



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Feast of St Michael & All Angels

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

St Luke's, Tutshill
11.00am Morning Worship with Splash for children

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

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
9.30am Harvest Festival & Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
3.00pm Joint Service with Moravian Church celebrating Harvest

Bible Readings: Revelation 12:7-12 and John 1:47-end

Collect: Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post-communion: Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; 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

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

CAP

Firstly, a big Thank You from CAP. The Chepstow and District CAP Debt centre, is celebrating **TEN** years, of offering **FREE** in home debt help. During this time we have helped over 140 families, seen 40 of them go **DEBT FREE**, clearing a whopping **£637,282.91**, either through a Debt Management Plan, or a DRO. We have also helped so many more families learn how to budget and manage their finances by themselves.

This Saturday the 28 September at 2:30pm we are celebrating, and you are invited to join us at The Bridge Church in Bulwark, to hear more about the work we have been doing over the ten years.

This week is however David Price's last week working with CAP, the Debt Centre Manager, being able to help families, and see the change has been a real privilege, and thank to God that he had this opportunity.

Funded by donations from individuals and churches across the area, CAP were unsure if there would be enough finances to continue this valuable service, however over the last couple of months, several new regular donors, and some very generous one-off gifts from individuals and churches have reduced this uncertainty, and there is now somebody actively looking for and applying for grants.

If you have anyone who is in need of CAP's help, please continue to pass on their free phone number **0800 328 0006**, or check out the website for other options <https://capuk.org/get-help/cap-debt-help/other-options>. Once the centre is open again for new clients our new Debt Centre Manager will be in touch in early 2025.

If you have any questions, or want any updates after the end of this week, then please feel free to contact David Price, however you will need to use the following email address davidprice@thebridgechurch.online

Thank you again for all your support and hope you can join them on Saturday at the celebration.



A big thank you to those who took part in this year's Ride+Stride sponsored walk to raise funds for Gloucester Historic Churches Trust. Walkers were Rev Nicky, James, Anthony and George, with Brian Duerden joining them for the leg from Tidenham Chase church to Tidenham church. Also, a big thank you to all those who sponsored the walkers; a total of £565 was donated, which, after Gift Aid, amounts to £695, and half of this amount is returned to our PCC towards our own maintenance works. And finally, a big thank you to Sarah-Jane Gilchrist and the Friends of Tidenham Parish Church for laying on refreshments at Tidenham Church.

GARAS have sent their thanks for our donation of £186.05 which will help them in their important work. GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) offer support to those seeking asylum in Gloucestershire, welcoming them when they arrive, advocating for them in their daily struggles, supporting them if they face being sent back as well as helping them adjust to their long term future if they are recognised as refugees

CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to Nicholette Flatman on her commissioning to preside at funerals. There was a lovely service at Gloucester Cathedral when she celebrated with her cohort.

Harvest Praise

Parish wide - Sunday 6 October

We have a fantastic day of glorious Harvest Praise Services that Sunday, beginning with the 9am service at St Mary & St Peter's. Then, after the 11am Harvest service at St Luke's, we have our Parish Celebration, when you can bring your own lunch/snacks and share some time with your wonderful church and community. There will be teas and coffees – if you can help out or bring extra cake (no nuts, thank you!), please contact Parish Admin. It would be much appreciated. The day ends with a beautiful, music filled Harvest Praise 6pm at St Michael & All Angels, Chase. The Harvest gatherings are always a time of joy, music and togetherness, so please do come along!

DECORATIONS ON GRAVES IN OUR PARISH CHURCHYARDS

By the end of September, the PCC will be tidying up our three parish churchyards and removing old flowers, plastic flowers and decorations from graves and memorials. If you wish to retain anything, please remove them by 30 September.

This is in accordance with Church of England and Diocesan policies in order to keep churchyards as a haven for the interred, mourners and for wildlife.

CARDIFF HALF MARATHON - Support the Child Growth Foundation - Caroline (worships at St Luke's / Youth Team Member / Mother of two children at SPLASH) is running the Cardiff half marathon on 6 October. Caroline says - It'll be my first half marathon and I've been in training for a year, hoping to raise money for the Child Growth Foundation who have helped me and my family get my son diagnosed with a rare condition called Growth Hormone Deficiency. This means that he doesn't grow at the usual rate and, as he gets older, will need daily injections to ensure he grows properly. The Child Growth Foundation has provided lots of support and I want to raise awareness of the foundation, their charity and the conditions they support. I'd be grateful for any support you can give, whether that's by sharing my cause or donating.

My full story can be found on my just giving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-allen-1705063596871>

THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR - UPDATE

This week the three PCCs of Tidenham, St. Briavels and Hewelsfield met with Archdeacon Hilary, the Diocesan Senior Interim Minister, the Forest South Area Dean and Lay Chair to hear the latest progress on the vacancy and ask questions/raise issues.

This meeting was the first in several "legal" meetings that need to take place around the recruitment for a replacement for Revd David.

We were very happy to hear that our benefices are highly thought of in terms of the role of Vicar of Tidenham (with Lancaut and Beachley) and Priest in Charge of St. Briavels and Hewelsfield that Revd David occupied. Archdeacon Hilary again confirmed that the role would be replaced with the current benefice and parish responsibilities that Revd David held.

We do have an opportunity, however, to take the development of our parishes to the next level of evolution, through a statement of needs, wants, challenges and benefits surrounding the role in this wonderful part of God's world.

With prayer, wide consultation and an attractive proposition, we expect to be in a position for a new incumbent to start in summer 2025.

The Diocese and Deanery will work closely on the recruitment process in conjunction with the five church wardens in the Benefices.

Parishioners will be consulted on the content of the statement of vision, direction, needs, wants, challenges and benefits, with input from the PCCs, the Deanery and the Diocese. The statement will focus on a shared benefices identity, whilst highlighting the unique qualities and requirements of each parish within this. The more attractive we make and "sell" the role, the more likely we are to attract the ideal candidate!

A first draft of the statement will be circulated in October for consultation, with a sign off by Archdeacon Hilary in December leading to an advert going out in the Church Times and on our social media networks in January.

A panel, including five of our joint PCC members (yet to volunteer/be selected), will then undertake shortlisting of applicants ready for interview.

Interviews will take place in March and there will be informal opportunities to meet the candidates around the formal interviews by the panel.

It is important that we reflect the diversity of our parishes and parishioners to the candidates and let them know how vibrant our communities are and what opportunities there are to take us all forward in our spiritual journeys and doing God's work.

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

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 – 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

BREATHE - Breathe Youth is a Christian Charity based in the Forest of Dean. Tel: 07738 422831 Email: rjulius@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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