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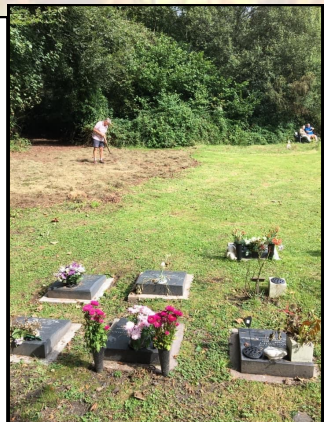
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Tanya White

Letter from the Editor
Greetings to everyone
and welcome to our Autumn Link magazine.

I hope that everyone is keeping well.

The last Link was our Summer edition and now this Autumn edition is both being published online and printed copies will be available for collection from one of our churches: St Mary & St Peter's Church, St Luke's Church or St Michael & All Angels Church. Please let me know if you would like to be added to my new distribution list. ***Thank you from Tanya!***

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See what details and events you can discover and enjoy our magazine,

regards from **Tanya**



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Many things are changing at the moment
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Vicar
Revd David Treharne

Vicar David Writes...

New People and People Returning to Church

I went away on holiday at the end of July somewhat downcast that the church community had been scattered for so long and lamenting what Covid had done to our lives. Whilst Covid has not gone away and there is much healing and restoration still needed, I'm delighted to write that we have seen many people returning to church and community over recent weeks. I've been particularly encouraged to see new faces. People we know and love have moved on and moved out of the area but new people have moved in and are looking for a church and community. I pray that they would know the Tidenham Parish welcome and find a home within in the church family here. We, as God's people, are being reordered again!

There are clearly challenges ahead with life, Covid, community, discipleship, our buildings (we need to restore Tidenham), financing ministry and sharing the Gospel in our generation, however there **are real signs of life and hope** and I am really excited about our future. God is at work, the Lord Jesus will build his church and the Gospel will continue to be good news bringing hope, life and transformation to individual lives and communities. I invite us all afresh to commit ourselves to the journey in this place... 'living life together in the flow of God's love'... and be a part of, that transformation!

I know there are some people who have drifted away from church over the last year and might not feel ready to return just yet. I am not being insincere in saying that I miss you and long for the day when we will be able to join together again. Some of you are going through some really tough stuff and will be longing for some good news in your situations. You very much remain in my/our hearts and in our prayers.

The Parish Wellbeing Chaplain

I'm delighted to inform you that enough money has been raised to be able to advertise for a new Wellbeing Chaplain in the Parish of Tidenham (initially a one year pilot). Covid has had a massive impact on life as we know it, and most of us are very aware of the wellbeing issues in our



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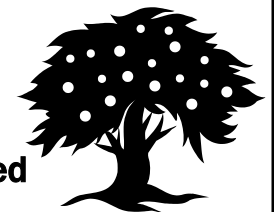
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Della Rimmer



communities. Hopefully this role and project will play an important part in facilitating wholeness in the lives of individuals and our communities.

The deadline for applications for the post was the end of August and we interviewed in the middle of September. We are happy to announce that Revd Nicki Bullivant has been appointed to this role. A big big thank you to all those who are supporting this initiative with prayer and finance.

New Children, Youth and Families Missioner, Emma Durbin
 I am also delighted to report that Emma Durbin has started her role as the new Children, Youth and Families Missioner in the Parish of Tidenham. Emma has written a little piece for you to read later on this magazine so I won't say too much more here except that Emma comes to this role with fantastic skills and experience and a real desire to see the love of God make a difference to individual lives and communities.

Emma will be working alongside the new Wellbeing Chaplain (as Emma's work falls within the Wellbeing Project). She will also be working very closely with Ethan, our Youth Co-ordinator, our fantastic volunteers in the Parish, the staff team, Schools and of course the parents of the children and young people. Please do pray for Emma as she has many names and faces to get to know!

New Parish Treasurer, John Dempsey
 It is a joy to have been able to welcome John Dempsey as our new Parish Treasurer. John began worshipping with us last year and felt called to this important role just as Ewen Hamilton was about to finish and move to Cheltenham with Janice. He comes to the role with many skills, great enthusiasm, fresh ideas and a willingness to serve. We pray for him and wish him well in this ministry!

Getting Involved
 If you would like to be involved in the Wellbeing Project supporting Emma and/or the new Wellbeing Chaplain then do let me/us know. The Parish Life Groups are also mostly meeting again and give us the opportunity to deepen our relationships with God and each other. Please feel free to join in. There is a new Monday evening group starting in October for anyone interested!



Goodbyes

Finally, I have to end with the goodbyes for Revd Janice Hamilton, our Pioneer Curate and Ewen Hamilton, her Treasurer husband, and also Jane Penny our Children and Families Minister. Janice & Ewen have now moved to West Cheltenham where Janice takes on a Pioneer Minister role. Jane will be working with children and families in the Lydney area. We will miss them tremendously!

We had some lovely endings though. Covid restrictions had eased for us to be able to have two wonderful 'Bring your Own' picnic gatherings on the school field, one at the end of July for Janice & Ewen and the other at the end of August for Jane.

Thanks to the generosity of a lot of people we were able to present Janice & Ewen and Jane with a substantial token of our love and appreciation for who they are and what they have done in their time with us. We pray God's blessing on them in their new ventures.

Even though they have departed, the important ministry at Sedbury Space continues as does the outdoor Worship Without Walls service at St Luke's on the first Sunday of every month and the new baby and parent group at St Luke's.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and may we live life together in the flow of God's love!

David

One footnote just prior to printing.

I have just heard that Wives and Friends are to finish after 46 years! I hope that we have a good opportunity to give thanks for the Group and remember some of the times people have shared together.

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Revd David Treharne**

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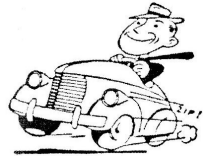
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"Peace is the first thing the angels sang. Peace is the mark of the children of God. Peace is the nurse of love. Peace is the mother of unity. Peace is the rest of the blessed souls. Peace is the dwelling place of eternity."

"The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope."

"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ."

"The devil is always discovering something novel against the truth."

"By Baptism we are made flesh of the Crucified."

"Beyond our grasp, He chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, He began to exist at a moment in time."

"Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom. Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ."



Sedbury Space Snippet

Hello, I'm Lee and I'm finding my feet as one of the Trustees of Sedbury Space. I would like to thank all of you who have supported the work.

I thought I would give you a little snippet every now and again about what's going on.

This week I popped into the "Drop in Café" on Tuesday or should I say "dropped" in. A nice cup of tea, a jam tart and some nice conversation. I brought my Mum along and she's going to be a volunteer.

Everyone was glad to be back, meeting in person and it had a lovely welcoming buzz. The café's been up and running for a few weeks now and is very well attended.

Please remember this important fellowship space in your prayers.



Congratulations to our curate Revd Nicki Bullivant!

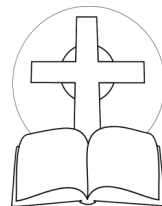
Nicki has been appointed as Wellbeing Chaplain for the Parish of Tidenham

More to follow in the next edition of the Link!!!

God bless, Rev David Treharne

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NEWS FROM SEDBURY SPACE

It's really wonderful to be able to report that Sedbury Space has been able to restart our Memory Café. We have had two well attended sessions so far since returning to the newly re-opened Village Hall in Sedbury.

A quiz is always popular and during our most recent session we had a quiz on the Mr Men books, a firm children's favourite. We all then enjoyed using pressed flowers to make our own bookmark to take home.

Sessions run from 2-3.30 on the first Wednesday of each month and we have a fun schedule planned for the months ahead. Please contact Susan the Manager on 07522 178639 for further details.

As more of our activities are restarting we are looking to recruit new volunteers or indeed welcome back those who have previously volunteered. So please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you

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Bullet Point News

✝ **Are You New to the Parish? ...**

A warm welcome to you if you have moved to the Parish during these strange times. If you would like to find out more about what's goes on we'd be delighted to welcome you and talk about how you might be involved or how we as a church family can support you. Please feel free to make contact with any of the relevant individuals on the website or church notice boards.

✝ **Churchyards:**

A reminder to all those who tend and care for churchyard plots.

Our churchyards are very special spaces for remembering loved ones who have died. Therefore out of respect for *all* mourners please remember that grave-areas **should conform** to the churchyard regulations. This allows for peaceful use and trouble-free maintenance throughout the churchyard. The Parochial Church Council kindly asks that no extraneous additions (stones, plastic flowers, ornaments and statuary, plants, trees, vases, kerb-edging, etc.) are placed in or around graves. **The planting of trees is a particular issue which may cause damage to other graves and prevent a grave space being reopened in the future.** Thank you.

✝ **Thinking about Baptism/Christening or a Wedding in church?**

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✝ **Is God calling you?**

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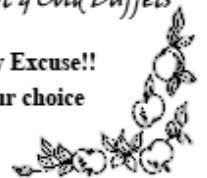
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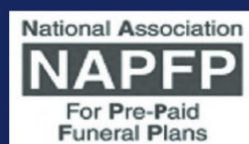


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† Legacy

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† Want to be confirmed?

Sadly the September 2020 confirmation service in the Parish was unable to happen this. However, we are looking at being able to confirm people again in 2021. If you would like to be confirmed then please contact Vicar David as soon as possible.

DTRevd@aol.com If you don't know what confirmation is then you are not alone. Briefly and simply it is when someone owns and takes on for themselves (confirms) the baptismal promises that were made for them when they were too young to make them for themselves.



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YouTube channel: 'Tidenham Parish Online Church' with videos to assist your devotions. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: www.stbandhchurches.org.uk



Tanya's Link Prize Challenge
 Welcome to everyone to this Wordsearch puzzle.
 This Wordsearch time we are joining a **TEA PARTY** ...

There are 36 words to locate. See what you can find.
 Once you have completed this, gather the remaining letters in order to spell out the answer to the puzzle.
 Please send this to me: Tanya White, at Rockymead, Coleford Road, Tutshill, NP16 7BU (e-mail: 'tanya.rockymead@gmail.com) to be in with a chance winning the prize!

ASSAM	FORK	SANDWICH
BISCUIT	GATEAU	SAUCER
BOIL	JAM	SCONE
BREW	JUG	SERVIETTE
BUTTER	KETTLE	SHORTBREAD
CAFÉ	LEMON	SIP
CAKE	MACARON	SPOONS
CREAM	MILK	STRAINER
CUTLERY	MUFFIN	SUGAR
DARJEELING	PASTRY	TABLE CLOTH
EARL GREY	PLATE	TEAPOT
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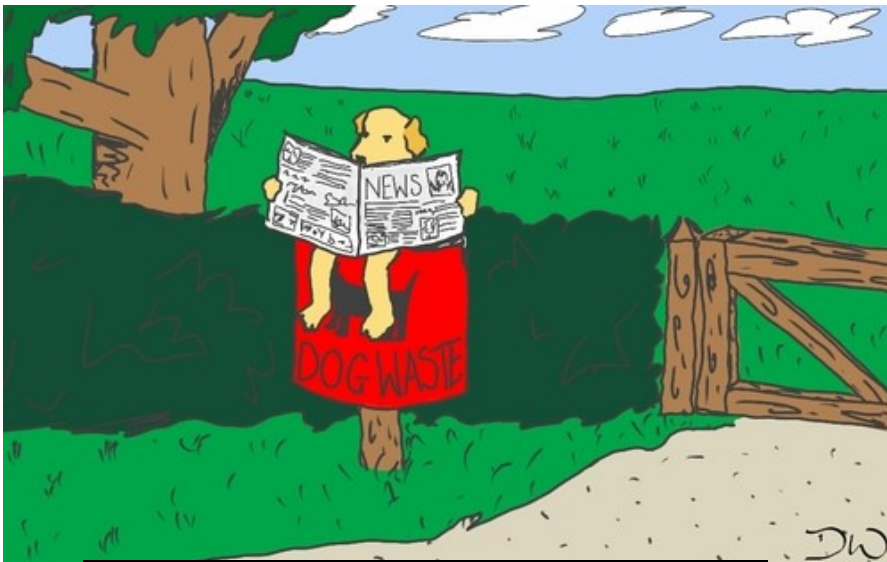
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Cartoon from Dom White



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- > Autumn thoughts may include things to enjoy together at a **TEA PARTY**: once the **TABLE CLOTH** is laid we can prepare ourselves to enjoy a **SANDWICH**, some **FLAN** and perhaps a **PASTRY** on our **PLATE**...
- > We may **SIP** some **DARJEELING**, **ASSAM** or **EARL GREY** tea, with **MILK** or **LEMON**
- > Following this I am sure that we may be offered a **SCONE** with **JAM** and **CREAM** or piece of **CAKE**... what will it be for tea?

In the Summer Link magazine, once all words were discovered, the letters remaining gave the answer: **"FAMILY PICNIC"**. The winner was Kathy Clarke of Tutshill. Well done!





RIDE + STRIDES for Churches



RIDE AND STRIDE 2021

Yesterday, 11th September, the first two events took place. Oliver and Jim cycled 35 miles calling in 3 churches which were open to visitors. Well done both of you and I am so pleased the sun shone on you.

The 6 mile walk attracted 10 souls. The views were magnificent, it didn't rain and the cows kept away from the path. On finishing we were greeted by cups of tea and cakes – lovely. Thank you! We were joined by 3 visitors to help us eat the cake.

There are 2 more walks pending so I hope they also have an enjoyable and profitable day.

I want to say a huge thank you to those who have organised or taken part in walks, cycle rides, wheelchair event, opened churches, served



Events and training

Mud, Mess and Mystery – Skills Workshop

2 October, 10am to 4pm

Join Gill Traverse, an environmental educator, experienced Forest School practitioner and outdoor worship leader. Discover your 'spiritual wild' alongside practical planning and safely conducting outdoor worship – including how to use fire safely.

gloucester.anglican.org/event/mud-mess-mystery-skills-workshop

Carbon Net Zero: Housekeeping and Quick Wins

Q+A with Matt Fulford

18 October, 12 pm to 1 pm

The webinar explores easy and cost-effective ways for your church to reduce its carbon footprint. This one-hour Q+A invites participants to watch the recording of this webinar on [YouTube](#) in advance of attending, and is an opportunity to follow up in conversation with Matt. gloucester.anglican.org/event/housekeeping-quick-wins-oct21

What is Youth Ministry?

21 October, 7pm to 9pm

An introduction to youth ministry in the 2020s for those just starting out or feeling called as a church to reach out to young people (11-18).

Together we'll explore what makes young people unique, and how ministry that bridges the gap between Sunday School and "adult" church is more than eating crisps and playing games. gloucester.anglican.org/event/what-is-youth-ministry

Tewkesbury Festival of Lights

2 to 5 November, 6pm to 10pm

An immersive walking journey featuring a spectacular sound and light show at Tewkesbury Abbey, produced by Luxmaralis. Tickets can be booked for 20-minute segments from www.tewkesburyfestivaloflights.co.uk

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us on Twitter [@glosdioc](#), view videos on YouTube Diocese of Gloucester or visit our website Gloucester.anglican.org



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www.gloucester.anglican.org

Prisons Week 10 to 16 October

What does the Church do to help prisoners and those released from prison?

Prisons Week is when Christians join in prayer for all prisons and prisoners. As Anglican Bishop for HM Prisons in England and Wales and a member of the All-Parliamentary Group on Women in the Penal System, Bishop Rachel supports chaplains in prisons, as well as developing relationships and being involved with people and issues across the breadth of the Criminal Justice System.

She heads up a Prison Team including Bishop Libby Lane (Derby), who supports work with young offenders, and Bishop Michael Iprgrave (Lichfield) who supports men in prison. They also work closely with Helen Dearnley, HMPPS Anglican Chaplaincy Advisor.

Bishop Rachel is a Patron of both the Prison Fellowship, and The Welcome Directory and the President of the Nelson Trust and an Ambassador for the Christian charity Restored. Bishop Rachel heads up a campaign called Fighting for Women's Justice and believes the women's justice system needs to change. It costs approximately £47k per year to keep a woman in prison, but Women's Centres can provide a holistic trauma-informed approach of rehabilitation for about 4k a year, with much research showing this is the most effective way to stop reoffending. On release from prison, many women find it difficult to secure suitable accommodation for themselves with their children and so the whole family suffers.

Bishop Rachel uses her voice in the House of Lords to speak out for the transfer of more funds to holistic rehabilitation schemes like Women's Centres, rather than keeping women in prison.



refreshments, donated cakes etc.

Most of all thank you to everyone who, once again, sponsored the participants so generously. All money donated will be shared 50/50 between our churches and the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to local churches in need.

I don't at present how much will be raised, but with the financial difficulties experienced over the past 18 months or so, every penny is much appreciated. I will publish to result as soon as I can.

Finally, I am aware that I am becoming a bit more decrepit by the year and it would be lovely if someone else would like to replace me as Local Organiser. The event deserves to be led by someone with fresh ideas and plenty of energy. Please talk to me about it.

Thank you and God bless.





News from our Parish Schools



**Wyedean School
& Sixth Form College**

We are pleased to announce that we have recently appointed an

intervention tutor to work specifically with our GCSE students in years 10 and 11 whose learning may have been impacted by the pandemic. To be able to offer 1:1 and small groups support will be a huge advantage as we prepare for next year's exams. This support will run alongside our usual program of interventions. As yet, we do not know what these qualifications will look like, but we do know that we will be able to provide the very best for our Wyedeaners.

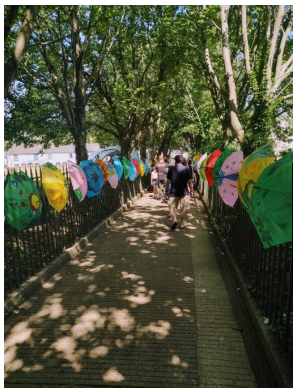
Tree planting!

Over 400 autumn fruit trees were provided by the Woodland Trust and planted by our students along the new boundary running alongside the cycleway.

Rowan, hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel and crab apple were among the species planted. Well done to the Year 7 students and Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers who also gave up their time.



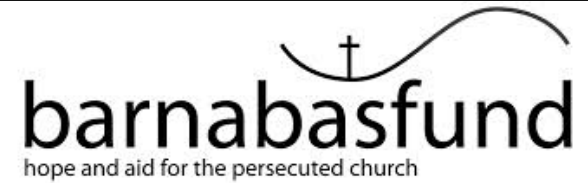
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Christian Newslines Our Faith in Today's World

- ✝ **Several injured as Muslims open fire on Christians in Lahore, Pakistan:** Several Christians were injured in a shooting incident on 6 September in the Shera Kot district of Lahore, Pakistan, a Barnabas Fund contact reports.
- ✝ **Extremists disrupt prayer meeting in Karnataka, India:** A group of radical Hindutva nationalists disrupted a prayer meeting at a church in the town of Karkala, Udupi district, Karnataka, on 10 September, alleging that the pastor was conducting unlawful conversions.
- ✝ **Staff and students arrested at Maizi Christian Music High School, China:** Police in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, China raided a Christian music school on 4 September, arresting all staff members and students present.
- ✝ **Urge the UK government to rescue Afghan Christians:** On 7 September the Taliban announced a new government for Afghanistan, reiterating their intention to rule according to sharia (Islamic law). As converts from Islam, Christians who remain in Afghanistan are at risk of being executed for apostasy. Barnabas Fund has helped hundreds of Afghan Christians to flee the immediate danger – but now they need somewhere to settle and rebuild their lives.

This Christian family got out of Afghanistan overland in August. Barnabas Fund is helping to support them. Persecuted Christians such as these now need a safe place to rebuild their shattered lives





News from Heather Johnstone Church Mission Society

Dear friends,
It is so easy to become bogged down with your own personal situation – finances, permits, challenges and tragedies of COVID-19, the tedium of the day-to-day – and sometimes it's hard to stay positive.

I am, however, always encouraged by stories from our own Rehema Project. For example, Cesilia Joseph, my friend and colleague, an artisan at Rehema, recently asked for a loan against her small pension to help her repair her house which had been severely damaged by the recent rains and storms. The rains were particularly severe and mud houses do not withstand the elements like a bricks and mortar building. It got me thinking that I have known Cesi for nine years, and in that time, she has rebuilt her mud house at least three times due to the adverse weather conditions. Because she is always spending her small income on makeshift repairs, she will never be able to afford to build a proper brick home. With that in mind, I recently ran a fundraiser to enable her to build a house that will protect her and her family from the elements and stop that cycle of exhausting her small financial resources on regularly patching her mud house together.

Our wonderful supporters dug deep, and we met our target, in fact, praise the Lord, we exceeded our target. The house we are building does not have a toilet, like most houses in the village of Nyambeshi. However, if we have enough money left over, we will also be able to build an outhouse for Cesi, which will be a bonus.

We told Cesi that through the generosity of supporters in the UK she is going to get a house built for her. She was so excited and incredulous. I bet there was a lot of singing and dancing in her household that night! Construction starts at the beginning of September.



Cesi and her daughters



Tutshill Church of England Primary School 'Our Vision'

Love One Another, Know Ourselves, Believe and Grow
From this vision stem seven core Christian values, which we intend to embed in the life of our school.

Love One Another This encapsulates our ethos as a Christian school, where we all care for each other as a school community. The Christian Values of **Forgiveness** and **Compassion** reflect this part of our vision in a way that all stakeholders can relate to.

Know Ourselves This part of our vision works on two important levels. In terms of knowing oneself, we aim that children become independent learners, setting goals and targets to improve their own knowledge and/or social skills. It is also essential for the school community to understand their own spiritual beliefs and respect the beliefs and feelings of others. The Christian Values of **Respect** and **Responsibility** underpin this.

Believe and Grow The final aspect to our vision deals with the importance of the aspirations and self-esteem of our school community.

We want our children to aim high and believe in their own ability. As teachers and stakeholders we endeavour to better our practice and give the children the best possible opportunities.

Therefore, **Creativity, Perseverance and Courage** are the core Christian Values that we believe best represent **'Believe and Grow'**.

Tutshill School – 01291 622593



Thought from Nick Thrower: What we model at home is so important to our children. They will learn from what we do. It is a challenge but I wonder when the last time was that your children saw you reading a fiction book? So I hope that you will take up

the challenge like me, find a good book and rather than watch that next Netflix series, you might read a few pages. The evidence is quite clear – reading is good for our children and actually enhances

their life chances. Let's



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Tutshill Community Pre-School

It's been an exciting return to the new term for the children and staff of Tutshill Community Pre-school!

During the summer holidays, the outdoor area was developed by Blackmane Developments and now

boasts new steps, staggered platforms and luscious green grass for the children to play on. It has been a wonderful transformation that the children and staff are delighted with the results and the area is already being used to its full potential for running, rolling, jumping, sliding and all manner of adventures.

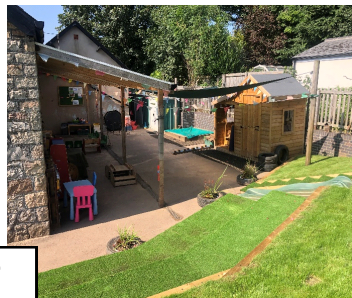
This would not have been possible without the amazing support of the local community, who helped to raise funds. In particular, the hugely successful village fete which raised approximately £1700.

The staff, committee and parents would like to thank the following benefactors for their support:

- > Barratt Homes
- > Tesco Bags for Help
- > Ecclesiastical Giving - movement for good award
- > Members of the public and friends who donated through the Just Giving page
- > Also private donors.

Our beautiful garden is an asset to our setting and will continue to be so for many years to come.

Thank you again to everyone involved in support our pre-school.



Debra Hockin, Pre-School Manager



tidenham historical group



Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Sedbury Village Hall on King Alfred's Road, Sedbury, NP16 7AQ. Visitors are always welcome. Charge £2 (cash only please). For more information about the group's varied activities contact Liz on 01291 621694, Carol on 01291 623736, or e-mail info@tidenhamhistory.co.uk.

SEPTEMBER 2021 -APRIL 2022 PROGRAMME

Welcome back! Meetings are subject to Government Covid regulations and guidance plus those of Sedbury Village Hall so please note:

Bring your own mug/cup for refreshments which will be provided and use the hand sanitiser on arrival. Masks are optional but advised for indoor locations. Arrive in the car park after 7.20 to avoid congestion in the car park and allow time to prepare the room after the previous user group.

Thankyou.

- 28th September A welcome back review of developments, projects and research since we last met followed by "Photographic memories of the Wye Valley Railway": a selection of the photographs taken by the late Geoff Mead.
- 26th October "The Newport Naval Mutiny" by Pete Strong
- 30th November "The Glosters at Waterloo" by Andy Meller
- December Christmas gathering to be arranged
- 25th January 2022 "Recent archaeological and LIDAR discoveries in the local area" by John Hoyle
- 22nd February To be arranged
- 29th March "Brockweir's Ships" by John Norman
- 26th April "Chepstow in World War 2" by Naylor Firth



CHASE GARDENING CLUB

Summer is drawing to a close but we have managed to hold two informal open air meetings courtesy of Mike & Juliet Peet in their lovely garden overlooking the Severn. We were blessed with fabulous weather on both occasions and members were visibly relaxed and happy to meet again and to talk and catch up with each other's news. They may even have discussed gardening and the somewhat challenging season for growers? The raffle proceeds, money from plant sales and other donations resulting from these meetings enabled the Club to make a substantial donation of £487 to Great Oaks Hospice. We are very grateful to Juliet & Mike for their hospitality and generosity in hosting these garden parties.



We are hoping to try our first meeting back at Chase School in October. A preference for afternoon rather than evening meetings has been shown by the majority of members so the meeting on Friday 15th October will start at 2pm. The speaker is Adam Alexander, a local horticulturalist and supporter of Garden Organic, and his talk is entitled "Gardening Above The Estuary". All are welcome.

The meeting on Friday 19th November is a break from tradition and will be held in the Drill Hall in Chepstow. The speaker is Nick Bailey, one of the presenters on Gardeners World, and his talk is on "365 Days Of Colour In Your Garden". This talk has been postponed twice due to the covid plague so we are hoping third time lucky! Currently the Drill Hall is only allowed to seat 60 – members will be given first option but tickets for non-members may be available at £5 each. There will be limited refreshments on this occasion – just tea & biscuits.

For further information, please contact Bob Elliott on 01291 625659 or Bill Kerr on 01291 621100.



Children, Youth and Families' Missioner

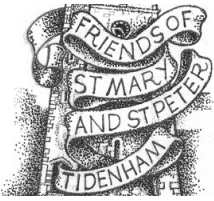
Hi, my name is Emma Durbin and I have just been employed as a 'Children, Youth and Families Missioner' by the Churches in the Parish of Tidenham.

So, 'What does that mean?' I hear you say and 'Are you going to be out in the streets or schools trying to convert everyone?' (it was called 'Bible Bashing' in my day). Well, 'No!' is the answer, but I do believe in a Supernatural, Living God who is so full of Love and Longing for us all.

That is why I have come out of Education after 18 years and applied for this role. I am not perfect, often my mouth engages before my brain (sometimes my brain doesn't engage at all), my family and friends will be able to vouch for my inadequacies. However, the God that I have faith in doesn't need me to be perfect, just willing to tell and show His love.

So maybe my role will be like offering food? I'm not going to force anyone to pick it up and taste it and I'm definitely not going to shove it down anyone's throat but if I can encourage or show anyone how to try it, I will. This may be through running Parents and Baby groups (with an amazing team of volunteers) in Tutshill and Sedbury, running through a muddy field shooting young people with lasers or taking School assemblies and talking in Church.... Oh, and don't forget that 'Splash' (kids church) is opening up again and there is a Youth Group.

So, if you see me around (and some of you will know me), don't worry, I am not going to 'Bash' you but if you have any queries about Faith or Volunteering or What's on OR would just like to ask for some Confidential prayer, please do stop and have a chat OR contact me on: emmad.cyfm@gmail.com or 07488 373817



The Friends of Tidenham Church



A long time has passed since we arranged the last Christmas Tree Festival BUT let's be positive and start thinking about this Christmas.

The chosen theme for the trees is 'Games' e.g. Chess, Ludo, Monopoly etc

Once you have chosen which game your tree will reflect, please let us know so you aren't disappointed.

The theme for the decorating of Tidenham Church is Angels.

These angels can be any medium you like as long as they are mainly white with white, silver or gold glitter and the size is entirely up to you.

There are lots of great ideas on the internet!

The very good news is that Go2 Theatre will be performing Christmas Crackers 4 on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th December 2021.

This is really something to look forward to after the dark days.



We are planning on the Christmas trees being brought to the church on Thursday 16th December and possible viewing days will be 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th December.

Of course, this may all change depending on the course of Covid 19 and restrictions in place at the time, however, fingers crossed we will be able to have some sort of Christmas festivities this year.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best wishes, *Anne and Linda*

The Association of Friends of the Church of England Church of St Mary and St Peter Tidenham

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Tidenham Wives and Friends 1975-2021

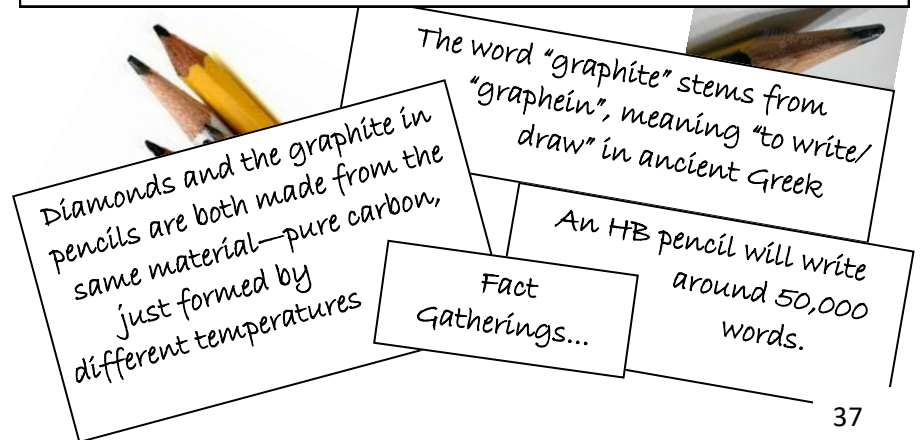
Sadly 1st September 2021 was the final meeting and AGM for the Wives. Chairman Pauline (Civil) was retiring and Secretary Poppy (Moss) was giving up the position. As no one had stepped forward to take over these positions the Agenda was closed to enable everyone present to discuss a way forward bearing in mind the details outlined in the Financial Report and the problems identified at the Extra Ordinary Meeting 28th July 2021.

With a possible membership of 11 it was obvious Wives would need to increase membership to enable Subscriptions to increase - to enable Speakers/Events to be booked to make a full and varied programme - to attract new members!
A real Merry go Round.

After much discussion it was agreed on a vote that Tidenham Wives and Friends would cease as of 1st September 2021. It was agreed the Balance in the Bank would be shared between the Church, Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham.

Surprisingly, the evening ended on a high note - we had our tea and cakes and raffle as usual, much talk and chatter AND a proposal from three Wives to have tea and cake at their homes just to keep in touch. I am hopeful that we will continue to give support and friendship to each other during the weeks and months ahead.

Pauline Civil (01291 624479)



The word "graphite" stems from "graphein", meaning "to write/draw" in ancient Greek

Diamonds and the graphite in pencils are both made from the same material—pure carbon, just formed by different temperatures

Fact Gatherings...

An HB pencil will write around 50,000 words.



Chase WI



The Chase will be holding its first proper meeting on Monday, 13th September at its usual meeting place since March 2019 — Chase School, Rosemary Lane.

We are all looking forward to getting back to seeing each other again and hoping to welcome some new members.

We have had some get togethers from a distance during lock down and have now started WI activities, such as walking. From our meeting in October we will be starting our usual programme of interesting talks on a variety of subjects.

The members voted for a change of meeting time and the meeting will now be held at 2.30 pm at Chase School on the second Monday of the month.

We would love to see you, for further information please contact Poppy Moss on 01291 628739



This little humorous story makes a good sermon!

A police officer pulled a driver aside and asked for his license and registration. "What's wrong, officer," the driver asked. "I didn't go through any red lights, and I certainly wasn't speeding."

"No, you weren't," said the officer, "but I saw you waving your fist as you swerved around the lady driving in the left lane, and I further observed your flushed and angry face as you shouted at the driver of the Hummer who cut you off, and how you pounded your steering wheel when the traffic came to a stop near the bridge."

"Is that a crime, officer?"

"No, but when I saw the 'Jesus loves you and so do I' bumper sticker on the car, I figured this car had to be stolen."



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CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY 2021 – MOVING FORWARD

Like every other choral society or singing group, CCS has inevitably been out of action singing-wise since mid-March 2020.

For ALL choral groups and active music makers, the last 18 months have presented major challenges and this is particularly the case for "small-town" groups. Committees have not been idle – far from it! – much has been attempted - for obvious reasons choral singing has not been a priority for many, but we are now in a position to at least start to look ahead.

Chepstow Choral Society's last Concert was for Christmas 2019. We now very much hope that, with a serious re-start of rehearsals programmed for 8th September, at Chepstow Leisure Centre, we will be able to plan for a Christmas Music presentation this year. Anyone intending to come to rehearsals must notify CCS at present by phone, please (number below) – sorry, this is to comply with our own safety protocol and also the Leisure Centre entrance arrangements.

An ACTIVE RECRUITMENT DRIVE will also soon be underway. Choral Societies need singers! Come along and join us at CCS as we now move forward! Male voices and sopranos will be particularly welcomed!

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS - AND OUR RE-START—WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA CCS WEBSITE and please contact 01291 623310 after 30th August 2021 if you intend to join with us—as said, this is to comply with protocol and organisation at the Centre. Please also be aware that the situation remains ever-changing, even at short notice.

Thank you.

Marjorie Duerden, Asst MD, CCS on 01291 623310



The Joy of a Church wedding in Tidenham Parish

It is so wonderful to have had weddings taking place in our church buildings once again. One of the big sadness's of Covid has been the inability of couples to come together before with family and friends to make their marriage vows. Thankfully we have seen a number of marriages over recent months which has brought GREAT joy not only to the couples who have tied the knot, but to all of us who have been able to gather with them to share their joy.



Don't forget, the Church of England still does weddings!

Why have a Church of England Wedding?

"Marrying in church is personal, meaningful, spiritual and beautiful, just as you want it to be."

The Church of England

Churches are special places and there are some things about a church wedding that you just can't get anywhere else.

A church is so much more than simply a venue for your wedding. Unique and special things become part of your marriage, on the day itself and beyond:-

- A church wedding will add a spiritual dimension to your marriage. The ceremony includes God and looks to him for help and guidance. God's blessing is the main attraction for many couples, whatever their beliefs.
- You can make amazing vows, or promises, in a church. You can only make vows this big in a church. These vows, made in public, will help you to stay together and grow together. God and your church are there for you to help you keep your vows.
- The Vicar/Curate/Minister has a very particular role to play in your wedding. They can blend ancient tradition and modern experience to reflect your story. Because of the relationship with the minister, your wedding can be made personal, memorable, meaningful and beautiful.



If you're thinking of replacing big household items like washing machines, dishwashers or fridge freezers, it's worth waiting and saving up for the highest energy rating appliances that you can afford as this is better for the environment and more cost effective in the long run. Check out sust-it.net for more information on energy efficient products.

Could you try a bit of low cost DIY to keep the draughts out?

Now is a great time to get your home prepared for the winter weather by draught-proofing windows, doors and skirting boards. The less you need to rely on radiators to keep the room at the right temperature, the less energy you'll use. You can make your own draught excluder by stuffing the leg of an old pair of trousers with rice or bubble wrap!

Heat reflective panels behind radiators are an effective way to prevent precious heat from escaping – you can pick up a roll of radiator reflective foil for less than ten pounds from your local DIY shop.

And if you can't afford double-glazing, there's a special film you can buy for your windows, attach with double-sided tape and fix with a hairdryer! For more tips on DIY draught-proofing see energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/draught-proofing.

Are you eligible for financial help with energy saving?

There are many different schemes available which you may be able to apply for depending on your circumstances. Check if you're eligible for support on the energysavingtrust.org.uk website.

Remember, winter bills are always more expensive than summer bills so try to budget throughout the year. Consider setting up a Direct Debit and paying the same amount each month to balance out your bills, or set up a savings account to build up a buffer and cover the higher costs in the winter.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity with over 580 services across the country delivering debt counselling, money management education, job clubs, life skills groups and more. Visit capuk.org to find out more.



Save energy, save cash, save the planet

David Price
(07539 477286)

As we say goodbye to summer, we need to consider the increased cost of darker nights even before the cold weather comes along with higher fuel bills. And with climate change at a critical point according to a recent report from the United Nations, it's more important than ever to consider ways to cut down our energy use. Read on for some savvy tips to help you protect the environment and save money.

Are you on the best energy tariff for your needs?

There are loads of comparison sites available online for you to check the different energy prices so it doesn't need to take long to do some research. Invest five minutes using a site like moneysupermarket.com/gas-and-electricity or the Cheap Energy Club via moneysavingexpert.com and you could easily see some quick savings. It pays to stay on

top of your energy bills, so why not set a regular date in your calendar to review the tariffs you're paying for your utilities? You might also consider getting a smart meter installed to help you keep an eye on your energy usage, cut costs and cut emissions.

Does switching off and turning down really save money?

The Energy Saving Trust has done a lot of research and found that, yes, you can make significant savings by switching off appliances rather than leaving them on standby – as much as £35 per year. Think about things like mobile phone chargers, microwaves, TVs and laptops – all of these can be switched off at the plug and cause less damage to the environment.

The same goes for turning down the temperature on your washing machine. If your load is only lightly soiled, try setting the wash to 30 or even 20 degrees. You'll save cash in the long run and cut down emissions caused by running your machine at higher temperatures.



- Church buildings offer outstanding beauty. Old or new, intimate or grand, our 16,000 churches are some of the nation's most stunning wedding venues, with two-thirds being listed buildings.
 - Church buildings offer centuries of history. Imagine all the couples who have married in your local church, some of whom may well be your family. You can feel you're becoming part of history itself, the bigger plan, by marrying in the same place as your relatives. We know these sorts of connections can make your day even more special.
 - You can be involved in making choices about your ceremony.
 - For some people, a church simply seems like the proper place to get married. Churches can be described as 'peaceful', 'serene', or having an atmosphere that makes marrying there a particularly special experience.
- After the wedding you'll realise the church is more than simply a wedding venue. [We're always here for you.](#)



Weddings can take place in either the Parish Church of St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham (right) or ST Luke's Church, Tutshill (left). Both are fantastic venues.

For more information please contact the Vicar, Revd David Treharne
Tel: 01291 760034 Email: DTRevd@aol.com
<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/>
<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/weddings>



Message from Jane Penny – Thank you for all the prayers, love and support over the past seven years, Thank you for your generous gifts as I leave working in Tidenham Parish. With love and prayers, Jane xx



Holy Matrimony

**Michelle Louise WYATT
&
Vasili Michael SOTERIOU**

Sunday, 11th July 2021 at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham



**Laura Ruth SEARLE
&**

Frazer Jack DUTHIE

Saturday, 14th August 2021 at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham

Christie Rebecca HARRIS

&

Richard BUCHANAN

Wednesday, 25th August 2021 at St Luke's Church, Tutshill

Keira Diane DOVEY

&

Callum (Cat) MCLENNAN

Saturday, 4th September 2021 at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham

Holy Baptism

Thomas Benjamin THOMPSON

Sunday, 4th July 2021
St Luke's Church, Tutshill

Jaxson Liam AYRE

Sunday, 1st August 2021
St Luke's Church, Tutshill

Lili-Wen Beryl SPICE

Sunday, 15th August 2021
St Luke's Church, Tutshill



BELL RINGING

**Following the lifting of lockdown,
the Tidenham ringers
are again practising regularly on Tuesday evenings,
7.30–9.00 pm.**

**All abilities welcome to join us
– lapsed ringers and newcomers alike**

(Tower Captain: Cate Phillips – 01291 624260)



Autumn 2021

Where does all the time go?
Where the spring flowers and bird song,
where the balmy summer days, warm and the wet?

Autumn is edging in,
with cooler evenings and shortening days.
Trees are turning, and leaves beginning to fall.

Children return to school,
minds on learning, and the next break.
Shops fill windows for Halloween and Christmas.

Farmers are ploughing the fields,
both here and all around the world.
They and we wish for a new and better year.

We can help that happen,
with love, kindness and buying fair.
Order your gifts from Traidcraft and share the joy.

Please ask Julia or Cate for the new Autumn catalogue from Traidcraft and order from their latest selection of fairly traded produce and gifts. As last year, all orders will be entered into a prize draw for a hamper of Fairtrade goodies.

Thank you to all of you who have continued to order produce, cards and gifts from Traidcraft through the pandemic. The need for us to buy fair has never been greater, with short supplies of PPE and vaccines in the developing world, life is hard there. Help Traidcraft make a difference to the producers that they, as well as us, may have the things they need.



With thanks, Julia (01291 622163)

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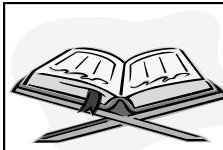
Highlights from PCC meetings in June & July 2021

- Approved appointment of John Dempsey as the new PCC Treasurer from 1st August. He replaces Ewen Hamilton who has moved away from the Parish along with Revd Janice Hamilton.
- Approve the revised 2021 Safeguarding Policies for children and vulnerable adults
- Agreed that Emma Durbin be appointed the new Youth, Children and Families Missioner for the parish from 1 September.
- Agreed that the interview process for the new Wellbeing Chaplain for the parish proceed on Tuesday 14 September.
- Agreed that that the drawings for Tutshill PA desk be submitted to DAC for their approval.
- Noted that the Diocesan Buildings Officer has confirmed that she wants us to go back to our Church Architect and ask him to prepare a revised specification for Tidenham tower/roof repair, based on the structural advice we have received
- Noted that Chase weekly Sunday services restarted at 1800 on Sunday evening 13 June – when 16 people turned up!
- PCC confirmed that 0930 and 1100 are good times for Sunday morning live services at Tidenham and Tutshill.
- Welcomed Revd Nicki Bullivant who was priested in Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday 26 June.



Found in another church's notices:

"The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility."



From the Registers

Funerals & Burials

Christine Margaret Miles (aged 83)

Thursday 4th March 2021

Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Tutshill followed by Burial at St Michael & All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase

Christina Sofia Jenssen (aged 81)

Thursday 6th May 2021

Burial of Ashes at Michael & All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase

Marjorie Lilian Hicks (aged 99)

Tuesday 13th July 2021

Funeral Service at St Michael & All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase Followed by Cremation at Forest Crematorium

Peter Nigel Briggs (aged 82)

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Funeral Service at St Luke's, Tutshill Followed by Cremation at Forest Crematorium

Margaret Jennifer Johnson (aged 81)

Thursday 29th July 2021

Burial at St Michael & All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase

Carol Joy Sime (formerly Branfield, (aged 78)

Tuesday 3rd August 2021

Burial of Ashes at St Mary and St Peter's Church, Tidenham

Janet Dorrington (aged 75)

Wednesday 4th August 2021

Burial of Ashes at St Mary and St Peter's Church, Tidenham

Susan Lucy Hewitt (aged 74)

Monday 9th August 2021

Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, followed by Burial at St Michael & All Angels' Church,



From the Registers Funerals & Burials

Jane Margaret Crawshaw (aged 93)

Monday 23rd August 2021

Cremation at Forrest Crematorium

Hazel Kathleen Morgan (aged 75)

Monday 2nd September 2021

Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Tutshill

followed by Burial at St Michael & All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase

Further register entries will appear in the next 2021 edition of the Link

Tidenham Parish Prayer Diary – October 2021 (centre pages)

For each day the Prayer Diary has four items

- ✚ A person or people often involved in leadership of the Church
- ✚ A Church activity
- ✚ A community activity
- ✚ Things or attributes we value

The aim of the **Prayer Diary** is to encourage us to pray for our local Church and community (see centre pages).

Although this shows October prayer ideas this can be applied also in the months following.

It is our Prayer Diary, so please let me know of items you would like included. If you have a favourite prayer, thought, poem or joke please send it to me.

Contributions from a variety of people will add to diversity, and therefore it should appeal to more people.

Any contributions or ideas please to coombsmargaret@ymail.com (01291 629098)



We cannot confirm whether the content of this article is accurate, but it is a good read and provides food for thought!

Churches resurrect an old Easter custom

Many American churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity- "Holy Humour Sunday" celebrations of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter.

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

In 1988 the Fellowship of Merry Christians began encouraging churches and prayer groups to resurrect Bright Sunday celebrations and call it "Holy Humour Sunday," with the theme: "Jesus is the LIFE of the party."

Many churches from different traditions responded enthusiastically. Holy Humour Sunday services are bringing back large crowds to churches on a Sunday when church attendance typically drops dramatically.

If you Google "Holy Humour Sunday" on the Internet, you'll be amazed at how widespread Holy Humour Sunday celebrations on the Sunday after Easter have become among churches of all traditions. It's clearly a movement of the Holy Spirit to shore up belief in the resurrection of Jesus.

Both the religious and secular press are now reporting on this phenomenon.

<https://www.joyfulnoiseletter.com/hhsunday.asp>



Life Groups

As well as services there are various opportunities for Christians to meet together in small groups to grow in faith & support one another. At the moment these are known meetings. All welcome.

LIFE GROUP	DAY and TIME	NAME	CONTACT NO'S	DETAILS OF GROUP
Meeting for Men!	SUNDAY Evening 7.30pm	James Parsons	James 622163	Men's Group Online
Life Group Meeting At St Luke's	TUES Afternoon 12.45pm start at	Julia Parsons and Beryl Healey	01291 622163 and 01291 625551	Meet for Prayer, Bible Study and encouragement
SEDBURY SPACE	WED Evening 7.30-9.00 pm			Online
REFRESHMENT ROOM online	WED Evening 7.30pm for 8.00pm start	Fiona Gardiner Elm House Woodcroft	Fiona 01291 624868	We will aim to go deeper with God, to support one another in prayer and in practice and to have fun.
WELCOME at Rockymead	THUR 1.30-2.45pm	Tanya White	Tanya 01291 623169	Exploring faith through worship, prayer and discussion. Spirit-led, Bible based time of fellowship



A Church of England Funeral



A Church of England Funeral is available for all, parishioners in Tidenham Parish and it can provide you with hope, ongoing support and flexibility

If someone you know and love has died, a funeral led by a Church of England minister can be held in church, in a churchyard, by a graveside, or at a crematorium. The minister will be there to support you every step of the way.

From the moment you are in touch with us, throughout the funeral service, and for as long as you need us afterwards, we're here for you. The Church of England is in every community, and has been helping people mark the end of life for generations.

Hope

The message at all Church of England funerals, wherever they happen, is one of hope. Although there is sadness because someone you know and love has died, in every Church of England funeral there will also be a message of hope in life after death.

Ongoing support



Wherever you live, wherever the funeral takes place, whatever your link to the person who has died, the Church of England is available for you afterwards. Whether the funeral has happened recently or many years ago, there is a faith community of support in your locality.

Flexibility

Each person is unique – in personality and in life experience. A Church of England funeral allows you to give thanks for the unique person you knew and loved in a way that gives comfort and hope.

Find out more at <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals>
<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/>

Tidenham Parish Prayer Diary

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 October Rosalind, (triplet's Mum) and her family All who hear her Talk today Long Covid sufferers and all struggling to manage Patience</p>					<p>1 October Emma, Ethan, their families & Teams All our Children's, Youth & Family Work Child Nurseries Excellent Childcare</p>	<p>2 October PCC Members Rev. Nicki & family (Wellbeing Chaplain) Housing Associations Decent housing for all</p>
<p>3 October All involved in Family Service, Splash, Youth Services and Crèche Men's Life Group Safety for all in education</p>	<p>4 October Vicar David & family PCC appointed Governors for Tutshill School Tutshill School Education for all who want it</p>	<p>5 October Vicar David & family Our churches and local community slowly & hopefully beginning emergence from Lockdown</p>	<p>6 October Rev. Nicki & family (Wellbeing Chaplain) Life groups Friends of Tidenham Church Local businesses Safety</p>	<p>7 October PCC Leadership Day Next steps for Church Coming out of Covid All awaiting urgent hospital appointments & operations Goodness</p>	<p>8 October Emma, Ethan, their families & Teams All our Children's, Youth & Family Work Uniformed organisations Environmental care</p>	<p>9 October Bps. Rachel & Robert Future of Benefice & Deanery Local Women's Institutes Discernment</p>
<p>10 October Rev. David Rees Parishes of St Briavels, Hewelsfield & Brockweir Hospitals we use Diversity</p>	<p>11 October Vicar David & family Readers Fiona, James & families Local shops Discipleship</p>	<p>12 October Heather Johnstone (CMS Link) Church Wardens Toddler groups Relationships</p>	<p>13 October Clare (admin) School Assemblies Sedbury Village Hall & Clubs Sincere Worship</p>	<p>14 October Rev. Nicki & family (Wellbeing Chaplain) Sedbury Space Parish & District Councilors Joyfulness</p>	<p>15 October Emma, Ethan, their families & Teams All our Children's, Youth & Family Work St John's School Education</p>	<p>16 October Archbishops Welby, Cottrell & Pope Francis Pastoral Assistants & Visiting Teams Good neighbours</p>
<p>17 October Readers Fiona, James & families Bro. Tom Clammer OC Café on Hill starting to trade Protection from evil</p>	<p>18 October Vicar David & family Pastoral Assistants & Visiting Teams Castleford Nursing Home Healing</p>	<p>19 October Christians against Poverty (CAP) Life groups Social Workers & Carers Compassion</p>	<p>20 October Rev. Nicki & family (Wellbeing Chaplain) Sedbury Space Leisure facilities Welfare of prisoners & refugees</p>	<p>21 October PCC Members Pastoral Assistants & Visiting Teams Tanya Link Magazine & good communications Discernment</p>	<p>22 October Emma, Ethan, their families & Teams All our Children's, Youth & Family Work Rising Sun Pub Environmental care</p>	<p>23 October Pastoral Assistants & Visiting Teams Rev. Janice, Ewen & Jane in new callings Offa's Mead Academy Good health</p>
<p>24 October Readers Fiona, James & families Vicar David and family Beachley Barracks Peace and Reconciliation</p>	<p>25 October Vicar David & family Funeral Ministry Funeral Directors Good bereavement care</p>	<p>26 October Pastoral Assistants & Visiting Teams Vicar David & family Wydean School Generosity</p>	<p>27 October Local Clergy Churches Together All childcare providers Ecumenism</p>	<p>28 October Wydean School Pastoral Assistants & Visiting Teams SARA & all Emergency services Goodness</p>	<p>29 October Emma, Ethan, their families & Teams All our Children's, Youth & Family Work Unemployed people Family</p>	<p>30 October Churchwardens Fundraising for church building projects Job security Full employment</p>