



WEEKLY BRIEFING 27th FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday before Lent

Ash Wednesday and Lent is just around the corner - a really important time for Christians. After two years of Pandemic, detachment, disengagement and isolation let's learn to be God's people again... being the community He wants us to be. The focus will be on some of the 'one anothers' of Scripture of which there are many! Let's engage with the exciting exploration of what a relationship with Christ and one another really means.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN OUR PARISH

As we approach Lent, we encourage you to engage with the opportunities for prayer and penitence and look to rebuilding body and spirit – both as individuals and as one Christian body.

St Luke, Tutshill

Holy Communion 11.00am with SPLASH (Children's Church)

St Mary & Peter, Tidenham

Holy Communion 9.30am

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Evensong 4.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

Family Communion 9.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

Morning Worship 11.00am

The Bridge Church, Bulwark

Youth Service 6.20pm

Bible Readings: 2 Corinthians 3:12 to 4:2 and Luke 9:28-36

The Collect: Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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)

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

Ash Wednesday Bible Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12 & John 8:1-11

Collect: Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10.30am Holy Communion with option of Ashing, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
12.00am Holy Communion with option of Ashing, St Luke's, Tutshill
7.30pm Holy Communion with option of Ashing, St Luke's, Tutshill
Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

Check out www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

Life Group Meetings Weekly – please contact the relevant people if you'd like to join in:

Sunday - 7.30pm Life Group for Men! Online until further notice - James Parsons jamesdparsons727@gmail.com

Monday - 2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk 07936 787409

Monday - 7.30pm New Life Group at St Luke's, Tutshill - Revd David - dtrevd@aol.com

Tuesday - 1.00pm Life Group – venue varies. Contact Julia Parsons - juliaparsons727@gmail.com

Wednesday - 10.15-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill – Revd David dtrevd@aol.com

- 7.30pm Life Group - Fiona Gardiner at Woodcroft Close - fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com

Thursday - 1.30pm Life Group - Tanya White at Rockymead - tanya.rockymead@gmail.com

Special Lent Life Group: a course about and for Lent, lasting five weeks 8th March - 5th April 7.00pm coffee for 7.30pm start every Tuesday evening in St Luke's Church, Tutshill. Contact Vicar David for more information.

Baby & Parent Support Group - St Luke's, Tutshill, Tuesdays at 9.15-10.30am. 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. Emma 07369 226546 or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

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

Evening Prayer – Tuesdays 5.00pm

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

Book Group – last Wed in the month 2.00-3.30pm until July 2022. Contact Polly 07724 738848 or Susan 07522 178639

Chaplaincy Chatroom – Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

NEW Pilates in Church! Every Tuesday starting on 1st March 2.00-2.45pm at St Luke's Church, Tutshill, this is part of our wellbeing initiative to promote gentle physical activity. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 or loreespinosaa@icloud.com for information and booking.

It's Fairtrade Fortnight, 21st February - 6th March. 'Choose the World We Want' - swap Fairtrade into your usual shopping basket and make life fair for farmers and the planet. Choose Fairtrade and choose more power and money in the hands of farmers facing climate crisis to help them invest in climate-friendly farming techniques and adapt to extreme weather. If we want to continue enjoying tea, coffee, chocolate, bananas etc, we need to help farmers to ensure supply. For more information see displays in church, pick up a leaflet, speak to Cate, Tanya, Marilyn or Julia, or visit www.fairtrade.org.uk

Scarecrow Trail 2022 – we are excited to let everyone know that the Scarecrow Trail is on 3rd – 23rd April. This is to raise funds for the Tidenham Parish Churches, SARA and Teens in Crisis. Information is now available around the Parish and on the website. Please come and join us – it is great fun and for great causes!

Baptism & Confirmation – would you like to be baptised or confirmed? Or perhaps 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 with us.

Bereavement Support Group – Contact Revd Nicki 07936 787409 for a chat over a cuppa, if you're feeling lost.

Flowers in St Luke's Church, Tutshill – do you love seeing the flowers in church? Please could you arrange flowers just three times a year? Contact Margaret Preun 01596 842650, 07800 592219 or email mmpruen@yahoo.co.uk

Financial Support - Giving to your Church & Charity. Can you give a financial gift 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 Treasurer John Dempsey tidenhamtreasurer@gmail.com Alternatively, please use the contactless card reader in St Luke's Tutshill.

Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday 10th April

10.30am procession, led by Breeze the donkey, from Tutshill Memorial Hall to St Luke's for 11.00am Worship and extra time with Breeze

Wednesday 13th April

7.00pm 'Journeying through Grief to Hope',
a Service for the Bereaved at St Michael & All Angels Tidenham Chase

Maundy Thursday 14th April

7.30pm Holy Communion & The Watch at St Luke's Tutshill

Good Friday 15th April

10.00am Children's Service at St Luke's Tutshill
2.00pm Good Friday Devotions at St Luke's Tutshill

Saturday 16th April

9.00pm Easter Vigil at St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Easter Sunday 17th April

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
11.00am Family Communion at St Luke's Tutshill
6.00pm BCP Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels
Tidenham Chase

Covid Updates: Whilst restrictions have ceased, we would still encourage hand sanitizing, respect for personal space and those who wish to wear face masks. If you have any Covid symptoms, please do not attend. Thank you!

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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