



"where the river flows everything will live"

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2024 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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 Compline

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: Ephesians 4:1-16 and John 6:24-35

Collect: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MID-WEEK GATHERINGS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAYS

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

9.15am Children & Families Morning Prayer – ON SUMMER BREAK, BACK IN SEPTEMBER. 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 – not 13 & 20 August

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 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. **Please contact leaders for information.**

Monday

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

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@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

CONTACTS DURING THE VACANCY FOR OUR VICAR

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

The Churchwardens have all the up-to-date information and will keep you posted as things develop. Briefly, the position cannot be advertised until the New Year, as there is quite a lot to do with 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 post in 12 months' time. And this is all subject to developing the old vicarage site on Gloucester Road, which will include a new Parish 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 endeavouring to minimise any disruption caused by the vacancy, 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.

A Pilgrimage - a pilgrim, Rebecca Roseff, recently walked the Wye Valley Way and stopped overnight in St. Briavels and Tutshill churches. She is keen to share her experience and encourage others to continue this ancient form of reflection and spiritual enhancement. You can read about it in the newsletter in the porch.

Advance Notice – Saturday 14 September – Ride & Stride sponsored cycle and/or walk in support of Gloucester Historic Churches Trust. James Parsons will be organising a walk from St Briavels Church to St Luke's Church (via Hewelsfield, Tidenham Chase & Tidenham churches). More details to follow including how you can sponsor the walkers, either individually or as a group.

ATTENTION PLEASE – following a spate of thefts recently, including from St Luke's, please take extra care if you are in the church alone. If you are a keyholder, please lock the porch door behind you for your own safety. This is normal Safeguarding practice. If you see anything suspicious, please let the team know.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S TIDENHAM - The preparation phase for the re-ordering at Tidenham is proceeding well. The pews have been moved from the North Aisle, a water supply has been laid to the church and drains laid very carefully through the churchyard. There are reinforcements on the grass and ramps into the church to improve wheelchair and mobility scooter access; the ramps reused wood from some of the pews. Do come and see the progress and join us for services; once all the work is complete, the church will be open more often. The recent Cheese & Wine event was very well attended and showed everyone the potential that has been unlocked and the work to follow. There will be some plastering and painting in August and the main work will start in September. If you have any questions or would like to join the Friends to assist in this, please contact tidenhamfriends@icloud.com.

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.

OUR LITTLE LARDER @ ST LUKE'S TUTSHILL – we have been having a few temporary issues, so if you need something and stocks are low, don't worry please – contact Revd Nicki on 07936 787409. The Bridge Church Foodbank Distribution Centre 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 so 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 (holiday session running 6 and 20 August)**. 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 (holiday session running 7 and 21 August)**. 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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