



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024
BIBLE SUNDAY

CLOCKS CHANGE THIS SUNDAY AT 2AM

St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke's, Tutshill
11.00am Holy Communion with Splash for children

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
4.00pm Evensong

CLOCKS CHANGE SO GATHERING IS NOW AT WINTER HOURS

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and John 5:36b-end

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

MID-WEEK GATHERINGS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAYS (not Bank Holidays)

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

9.15am Children & Families Morning Prayer. Contact juliaparsons727@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's Priory, Chepstow (Churches Together)

5.00pm Evening Prayer, St Michael & All Angels, Chase

WEDNESDAYS

9.00am Contemplative Prayer, St Luke's, Tutshill

10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels – usually fortnightly

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

THURSDAY

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

See www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk or www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w



LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY

Here are our Life Groups, open to all, running throughout the week; we talk about life and faith or specific topics relevant to what's happening around us.

Monday (not Bank Holidays)

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

Tuesday

1.00pm with Julia Parsons juliaparsons727@gmail.com

Wednesday

10.15-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill

7.30pm with Wendy at home

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on essywoolcock@googlemail.com

Thursday

1.30pm at Tanya's – tanya.rockymead@gmail.com for information

Youth

If you want to know more about faith, have fun and food, come to our weekly Youth Group with regular events specifically for your age group. Contact Emma 07369 226546 or emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

IMPORTANT GATHERINGS COMING UP SOON!

- All Souls Service 4.00pm on 3 November at St Michael & All Angels, Chase, when we remember by name all those who had memorial or funeral services in the Parish over the past three years. There are sheets in each of the churches if you would like additional names to be read out at this service.
- Also, Remembrance Sunday 10 November, at St Luke's Tutshill when we will gather for a Community Act of Remembrance with the laying of wreaths for all who have given their lives for us. This starts at 10.30am at the Memorial Hall for a procession to church for the Remembrance Service.

- We are delighted that Archdeacon Hilary is joining us on 3 November at St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, and St Luke's, Tutshill. Archdeacon Hilary will be leading the gatherings and Bishop Robert will be leading at St Michael & All Angels Chase in early 2025.

There will be a Free Light Party & Family Feast at Viney Hill Activity Centre on Thursday 31 October 4-6pm. It promises to be a night of fun with an outdoor trail, activities and crafts, food and fire. Booking is necessary. To do this you can contact Lucy.marshall@sportily.org.uk

BINS!!

Many people visit and use St Luke's Church and Graveyard, but please could we all note that the Black Bin is for rubbish only; the Green Bin for dry garden waste only (not soil); and the small black Food Waste Bin is for food waste. Thank you!

"Songs of Stuart Townend"

Saturday 9 November at 7pm. Free entrance but donations for our next Ukrainian aid trip would be well received! This concert involves most of the musicians at St Luke's and should be a really good evening!

FAMILY PARISH NEWS –

Every Tuesday and Wednesday in term time, we run two Toddler groups. Last week at St. Luke's we had 26 families. It's a joy to watch little ones grow and develop and a privilege to pray for and build friendships with the parents, grandparents and childminders who come through the doors. Please do pray for this important ministry.

In partnership with Two Rivers Housing, FOD Salvation Army & Sedbury Space the Wellbeing project (Tidenham Parish Churches) will be hosting a Breakfast Club at Sedbury Village Hall on the 30 October. This is a repeat of the successful breakfast clubs that were held over the summer that saw many families gratefully receive a free breakfast and packed lunch. Please do pray for this important Community ministry.

LOTS OF EXCITING CONCERTS AND EVENTS COMING SOON – PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE CALENDAR



Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service - Wales

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL
SATURDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER,
2024 - 11AM

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH
OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE
LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS
AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE
GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER
BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.

SAYINGGOODBYE.ORG



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday 30 November 2-4pm at St Luke's - £30pp to include professional tutor, materials and heating! Do join us for a fantastic creative workshop to get you into the Christmas spirit and make you feel good! Contact Annabelle at tidenhamadmin@btinternet.com to book – **HURRY! LAST FEW SPACES AVAILABLE**

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Chepstow are recruiting for Debt Centre Manager, to work with people in financial debt to resolve their situation. This is a joint initiative sponsored by various churches, including the Bridge Church Chepstow and the Parish of Tidenham. The role will commence in March 2025 and will be a 16 hour per week, 2-year contract, at an hourly rate of £12.45. If you are interested, please contact Robin by email rtpcc@aol.com, for more details.

LATEST UPDATE – THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR

Work has begun between Tidenham, St. Briavels and Hewelsfield Parishes on our joint statement of vision, direction, needs, wants, challenges and benefits. The statement will focus on a shared benefices identity, whilst highlighting the unique qualities and requirements of each parish within this. It will be used to help attract the best candidate we can.

An editorial board will convene next week and we expect drafts of the document to flow weekly after that.

We will be consulting with parishioners in two ways. Firstly, a brief questionnaire will be circulated in our churches and local communities this Sunday and can be filled in electronically or on paper. The answers

and views of our parishioners will be incorporated into the subsequent drafts of the vacancy statement. Then we will be holding a Parish open day on Saturday 30 November in the newly re-ordered North Aisle of St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham from 10.00am to 1.00pm, where parishioners can drop in to review the document and chat to PCC members about it.

The Archdeacon will sign off the final version by Friday 20 December and advertisements for the role will run in the Church Times in January and February. Interviews will take place early March (the panel will comprise Bishop(s), the Archdeacon and five PCC members (three from Tidenham and one each from St. Briavels and Hewelsfield.)

We expect the new incumbent to arrive in June, after serving any notice in their current role.

We will keep you updated, but in the meantime please contact Revd Nicki for pastoral and Churchwardens, Brian or Robin, for non-pastoral matters. And we also have a special prayer to help us with the vacancy:

Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield, as we serve you together in this period without a Priest in Charge.

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for us and that these plans are good. We ask you now that You will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover Your way for the future and see Your Kingdom grow.

All this we ask in the strength of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

OUR LITTLE LARDER @ ST LUKE'S TUTSHILL – if stocks are low, don't worry please – contact Revd Nicki on 07936 787409. The Bridge Church Foodbank is also asking for stock as they are extremely low – times are hard. They have a 'shopping list' on the Chepstow Foodbank website if you can help them too.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING – Last Monday of the month 10.00-12.00am at St Luke's.

PARISH LUNCH – First Thursday of each month 12.15-1.30pm at Woodcroft Christian Centre.

Bell Ringing – Weekly practice at St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, 7.30–9.00pm on Tuesdays. Contact Cate Phillips (01291 624260) for more information, or just turn up and give it a go!

OUR PARISH BABY & TODDLER GROUPS

TUTSHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP – Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke's, Tutshill. **Term time only.** Emma 07369 2265406 or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

SEDBURY STAY & PLAY - our parish runs a wonderful group for pre-school families – Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am at Sedbury Village Hall. **Term time only.** We do need extra help from time to time please. Contact Emma 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

FOREST WIDE YOUTH GROUPS:

To Be Connected (TBC) for Christian Young Adults (18-30yr olds), 7.00-8.30pm first Wednesday each month at Ruardean Hill Baptist Church GL17 9AZ and on Zoom. Contact jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk
BREATHE - Breathe Youth is a Christian Charity based in the Forest of Dean. Tel: 07738 422831 Email: rjulus@breatheyouth.org.uk <http://www.breatheyouth.org.uk/>

Pilates – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke’s Church, Tutshill; part of our Wellbeing initiative with gentle physical activity to support spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / loreespinosaa@icloud.com .

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

One Stop Café - Tuesdays 10.00-12.00am - come for a cuppa and a chat at Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall

Memory Café - First Wednesday of each month 2.00-3.30pm

Chaplaincy Chatroom - Thursdays 1.30-5.00pm

PLEASE GIVE!

Parish Bank Account - Tidenham Parochial Church. Sort Code 30-91-89. Account Number 00304754.

Please give by Standing Order instead of Cash – see Churchwardens or the Parish website.

Giving by Cheque - Please make payable to **Tidenham Parochial Church**.

TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS & CONTACTS

Parish Website: www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: www.stbandhchurches.org.uk

Facebook 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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