

WEEKLY BRIEFING 3rd April 2022

Passion Sunday

Lent is here – the most 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

This 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 Youth Service 4.30pm

St Mary & Peter, Tidenham

Holy Communion 9.30am

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Evensong 6.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

BCP Holy Communion 8.30am

Family Communion 9.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

Morning Worship 11.00am

Bible Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 and John 12:1-8

The Collect: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. 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)

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

Wednesday 9.30am 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

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: last one this Tuesday 5th April 7.00pm for 7.30pm in St Luke's Church, Tutshill.

Walking through Lent with One Another: In line with this year's theme of Community, our walks offer a chance to talk and contemplate, all starting at 1.30pm on Tuesdays. Meet on 5th April at the Chase car park and enjoy a 3m circular woodland walk via Poor's Allotment. Further details from Wendy 07447 311131.

Light a Candle: we might feel overwhelmed and concerned about the war in Ukraine as well, as war and famine in other parts of the world, global warming and events in our own lives. During Lent, St Luke's Church will be open all day Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and also Friday morning. Please feel free to pray, light a candle or write a prayer.

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 Memory Café - first Wednesday of each month 2.00-3.30pm Chaplaincy Chatroom - Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING / ANNUAL REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL - Tidenham Parish, Iain Gardiner, Church Electoral Roll Officer 01291 624868.

This year's Annual Church Meeting (APCM /AGM) will be held at 10.15am in St Mary & St Peter's Church Tidenham on Sunday 8th May i.e. after the Morning Service.

In advance of that meeting, the PCC must review the existing Church Electoral Roll, which has been posted on all Church notice boards, between Sunday 3rd April and Sunday 17th April. If your name is already on the Roll, you don't need to do anything! If your name is **not** on the Church Electoral Roll and you wish to register, application forms are available at the back of each church, or email me at <u>iain706gardiner@btinternet.com</u>. These should be completed and returned to me either electronically or hard copy no later than Sunday 17th April.

The formal legal notice of the proposed annual revision to the roll and Tidenham Parish's GDPR privacy notice redated February 2022 have also been posted on the church notice boards.

Chrism Eucharist - Maundy Thursday 14th April 11.00am. This is an opportunity for licensed ministers to gather at Gloucester Cathedral for the Chrism Eucharist and to renew their vows alongside 'one another'. It is also one of the few times the Diocese comes together and we get a sense that we are part of something a lot bigger; all are welcome.

Scarecrow Trail 2022 – starts this week 3rd–23rd April, to raise funds for the Tidenham Parish Churches, SARA and Teens in Crisis. Information is available around the Parish and on the website. Come and join us – great fun and great causes!

Breathe Youth – this Christian charity is both excited and privileged to be part of Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme, supporting girls and young women in the Forest of Dean. They are on the lookout for female volunteer mentors, so if you want to find out more, join the Information Session on Monday 4th April. Visit www.breatheyouth.org.uk for more information and to download an application form.

Fairtrade – Julia and Cate are now selling Fairtrade Chocolate Easter Eggs. Contact <u>juliaparsons727@gmail.com</u> for a Fairtrade catalogue or to order and help make life fairer for farmers and producers in the developing world.

NEW 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 or loreespinosaa@icloud.com for information and booking. Please bring your own mat, if possible, but not essential!

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.

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

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/ Revd David Treharne, Vicar 01291 760034 dtrevd@aol.com nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk (not Fri & Sat) 07936 787409 Revd Nicki Bullivant, Curate & Wellbeing Chaplain **Revd David Rees** 01594 530443 david.rees17@btinternet.com Revd Br Tom Clammer OC, Associate Priest tomclammer@gmail.com 01722 683797 fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com Fiona Gardiner, Reader 01291 624868 James Parsons, Reader 07970 489362 jamesdparsons727@gmail.com Emma Durbin, Children Youth & Families Missioner 07369 226546 emmad.cyfm@gmail.com tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com Annabelle Stephens, Admin (10-4pm, Mon-Fri) 07553 779632 Prof Brian Duerden, Churchwarden bduerden70@gmail.com 01291 623310 Nicholette Flatman, Churchwarden nicholetteflatman@gmail.com 01291 621202 Iain Gardiner, PCC Secretary 01291 624868 iain706gardiner@btinternet.com Marilyn Henderson, Safeguarding Officer 01291 620140 mhenderson@btinternet.com

Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday 10th April

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
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
6.00pm Palm Sunday Evensong at St Michael & All Angels Tidenham Chase

Wednesday 13th April

12.00am Holy Communion at St Luke's Tutshill
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
11.00am Reflective Service of Poetry & Prose at The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop

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 Government restrictions have ceased, we would still encourage hand sanitizing, respect for personal space and wearing of face masks. If you have any Covid symptoms, please do not attend. Thank you!