



## WEEKLY BRIEFING 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### First Sunday of Lent

*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 IN OUR PARISH

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**

Morning Worship 11.00am with SPLASH (Children's Church)

Youth Group 4.30pm

##### **St Mary & Peter, Tidenham**

Holy Communion 9.30am

##### **St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase**

Evensong 4.00pm

##### **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:** Romans 10:8b-13 and Luke 4:1-13

**The Collect:** Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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)

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

Wednesday 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](http://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](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) 07936 787409

Monday - 7.30pm New Life Group at St Luke's, Tutshill - Revd David - [dtrevd@aol.com](mailto:dtrevd@aol.com)  
Tuesday - 1.00pm Life Group – venue varies. Contact 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 - Fiona Gardiner at Woodcroft Close - [fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com)  
Thursday - 1.30pm Life Group - Tanya White at Rockymead - [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com)

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

**Walking through Lent with One Another:** In line with this year's theme of Community, there will be six walks offering a chance to talk, contemplate and maybe eat together. Each will start at 1.30pm on a Tuesday, the first being 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will start at St Luke's Tutshill for a 4–5 mile circular footpath walk stopping at Tidenham church along the way and hoping to meet others there. For more details contact Wendy 07447 311 131.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:loreespinosaa@icloud.com) for information and booking. Please bring your own mat, if possible, but not essential!

**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](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**Scarecrow Trail 2022** – we are excited to let everyone know that the Scarecrow Trail is on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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** – would you like to see flowers in St Luke's again? Would you be willing to arrange some flowers (approx three times a year)? If so and for further details, please contact Margaret Preun - 01596 842 650, Mobile - 07800 592 219 or email - [mmpruen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:tidenhamtreasurer@gmail.com) Alternatively, please use the contactless card reader in St Luke's Tutshill.

## Holy Week Services



### Palm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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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