of Dean. No experience needed as all training will be provided! If you have a heart for young people, you could help to support youngsters facing challenges in their lives locally. See [www.breatheyouth.org.uk](http://www.breatheyouth.org.uk) or contact Ruth Julius 07738 422831 or [rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk](mailto:rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk) or Duncan de Gruchy 07375 147924 or [ddegruchy@breatheyouth.org.uk](mailto:ddegruchy@breatheyouth.org.uk)

**Volunteers Please!** Could you volunteer once a month (or less) on a Sunday morning at St. Luke's to play and look after any Under 3s? If you think that you can help, please contact or see Emma. Thank you.

**Another Volunteer Please!** We need someone to drive a 17-seater minibus on 6<sup>th</sup> August and again on 11<sup>th</sup> August please. There is a Christian Youth Festival at Stafford Showground with two other church youth groups from the Forest of Dean and we need help to transport some of our young people. Again, please contact Emma. Thank you.

**Ukrainian Crisis** – There are a few Ukrainian families who have joined our community. If you could help provide a church response for them, please let Revd Nicki or Vicar David know. Specifically, we really do need help with transport to and from church. Again, please let us know. Many thanks.

Recently a family, a mother and two children from Mariupol, moved into the parish. Is anyone who can host her mother-in-law and sister-in-law, so that they could live nearby and support one another. If you can help, please contact Grace on 07714 349210. Thank you.

**Children's clothes please** – please contact Emma, if you have any girl's clothes 6–10 yrs and boy's 13–14 yrs. We have a family in desperate need – thank you.

**St Luke's Coffee Morning** – from 27<sup>th</sup> June, we will be relaunching the Welcome tea/coffee and cake morning. This will be held 10.30-11.30am (slightly earlier this first one!) on the LAST MONDAY of each month. Please pop in and see how a friendly cuppa and a chat can change your day. Contact Polly [paulinemorgan23@gmail.com](mailto:paulinemorgan23@gmail.com) or Revd Nicki [nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

**Baptism & Confirmation** – would you like to be baptised or confirmed? Or do you just want to know more about the Christian faith? Please speak to Revd David or one of the team – come and explore Life & Faith.

**Bereavement Support Group** – feeling lost or weighed down? Contact Revd Nicki 07936 787409 for a chat over a cuppa.

**Save the Day 2023** – we are taking a group to Minehead in 2023. This would be Easter 2023, Monday 10th April to Friday 14th April. Please let Tanya White know if you are interested. More details will follow [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com)

**Financial Support - Giving to your Church & Charity.** Can you give to God's church? A big thank you to all of you who do! Bank Account Giving is - Tidenham Parochial Church, Sort Code 30-91-89 Account Number 00304754, via our website <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/giving/> or the contactless card reader in St Luke's Tutshill.

## **TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS & CONTACTS**

Parish Website: [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk)

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://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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