



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

WEEKLY BRIEFING 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:  
help us to seek and serve you.

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY The Sunday after Ascension Day

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

**St Luke, Tutshill**  
Morning Worship 11.00am  
No SPLASH or Youth this Sunday

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

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

**Hewelsfield & Brockweir**  
Joint service with the Moravians at the Loft 3.00pm

**Bible Readings:** Acts 16:16-34 and John 17:20 to end

**The Collect:** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Worship without Walls (WWW)** - there will be a 10.00am service at the outdoor chapel, Gwent Scouting Campsite, Botany Bay, Tintern. There is a small, steep walk down a hillside, so sturdy feet and footwear are needed. If you would like to come, please bring a favourite scripture or share an experience of God in your life. Any questions, please contact Emma.

### **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

12.00am Holy Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

#### **Thursday**

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

**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)

7.30pm Special Life Group at St Luke's, Tutshill - Revd David [dtrevd@aol.com](mailto:dtrevd@aol.com) - see below

#### **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)

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15-10.00am Prayer for Children, Youth & Families at Julia's, Esnadene, Tutshill

**How to... read the Old Testament** – Have you ever wondered about the Old Testament? How or why to read it? Or thought that you don't really like the God of the Old Testament? Then the new Monday Life Group at 7.30pm in St Luke's Church, starting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, is just right for you. Come and join a lovely, friendly group of people and together over five weeks we'll explore the Old Testament with Tudor, a great enthusiast for the Old Testament - where it came from and how it can feed our faith and hope today. Excited? Come along. Sceptical? Come along. Unsure? Come along. For more details, contact Tudor at [tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com](mailto:tudor.griffiths1@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>

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| 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**

**Resuming Communion** in Both Kinds from Pentecost Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 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](https://www.churchofengland.org/COVID-19-Guidance-v3.1-0.pdf) ([churchofengland.org](https://www.churchofengland.org)). It now states that, while many churches are resuming giving the chalice, the final decision to do so does rest with the vicar of each parish.

Revd David and Tidenham PCC have decided that with the significant reduction in Covid cases locally, it is now safe to resume the use of the chalice at communion.

From Pentecost - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Holy Communion will be made available in both kinds to our three congregations. The use of the Common Cup will be resumed, that is to say, Communicants will be offered the chalice from which to take a sip of consecrated wine.

Three things to note:

1. No one is required to receive the cup. After many months of restrictions, not everyone will feel comfortable or safe doing so.
2. Communicants should NOT dip their wafer into the wine (intinction), which can then lead to fingers going in 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.

**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.

**More Help Please for the Jubilee!** Sheila (from Sheila's in Sedbury) is looking for volunteers to run stalls at a Jubilee fete in Sedbury on Friday 3rd June. If anyone can help, please contact Sheila or Emma Durbin.

**Ukrainian Crisis** – There are a number of Ukrainian families who have joined our community with more to come. If you could volunteer for some kind of help and hospitality church response for these families, please let Revd Nicki or Vicar David know. Specifically, we really do need help with transport to and from church. Again, please let Revds David or Nicki know. Many thanks.

**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** – you may have seen Spring Harvest on Songs of Praise recently and we are thinking of taking a group to Minehead in 2023. This would be Easter 2023, Monday 10th April to Friday 14th April. Booking lines open on 8th June 2022 and early bird offers are valid until 31st July 2022, so we could try to proceed with this soon. Please let Tanya White know if you are interested. More details will follow once we know numbers etc. [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/>

Revd David Treharne, Vicar - 01291 760034 - dtrevd@aol.com

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