



*“where the river flows everything will live”*

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**St Mary & St Peter’s, Tidenham**  
9.00am Holy Communion

**St Luke’s, Tutshill**  
11.00am Family Nativity Worship

**St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase**  
NO SERVICE

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

**St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield**  
11.00am Morning Worship

***Bible Readings: Philippians 1:3-11 and Luke 3:1-6***

***Collect: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.***

***Post Communion: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

This Sunday at St Luke’s we will be journeying with Caleb, the camel, on his quest to find the newborn king. Please encourage any families you know to come and, more importantly, if they fancy dressing up as any character in the nativity (fairies and superheroes will not be turned away), that would be great. There will be hot choc, cookies and other refreshments afterwards.



# CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS

## IN OUR PARISH

15 December	3.00 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
20 December	2.00 pm	Tree Festival begins at St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Family Crib Service, St Luke's Tutshill
	11.15 pm	Midnight Mass, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
Christmas Day	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion, St Michael & All Angels' Chase
	10.00 am	Christmas Morning Worship, St Luke's Tutshill
29 December	10.30 am	Simple Holy Communion with Carols, St Luke's Tutshill
5 January 2025	4.00 pm	Epiphany Carol Service, St Michael & All Angels' Chase
2 February	11.00 am	Christingle Family Worship, St Luke's Tutshill

### 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](mailto: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**

9.15am 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](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w](https://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 – not running Christmas week.

### **Monday** (not Bank Holidays)

2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki [nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Tuesday**

1.00pm with Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)

### **Wednesday**

10.30-11.45am 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](mailto:essywoolcock@googlemail.com)

### **Thursday**

1.30pm at Tanya's – [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:emmad.cyfm@gmail.com)

## PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Mary and St Peter's Church Tidenham

2 - 4pm

Friday 20 December

Saturday 21 December

Monday 23 December

Friday 27 December

Saturday 28 December

Monday 30 December

The theme this year is Fairy Tales - Come along, admire the trees and guess the tales depicted on the trees.

The Church has undergone a fantastic transformation this year, there is now a kitchen and a toilet!

The funds raised this year will go towards new heaters for the North Aisle.

Looking forward to seeing you!



# CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

Sketches, carols, laughs & songs

Friday & Saturday 13/14 December 7.30pm

St Luke's Church, Tutshill NP16 7PT

£10 a ticket to include mulled wine on arrival

Raising funds for Friends of St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham & St Luke's Tutshill

## WELLBEING PROJECT & CYFM (Children, Youth & Families)

- **Help Please!** On 12 December, we have 215 Tutshill Primary School children at St Luke's for their Christingle. Please can you lend a hand to make Christingles in preparation: 11 December 1.30-3.00pm in St Luke's with music and refreshments to keep you going! Please let Emma know on [emmad.cyfm@gmail.com](mailto:emmad.cyfm@gmail.com) or 07369 226546.
- Also please be praying for all of those leading worship over the next three weeks and especially those that will be coming to receive.

## LATEST UPDATE – THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR

Work is nearing completion on our joint statement of vision, direction, needs, wants, challenges and benefits. The statement focuses 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.

We consulted with you in two ways. Firstly, a brief questionnaire was circulated and your responses incorporated. Secondly, a Parish open day enabled you to review the document and chat to PCC members.

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 on 7 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 late summer, 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 – 12 DECEMBER** 12.15-1.30pm at Woodcroft Christian Centre.

**Tuesday Bell Ringing** – Postponed until after all the works at Tidenham. Contact Cate 07596 185918.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:rjulus@breatheyouth.org.uk) <http://www.breatheyouth.org.uk/>

**Pilates for Wellbeing** – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke's Church, Tutshill; gentle physical activity to support spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / [loreespinosaa@icloud.com](mailto:loreespinosaa@icloud.com) .

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

Bible Study – Mondays 2.00-3.00pm

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](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk)

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://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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