



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

## GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

### SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2024 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

**St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase**  
6.00pm Evensong

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

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

***Bible Readings: Ephesians 6:10-20 and John 6:56-69***

***Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.***

***Post Communion: God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

#### **MID-WEEK GATHERINGS IN OUR PARISH**

##### **MONDAYS (not Bank Holidays)**

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham – changes in September owing to works

9.15am Children & Families Morning Prayer – **ON SUMMER BREAK, BACK IN SEPTEMBER.** 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**

9.00am 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 – **ON SUMMER BREAK, BACK 4 SEPTEMBER**

### **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 – On Summer Break, please check with leaders.**

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 – on summer break, back 2 September**

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**

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

**On summer break** – see you in September (7.30pm with Wendy at home)

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on [essywoolcock@gmail.com](mailto:essywoolcock@gmail.com)

#### **Thursday**

**Summer break** - 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**



All around the country on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, thousands of people are sponsored to travel from church to church by walking, cycling or other methods. For us in Gloucestershire, funds raised are split 50:50 between the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and our local churches. Ride+Stride is a nationwide event which is supported by the National Churches Trust.

In our Parish, a group will be walking from St Briavels Church (St Mary the Virgin) to St Luke's, Tutshill, calling at St Mary Magdalene (Hewelsfield), St Michael & All Angels (Tidenham Chase) and St Mary & St Peter's (Tidenham). This walk is about 9 miles long (unless we get lost!) starting at St Briavels at about 9am.

If you would like to take part, either by walking or sponsoring a walker, then please contact James Parsons for a sponsor form (email - [jamesdparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdparsons727@gmail.com) or phone – 07970 489362). Sponsor forms will be in Tidenham, Tidenham Chase and Tutshill churches, if you'd like to sponsor the group as a whole.

Why not come to Tidenham Church on that Saturday morning and see the preparatory work that has taken place in the North Aisle - the church will be open on the morning for refreshments. We won't be able to access St Luke's, but all the other churches are open.

If you would like to visit some other Gloucestershire Churches then a list of churches taking part is at <https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/ridestride-churches-taking-part>

**HELP!** We could really do with some help please; firstly, volunteers needed for Splash on Sundays during the service, secondly, for a Health & Safety lead (duties involve: being familiar with H&S Regs in relation to church premises and policies, building works, maintaining fire equipment and safe systems) and finally, for the PCC Secretary (duties involve: agendas and minutes, AGM, reports and correspondence). For more details, contact Annabelle @ Admin.

**FANTASY FOOTBALL 2024/25!** For the 2024/25 Fantasy Premier League why don't you join our mini league "St Luke's"? Joining the league couldn't be easier - simply use the link below and you'll be added automatically after you've entered the game. Looking forward to playing against you this season!

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/0ylne7>

League Code: 0ylne7

**St Luke's Quiet Day 2024** - Saturday 14 September 10am-2pm, led by Rev Anna Griffiths. In addition to the Parish Quiet Day planned for Lent 2025, we are offering a local gathering at St Luke's Church this Autumn. For details and registration, please contact Cate Phillips 07596185918 or Leonie Jones 07742977214.

#### **CONTACTS DURING THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR**

Whilst there is a vacancy, please contact Revd Nicki for pastoral and Churchwardens, Brian or Robin, for non-pastoral matters. Also visit our Parish website for more contacts or see below.

Briefly, the position cannot be advertised until the New Year, as there is a lot to do developing the Parish Profile (a detailed specification/mission statement), which includes St Briavels & Hewelsfield, and approving this with the Diocese; you will be invited to give your views at the appropriate time. We are therefore planning to have a new vicar in 12 months' time, subject to developing the old Tutshill vicarage site to include the new Vicarage; plans for this follow Diocese guidelines and will be available to view through the usual channels in due course.

Whilst the Churchwardens and Ministry Team will be running our Parish during the vacancy and minimising any disruption, please bear with us if they have to make priority decisions based on available resources.

We hope this answers your immediate questions, but please talk to the Churchwardens or PCC members, if there is anything else. Don't forget that we have a wonderful team to support everyone in church and in the community and all our gatherings throughout the Parish will run as normal.

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** – None in August. See you Monday 30 September 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](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** – 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 / [lorespinosaa@icloud.com](mailto:lorespinosaa@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](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/>

**Revd Nicki Bullivant**, Associate Priest & Wellbeing Chaplain - 07936 787409 - nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk

**Revd Canon Tudor Griffiths**, Associate Priest - 07718 906066 - tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com

**Revd Anna Griffiths**, Associate Priest - 07504 662539 - anna.dejaegher.griffiths@gmail.com

**Revd Miri Keen**, Associate Priest - 07933 172552 - miri.parkhill@gmail.com

**Revd David Rees**, Locally Ordained Minister - 01594 530443 - david.rees17@btinternet.com

**Mandy Vaughan**, Licensed Lay Reader - 01594 530844

**Revd Br Tom Clammer OC**, Associate Priest - 07811 639741 - tomclammer@gmail.com

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