



“where the river flows everything will live”

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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

St Luke’s, Tutshill
11.00am Morning Worship with Splash children’s provision

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
4.00pm BCP Holy Communion

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
8.30am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings: Hebrews 10:11-25 and Mark 13:1-8

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

PCC Secretary

We are urgently seeking a volunteer to be our new PCC Secretary, as the position is vacant. This is a key role ensuring the PCC runs effectively and efficiently whilst complying with its legal and statutory duties. The person filling the role does not need to be a PCC member and is a key leadership role in Tidenham Parish.

It should only take 40hrs of effort per year on an ad hoc basis and is a fulfilling way of supporting our PCC and parishioners in delivering our parish vision of 'Living Life Together in the Flow of God's Love' and growing His Kingdom in this beautiful part of the world.

The role comprises:

- *PCC Secretariat, producing the agendas for PCC meetings, recording and signing off the minutes with the PCC and following up on actions with those taking the actions.*
- *External correspondence on behalf of the PCC, e.g. annual return to the Charity Commission.*
- *Compiling the Trustees' Annual Report.*
- *Completing annual returns online: Return of Statistics and Mission', 'Return of energy footprint', 'Return of Parish Officers'.*
- *Church electoral roll officer, maintaining an up-to-date church electoral roll.*
- *Preparing papers before and after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and recording minutes.*

If you are being 'called' and interested, please contact Robin or Brian who can provide more details.

WELLBEING PROJECT & CYFM (Children, Youth & Families)

- **EXCITING NEWS!** The PCC have agreed to employ Eve Lewis McLeod as a Youth Intern for Tidenham Parish Churches. Eve has been part of the Youth group and more recently has been volunteering as an Assistant Youth Leader. Please pray for her, Emma, the Youth team and our young people.
- **BUMPER CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING – Monday 25 November 10-12am** - Please do come and enjoy our Festive Morning of laughter, chatter over a cuppa and mince pie. We will have a festive raffle with a Christmas Hamper as first prize. All monies raised go to the Project Fund to support those in need in our Tidenham Parish Community. **REMEMBER, REMEMBER 25 NOVEMBER!**
- Please pray for the Bereaved, many of whom attended the Parish All Souls gathering at St Michael & All Angels Chase. There were 64 in the congregation.
- Please pray for all those who are struggling and need our St Luke's Little Larder and our food parcels.
- We have a wonderful Chaplaincy Chatroom at Sedbury Space on Thursdays – please pray for this group.
- Please keep in your prayers the tiny members of our community who come to our Parish Toddler & Baby groups on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, where they grow and develop within our church.
- And finally, please pray for our many faith activities throughout the Parish, supporting young and old, especially the Youth group who are going on their annual activity weekend at Viney Hill this week.



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! LITERALLY ONLY ONE OR TWO SPACES LEFT.**

Remembrance Sunday – there were 140 in the congregation last Sunday with families and young also joining in this important gathering. We have had some wonderful feedback and we are delighted it was such a community gathering.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Chepstow are recruiting for Debt Centre Manager. CAP provides free debt help across the UK, run in partnership with local churches. The Manager provides practical and emotional support and together with CAP Head Office shows people that there is always hope. You will support clients on their journey to becoming debt free through home visits and ongoing support. All of this must be done in a way that positively reflects the Christian faith. You will also need to build and maintain relationships with referral agencies, local churches and volunteers.

The position is for 16hrs per week (£12.45p/h), for two years, starting March/April 2025. The candidate must have a full UK Driving License and access to their own car and be willing to travel for client visits.

For an application pack or an informal conversation, please contact David Price on 07539 477286, or email davidprice@thebridgechurch.online. Application must be received by 22nd November 2024 with local interviews to be held early December and a second interview with CAP in January 2025.

LATEST UPDATE – THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR

Work is well underway between Tidenham, St. Briavels and Hewelsfield with Brockweir Parishes 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. Our editorial board meets regularly to work on this document.

We have been consulting with you in two ways. Firstly, a brief questionnaire was circulated in our churches and local communities and the consultation is now closed. Your responses will be incorporated into the drafts of the vacancy statement. 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-1.00pm, when you can 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 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 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 – First Thursday of each month 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
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 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 .

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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