

WEEKLY BRIEFING 13th March 2022

Second 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

Holy Communion 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

Compline 4.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

Family Communion 9.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield

Family Communion 11.00am

Bible Readings: Philippians 3:17-4:1 and Luke 13:31-end

The Collect: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

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 <u>jamesdparsons727@gmail.com</u> Monday - 2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki <u>nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk</u> 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.

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, all starting at 1.30pm on Tuesdays. This week's walk on 15th March starts at Tidenham car park, half a mile past St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase. An easy 3-mile stroll to Devil's Pulpit and back with good views of Tintern Abbey. Further details from Wendy 07447 311 131.

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 Book Group - contact Susan 07522 178639 Chaplaincy Chatroom - Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

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!

Funeral – Barbara Francis on Monday 14 March 12.00am at St Luke's Church, Tutshill. All welcome.

Fairtrade – Traidcraft are now selling Fairtrade Chocolate Easter Eggs. Contact Julia or Cate for a catalogue or to order. It is so encouraging that Fairtrade Sales grow, making life fairer for farmers and producers in the developing world.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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

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!

TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS & CONTACTS

Iain Gardiner, PCC Secretary

Marilyn Henderson, Safeguarding Officer

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 Revd Nicki Bullivant, Curate & Wellbeing Chaplain 07936 787409 nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk (not Fri & Sat) **Revd David Rees** 01594 530443 david.rees17@btinternet.com Revd Br Tom Clammer OC, Associate Priest 01722 504938 tomclammer@gmail.com Fiona Gardiner, Reader 01291 624868 fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com jamesdparsons727@gmail.com James Parsons, Reader 07970 489362 Emma Durbin, Children Youth & Families Missioner 07369 226546 emmad.cvfm@gmail.com Annabelle Stephens, Admin (10-4pm, Mon-Fri) 07553 779632 tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com Prof Brian Duerden, Churchwarden 01291 623310 bduerden70@gmail.com Nicholette Flatman, Churchwarden 01291 621202 nicholetteflatman@gmail.com

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