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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 April edition and now this Autumn edition are both being publishing online but we are thinking about getting a few editions printed for those with no internet connection.

Let me know what you think...

Inside this time:

- Vicar David writes about **Good News In the midst of everything** (pages 4-5)
- Spot some great **wedding pictures** (pages 24-25 )
- **Scarecrow Trail pictures** on our cover but also answers can be found inside (pages 14-15)
- Highlights from **PCC meetings** (page 32)
- In the centre you can find the **Prayer Diary** from Margaret Coombs
  - **Ride & Stride** happened this year (pages 32-33)

See what details and events you can discover and enjoy our magazine,  
regards from **Tanya**



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Vicar David writes...



Vicar  
Revd David Treharne

As good news in the midst of everything!

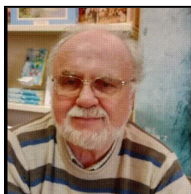
Good News in our communities

It has been so heart-warming to hear about good things in our communities over what has been a very trying time. Charities, churches, businesses, groups and individuals have selflessly supported many including some of the most vulnerable in our society, working under particularly challenging conditions for the common good. Stories of fantastic neighbourliness, with displays of generosity and kindness are a blessing and reminder of the good out there! Thank you for any part you have played! Truly thank you! You are good news!

Good News in the Church



On the weekend of the 19 & 20 Sept 24 people were ordained in Gloucester Cathedral. This is good news which you can read about on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/ordinations-2020/>



Two individuals are from our locality. Nicki Bullivant from Boughspring was ordained a deacon and St Briavel's David Rees was ordained a priest. Both of them have stories to tell that led them to this point in their lives. Their stories are good news stories and they are both good news people. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them well and supporting them. Please pray for them as they offer themselves to God in these ministries.

After months of lockdown, church buildings closed and no face to face public worship permitted we have thankfully been able to meet up with each other to worship once again. I want to thank all those who enabled the online worship to take place, and continue to do so. So many of us have been operating outside our comfort zone just so that opportunities for worship and fellowship we available from local people. Thank you.



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It looks as though we are not going to have any 'normality' this side of Christmas so I would ask for your prayers as we consider how we might mark Remembrance and celebrate Christmas in 2020. If you have any creative ideas please do feel free to email them to me! At the moment it looks like we'll be online for some things whilst if Covid regulations allow we may be able to have some significant gatherings at certain points. I certainly hope that Sunday worship at Tidenham and Tutshill will continue uninterrupted. As for Tidenham Chase, we are yet to go back to worship there on a Sunday. Being so much smaller, social distancing and lack of ventilation makes it a harder venue to use.

*Good News for the World*

Despite what organised religion and fallible human beings trying hard at times to make it otherwise, Christianity and the message of Jesus Christ is good news to our beautiful but broken world. The God we find revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and read about in the Bible is a sin busting, death destroying, life and love giving God!

It's *Good News* on so many fronts. Many of us have felt wobbly in recent times and have tried to find security in the midst of this global pandemic; and we have all looked for peace amidst the anxiety.

Jesus said, *"peace I give you, my peace I leave with you... not as the world gives do I give"* (John 14:27).

Jesus' words and the good news of the Gospel reminds me/us of the unique message of Christianity; that Jesus offers us peace in our hearts that the world just cannot give. The world just doesn't give peace beyond understanding to the soul, heart and mind. The world doesn't offer reconciling forgiveness, healing and new life. The world can't give eternal life in the face of death. However, the living God in and through Jesus Christ can and does and will! This is wonderful news not only in

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*May the peace of Christ be yours,*  
**David**



Some quotes... Pope Francis and John Wesley



Therefore, for our quotes page I thought I would choose some lines from Pope Francis.

On Hope.

*"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which **the good** seed can grow. You have to trust God." "Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts." "God's love calls us to move beyond fear."*

On being outward looking. *"We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a church that is wrapped up in its own world: when a church becomes like this, it grows sick."*

On work life balance. *"Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport."*

I don't know whether we should be advertising this but Netflix has been offering some free content including The 2 Popes starring Anthony Hopkins and Pope Benedict XVI and Jonathan Price as Pope Francis. It's brilliant! The acting is incredible, and the storyline provides insight into issues of calling and vocation, and an insight into the struggles of ministry and human fallibility, particularly for those who are placed on a pedestal and bear huge responsibility in the public eye.

On evangelism. *"Though it is true that this mission demands great generosity on our part, it would be wrong to see it as a heroic individual undertaking, for it is first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything which we can see and understand. Jesus is "the first and greatest evangelizer."*

On discipleship. *"When we walk without the cross, when we build without the cross and when we proclaim Christ without the cross, we are not disciples of the Lord. We are worldly. We may be bishops, priests, cardinals, popes, all of this, but we are not disciples of the Lord."*



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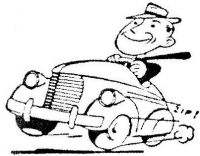
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And to balance Christian tradition a little, here are some quotes from John Wesley!



"Catch on fire and people will come for miles to see you burn."

"I saw that giving even all my life to God (supposing it possible to do this and go no further) would profit me nothing unless I gave my heart, yea, all my heart, to Him."

"I cannot think that when God sent us into the world, he had irreversibly decreed that we should be perpetually miserable

in it. If our taking up the Cross imply our bidding adieu to all joy and satisfaction, how is it reconcilable with what Solomon expressly affirms of religion, that 'her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace?'"

"I build on Christ, the rock of ages; on his sure mercies described in his word, and on his promises, all which I know are yea and amen."



Reverend Nicki on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
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A quote from one of our regular users –  
 “It’s better than no exercises at all!. I do miss the chatter between the participants. It is however, such a shame that there are not more of us doing the Zoom hour. Come on all you others who used to partake in the Sedbury Village Hall, how about giving it a go?”

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Normally we end with a cup of tea but at the moment with all the  
new restrictions only six are able to meet it is not entirely  
"normal"

but we felt it a start of normal life.

However, with Autumn here new restrictions are in place and we  
can only say like her Majesty the Queen "We will meet Again".

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✠ **AGM**

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✠ **Want to be confirmed?**

Sadly the September confirmation service in the Parish was unable to happen this year. 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. 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.

✠ **Are You New to the Parish? ...**

A warm welcome to you if you have moved to the Parish during these strange times. If 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.

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

Many congratulations if you're at this stage of life!

As things stand Weddings and baptisms/Christenings are still able to take place. Please do get in touch with Vicar David or one of the team if you are interested. If you are thinking about 2021 then do get in touch as diaries are beginning to fill up.



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For baptisms/christenings visit <https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/>

✠ **Illness**

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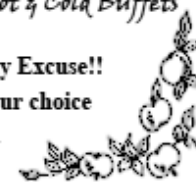
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† Legacy  
We were humbled and most grateful to have received a legacy donation from the late Eric Lucas a former parishioner and worshipper in this Parish, who moved up north a number of years ago and passed away earlier this year. Perhaps we could all think about leaving a financial gift when we die which can help towards the costs of mission and ministry for the future, particularly at this challenging time.

† 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. Thank you.

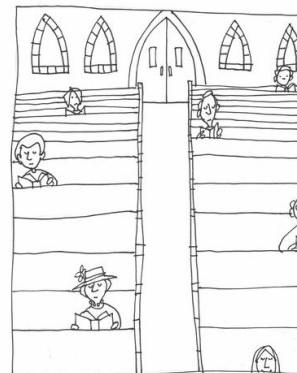
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Pre lockdown picture of a church congregation. Apparently some Anglicans were way ahead of the game when it came to social distancing!



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*Tanya's Link Prize Challenge*  
 Welcome  
 to everyone with this  
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**There are 35 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!

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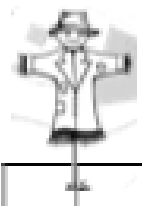
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**TUTSHILL SCARECROW TRAIL 2020  
Children's Books and Stories**

	Title	Author
1	Jack and the Beanstalk	Traditional
2	The Explorer	Katherine Rundell
3	King Flashypants & the Evil Emperor	Andy Riley
4	What The Ladybird Heard	Julia Donaldson
5	Pinocchio	Carlo Collodi
6	The Smartest Giant in Town	Julia Donaldson
7	The Scarecrows' Wedding	Julia Donaldson
8	The Gingerbread Man	Traditional
9	Mr Tall	Roger Hargreaves
10	Gangsta Granny	David Walliams
11	Treasure Island	R L Stevenson
12	The Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss
13	The Spiderwick Chronicles	Holly Black and Tony di Terlizzi
14	The Elves and the Shoemaker	The Brothers Grimm
15	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan
16	The Muddle-Headed Wombat	Ruth Park
17	Meg and Mog	Helen Nicholl
18	Harry Potter & the Order of the Phoenix	J K Rowling
19	Charlotte's Web	E B White
20	Funny Bones	Janet and Allan Ahlberg
21	Winnie the Witch	Valerie Thomas
22	Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell

**Third Prize and Joint First Prize >>**



*tidenham historical group*



**We are not meeting at the moment**

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](mailto:info@tidenhamhistory.co.uk).

We hope everyone is keeping well. Although our meetings are not happening, and are probably unlikely to resume until spring 2021, the research has not stopped. Individual members are continuing to explore local, regional and ancestral history and a selection is in this newsletter with more to follow in future editions.

**SUDBROOK - Richard Clammer**

Stimulated by the Group's evening visit to Sudbrook last year, Richard has been combining his maritime and local history interests by looking into the history of the former Sudbrook Shipyard. Very little has been written about the it, but a fascinating story is beginning to emerge:

The yard was opened in 1887, a year after the Severn Tunnel had been completed, partly to provide employment for the workers living in the village and partly to construct specialised vessels to be used on T.A. Walker's contracts in South America. Many of the earliest ships were hopper barges which steamed across the Atlantic and were used for carrying stone from the company's quarries in Uruguay to their harbour works at Buenos Aires. After Walker's untimely death, the yard was operated by his executors and then by his nephew C.H. Walker until it closed in 1922. Tugs, hoppers, coasters, the occasional sailing ship and numerous small harbour craft were built for a wide variety of customers and, in total, almost 200 "yard numbers" were recorded.

Richard is attempting to piece together the full history of the company and the individual ships it built, as well as trying to locate photographs, plans and documents. He has received valuable help from a large number of UK archives and shipping historians, and is also in correspondence with contacts in Argentina and Uruguay. The story becomes more fascinating by the day.

**If anyone reading this has postcards, photos, plans, documents or knowledge that might help Richard in his search, do please get in touch.**



**CHASE GARDENING CLUB**



“The best laid plans of mice and men.....” certainly when faced with the scourge of coronavirus! Great plans for March & April, outings, the Plant & Cake Sale and the Summer Supper all had to be abandoned. Even a planned September outing to a local garden at Brockweir was stymied days before it was due to take place by the Rule of Six regulations. Never fear, normal service will be resumed as soon as safe and possible.

On the positive side, we have all had the chance to enjoy our own gardens throughout the summer and appreciate their soothing powers in times of trouble. The season has been challenging for vegetable growers – too hot, too windy, too dry at times – but there are successes as well as failures. And there is always next year! You have to be an optimist to garden.

Many thanks to all who supported the Club by buying bedding plants from Bob Elliott - £130 was raised for Club funds. Thanks are also due to Pat Knight who worked very hard to try and make the Brockweir outing happen – the good news is that the owner of Clouds Rest has agreed to talk to the Club at a future date about the making of the garden. And our speaker, Nick Bailey from Gardeners World, who had to be postponed in March has been rebooked for November 2021.

Stay safe everyone and we will meet again before long.

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



**Found in another church's notices:**  
**“Miss Charlotte Mason sang “I will not pass this way again” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.”**



23	Sir Bobblysock	Alex T Smith
24	Stick Man	Julia Donaldson
25	Grandpa’s Great Escape	David Walliams
26	What Monster? (Tom Gates)	Liz Pichon
27	The Worst Witch	Jill Murphy
28	Monkey Puzzle	Julia Donaldson
29	The Snail and the Whale	Julia Donaldson
30	Mr Topsy-Turvy	Roger Hargreaves
31	The Wizards of Once	Cressida Cowell
32	The Dreamsnatcher	Abi Elphinstone
33	Northern Lights	Philip Pullman
34	Supertato	Sue Hendra, Paul Linnet
35	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman Bridwell
36	Mr Tickle	Roger Hargreaves
37	Bee & Me	Alison Jay
38	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	Frank L Baum
39	The Little Prince	Antoine de Saint-Exupery
40	How to Catch a Star	Oliver Jeffers
41	Mog the Forgetful Cat	Judith Kerr
42	Room on the Broom	Julia Donaldson
43	Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss
44	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle

**The winners of the Scarecrow Trail:**

**3. NUMBER 21 created by the children and staff at PATA Penguins  
 WINNIE THE WITCH**

**1. NUMBER 12 created by Sarah L.  
 THE CAT IN THE HAT**

**1. NUMBER 33 created by Sarah M.  
 NORTHERN LIGHTS**





# News from our Parish Schools

## CHEPSTOW COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTRE



### Wyedean

School and Sixth Form Centre

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### Wyedean School & Sixth Form College

#### INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS:

This week we are teaching year 11 and 13 musicians as usual and asking others to come from home to the South Building at their usual times if they can.

Next week we will either be at school or St Christopher's Church at Bulwark (contact for decision), and those who can't reach us (or are self-isolating) will have the option of a Skype or Zoom lesson. For this, we will need parents to read a policy statement on the CCMC website and send their explicit consent to [brian.ellam@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.ellam@btinternet.com) along with a PARENTAL email address for the invitation.

All Daisy Hart's lessons will have to be by Skype or Zoom because she is in one of the vulnerable categories and can't risk catching the virus from others.

If the whole country goes into lockdown, it will be remote lessons only. We are determined to keep things going in some form with everyone's

well-being our top priority.

Many thanks, Brian Ellam

**Wyedean School – 01291 636180**



### Tutshill Church of England Primary School

**Tutshill School – 01291 622593**

*More from our schools next time*

### Offa's Mead Academy

**Offa's Mead Academy – 01291 622932**



While many of us know that food banks provide food – and are happy to donate tinned items and other grocery items – not all of us are aware that food banks could do with donations of other essential non-food items as well.

“We asked food bank managers and users across the UK and these are all the things people say consistently – time and time again – they need, but they are not things people often think to buy,” says Molly Hodson, head of media and external affairs at the charity. “And they make such a difference.”

#### 1. Toilet roll

This is self-explanatory, and always necessary. “One food bank is having to ration it to one roll per household,” says Hodson.

#### 2. Sanitary towels and tampons

“We don't have the data on how users of the food banks break down across gender lines,” says Hodson. “When someone comes to the food bank, they'll often pick up for the whole household.” But she adds: “[Feminine hygiene products] are an awkward thing to say that you're short of. If you're at the point where you can't afford food, chances are that you're not going to be able to afford sanitary products either. It's really important, especially in terms of dignity, to be able to cope”.

#### 3. Tin openers

“There are all kinds of people who don't have these, especially women who've been relocated because of domestic abuse,” says Hodson.

And as food banks get a lot of tinned, non-perishable food, this is a handy thing to drop off at the collection point.

#### 4. Nappies

Generally, food banks would prefer disposable nappies over cloth nappies. “The best thing people can do is call their local food bank and find out what they need,” says Hodson.

“We get parents with children of all ages. Some of the most stark cases are women who have literally just given birth and haven't got anything, and are really struggling as well as being a new mum.”

#### 5. Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant)

You know how at Christmas, lots of people get packs of toiletries they don't want, because it's a bit of a standard present? Bring them along to your local food bank collection point. “If people don't want them,” says Hodson, “it'd be amazing if they gave them to the food bank, because it's the kind of thing that makes a massive difference.” Shaving gels and foams are also welcome.

#### 6. Baby food

Baby food is another item that many people don't think to include on their list of donations to food banks, says Hodson. Well, now you know.

**[chepstowfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:chepstowfoodbank@gmail.com)**





Women's Institute

### Chase WI



Like so many people in the parish, Members have had a difficult time during Lockdown. We have missed seeing our friends at our meetings which are always full of interest with good speakers and being kept up to date with WI news from County, Federation and National.

One sad thing: The Chase celebrated its fiftieth Anniversary in April and because of the Covid restriction we could not have a party!

We like parties!

Although we didn't have our usual evening meetings, we did manage some day time get-togethers on the Recreation Ground when restrictions were lifted in the summer.

Socially distanced we brought a deck chair and we were able to have a good chat.

Now Autumn has arrived and with it new restrictions but we hope for a more normal future.

Ring Poppy Moss 01291 628739 for more information.



### Tidenham Wives & Friends

We have missed our friends at our meetings as like everyone else we were not able to see each other. We had some very interesting speakers booked and we were so disappointed that our visit to Gloucester Cathedral had to be postponed.

When the restrictions were lifted in the summer, we enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon with tea and cake at Pauline's taking our own mug of course!

Our thanks go to Pauline our Chairman for her weekly updates as to what is going on in the Parish.

One of our members, Barbara Jones has been unwell in hospital but we are pleased that she is home again and we wish her well.



### ST JOHN'S ON THE HILL

#### New Head announced:

Mr Nick Thrower has been appointed as Head Teacher and it has been confirmed that he will be starting at St John's in January 2021. Mr Jason Dobbie, who is the Deputy Head and a familiar face at St John's, will be standing in as interim Head from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 until Mr Thrower joins the school.



Mr Thrower is currently Assistant Head and Chaplain at Lambrook School, in Berkshire. Prior to that he was Director of Sport and Houseparent at St Andrew's, in Turi, Kenya. The current Head of St John's, Mrs Ruth Frett, left in July to join Gloucestershire Constabulary in a leadership role.

Mr Thrower said: "It is a real joy to teach in a prep school environment, especially one that shares my passion for sport and the great outdoors. Being active is simply one of life's best things. I am hugely impressed with the team, beautiful grounds and facilities at St John's. The prep school not only provides an excellent all-round education, it strives to equip children with skills that will last a lifetime. Every child is valued and encouraged to think big, which is so important in today's uncertain environment.

"With my wife Jo, daughter Poppy (15) and son Harry (13), we are incredibly excited to make the move West and embark upon this next chapter. As a Geography graduate being close to the mountains of Wales will be a delight and will allow my passions for walking and photography to be reignited in the stunning countryside around Chepstow."



**St John's on the Hill School**  
**01291 622045**



### Tutshill Community Pre-School

Children were welcomed back for the Autumn term with several new measures in place to help protect everyone at Pre-School from the Covid 19 virus.

The children are excited to be back playing with their friends, and have settled quickly and happily into our nurturing and stimulating pre-school.

The children have had some trips to the park and are enjoying discovering the bounty of Autumn. The children also love measuring the ingredients to make their own batch of playdough which they can then play with, and proudly take home.

We have spaces for children from 2 years old up until they go to school, please contact us on 01291 629134 or [tutshillpreschool@talktalk.net](mailto:tutshillpreschool@talktalk.net) if you would like to find out more.

Tutshill Nature Tots ( outside toddler group ) has not started up yet but please look at their facebook page for updates on this.



can empathise and support you.

There's a wide network of job clubs available. Have a look at what's local to you by searching 'job club near me', asking at Jobcentre Plus, or visiting [capuk.org/jobclubs](http://capuk.org/jobclubs).

#### Alleviate stress with a healthy diet and exercise

Our hormones and blood sugar are affected by what we eat and drink. According to Anxiety UK, many sufferers of stress report that improving their diet made a big difference to their wellbeing. Plus, when we plan our meals for the week or month ahead, we can create less waste and save money by only buying what we need, which can also bring stress levels down. Check out [skintdad.co.uk](http://skintdad.co.uk) or [frugalfamily.co.uk](http://frugalfamily.co.uk).

Exercise also has a big effect on our mental health. Any kind of physical activity, whether it's a full-on workout in the gym or a brisk walk around the block, releases endorphins, the body's natural feel-good hormones.

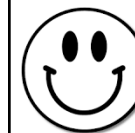
Think about what you can realistically add into your daily routine. Even ten minutes of exercise a day can really improve our mood. Have a look at [nhs.uk/live-well/exercise](http://nhs.uk/live-well/exercise) for some inspiration and ideas for people of

all ages and abilities.

#### Focus on today

By acting on just one of these suggestions today, you can start to feel happier, healthier and more in control of your life. For more advice on dealing with worry, have a look at [anxiety.uk.org.uk](http://anxiety.uk.org.uk).

*Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity which, through local churches, delivers debt counselling, money management, job clubs, life skills groups, and support for people breaking habitual dependencies. Visit [capuk.org](http://capuk.org) to find out more.*



*visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible.*

*He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages.*

*"Mum, look what I found." he called out.*

*"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.*

*With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"*



Stressed out? Five ways to feel calmer today.

David Price

(07539 477286)

With everything the world is facing in this current season, many of us are experiencing uncertainty about the future. The people we help through Christians Against Poverty (CAP) have often struggled with worry, anxiety and mental ill-health; the CAP Life Skills course, which is designed to help people manage on a low income, dedicates a whole session to dealing with worry.

Dealing with the issues that concern us today in manageable chunks can help us feel in control, reducing anxiety about the future and improving our physical and mental health.

**Take control of your money**

Feel like there never seems to be enough cash to make ends meet? Whether you're in or out of work, having a clear picture of what money you have coming in and going out is essential. Start taking control by creating a budget. Have a look at [moneysavingexpert.com/banking/budget-planning](https://moneysavingexpert.com/banking/budget-planning) and other free resources online to help you.

The next step is acting on any issues your budget brings up. If you've got more money going out than coming in, consider what you can cut down or cut out altogether. Perhaps you could switch to a cheaper energy tariff, or cancel that TV subscription you never use.

**Get help with problem debt**

If you're concerned about unmanageable debts, seek help sooner rather than later. Many CAP clients say they feel as if a weight has been lifted, even from making the first phone call to ask for help. You can call for free on 0800 328 0006 or visit [capuk.org](https://capuk.org) to find out more.

If CAP isn't for you, there are lots of great debt advice organisations out there, such as StepChange ([stepchange.org](https://stepchange.org)) and Citizens Advice ([citizensadvice.org.uk](https://citizensadvice.org.uk)).

**Join a job club with a supportive community**

Maybe you've been applying for job after job to no avail – it can be easy to lose confidence and let worry take over. Practically, job clubs can provide useful tips on writing an excellent CV and practising interview techniques to make yourself stand out. But more than that, you'll meet other people in a similar situation who



**Children and Families Ministry in Lockdown and Beyond**

Like so many of us, everything about the way we live, work and interact changed in March this year.

We have been holding Splash via Zoom and sending out resources to families.



We gathered for worship in the summer, which was a joy. **Praise God for the good weather!**

Looking ahead, we are meeting

on



Zoom (including one family now living in Cyprus) Praise God for technology!

We are having worship outside once a month.

**Praise God for creation!**

We plan to have our first gathering in St Luke's for children on 18<sup>th</sup> October and at the end of November we are going to Whirlikdz.

**Praise God for fun, friends, family and faith!**

Contact Jane Penny for more information 07856679387





### 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
Life Group Meeting At St Luke's	TUES Afternoon 12.45pm start at 1.00pm	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	Janice Hamilton	Janice 01291 626158	Sedbury Space
REFRESHMENT ROOM	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 St Luke's	THUR 1.00-2.30pm	Jane Penny	Jane 07856 679387 or Tanya 01291 623169	Exploring faith through worship, prayer and discussion. Spirit-led, Bible based time of fellowship



Linda, Pat, Dave, Molly, Cate, Jenny(with dog) and Judith joined us for the amended 5.5 mile walk from St Lukes to Tidenham, across fields, picking up the Offa's Dyke path back to Woodcroft and on for a picnic in the churchyard. We had a gorgeous day for it with splendid views across the Severn. A very happy occasion.

The third event was to be an all day open air social bonanza with coffee morning, afternoon tea and plant sale. Pat offered her help with organising and baking and Nicholette and Judith also offered cakes. Clare said she would come as a waitress. We rustled up 9 tables all with pretty plastic table cloths to space down the road and almost 30 people booked a place. Then 5 days before the event the 'Rule of 6' was announced. We thought of all sorts of possible ways to get round it but in the end felt we had to cancel. How sad. And such a disappointment for everyone who had either worked towards the event or had been looking forward to a nice social outing.



Despite the difficulties and disappointment there has been heart warming support and lots of fun. A huge thank you to everyone who has participated and made very generous donations. The amount we will have collected is going to be much better than anticipated and will be split 50/50 between our parish churches and the Historic Churches Trust. I will publish the final sum in due course.

**Wendy Moppett**





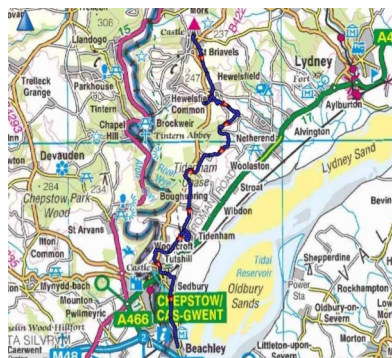
### RIDE AND STRIDE 2020

I have been involved in Ride and Stride for some years now, always on my bike till moving here. In Kent where I lived before it was a 'big deal' and on our last ride, 6 weeks before moving to Tutshill, Rodney and I were with a group of some 25 adults and children and we visited 33 churches each of which welcomed us and many others with refreshments and big smiles.

Obviously, the culture is different here, a much quieter event but no less enjoyable: more time to talk and enjoy the countryside, more chance to reflect.

This year was always going to be difficult. With all the issues around social distancing, not meeting the numbers of people in church and for many, incomes being hit hard. I was imagining take up of events and sponsorship to be much less than the past couple of years. The 4 churches walk Rodney and I have led for the past couple of years included some car sharing between churches in order to keep the distance within what participants could manage: we had to change that. John Newell felt he was not fit enough to undertake the circa 70 mile ride he had done previously and there were no takers to organise anything for youngsters.

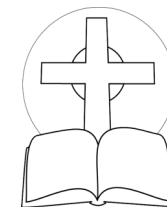
However, into the breach came Steven, Anthony with dog Alfie who walked much of the parish boundary including Hewelsfield, St Briavels and Beachley some 14-16 miles I believe. Well done!

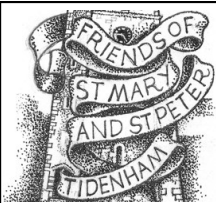


THE PRIEST CARVES OUT SACRED SPACE AT HOME IN ORDER TO RECORD LITURGY FOR SUNDAY.

"Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other; Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest."

Psalm 85: 10-12





## The Friends of Tidenham Church

We are at the stage where the PCC, as the legal authority, need to obtain the relevant planning approvals, either in the form of a Faculty or, where it is external to the building (and probably the Tower), from the planning authorities. Once the DAC and others have given the PCC the green light, we will again be in a position to help them move the project ahead. It is very nearly impossible to start applying for Grants until these phases are complete.

**Church Tidy** It has been suggested that we have a working party to tidy up the Church. Hidden behind pews at the back of the church are all sorts of flower arranging and other items and when the COVID state allows, we will call for a small working party.

**Christmas Tree Festival** It is with regret that we feel that we must cancel the Christmas Tree Festival this year because of the uncertainty over COVID and the ability to have an inside Carol Service this year. As we say in our Newsletter, we will need to run fund raisers next year and look forward to a Flower Festival in July and Christmas Trees next year.

**Grant Writing.** Hopefully we will obtain clearance for our projects during the year and, once we have, we will need to commence applying for Grants. I have some volunteers already but if there are any Friends who have knowledge/experience in applying for Grants or running appeals and would be happy to help, please give your details to Sarah-Jane.

Sarah-Jane Gilchrist at 01291627966 Or by email:[secretaryfriends@icloud.com](mailto:secretaryfriends@icloud.com)



## Lunch Anyone?

Schools and some work places are back and therefore lunch boxes being filled daily, many including a chocolate bar.

Nestle refuse to return to buying Fairtrade cocoa and sugar from their usual farmer suppliers leaving them without a fair income, so please don't buy Kit Kat but buy a Fairtrade chocolate bar instead. There are lots of options in the shops from supermarket own brands to Divine and Green & Blacks. There are other artisan chocolate bars and also Cadbury Fairtrade Cocoa Plan chocolate bars.

Traidcraft have some delicious varieties too, including selection packs for a different flavour bar each day, so ask Julia or Cate for a catalogue.

As well as including Fairtrade chocolate bars in your lunches, why not add Fairtrade bananas? For other lunch options see the Traidcraft catalogue which has a selection of Fairtrade snack bars from Tropical Wholefoods, Fairtrade fruit juice from Calypso or Karamba.



In your sandwiches try local butter with local cheeses or ham, or both if you like. Fairtrade products are produced sustainability so your lunch can add up to a farmer saving, planet saving meal.

Bon appetite!

Julia Parsons (01291 622163)



## Highlights from PCC meetings on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### PCC members:-

- PCC discussed how the church in our parish could move forward now that church services are again able to take place. Noted that we are taking baby steps on the road to the new normal, and on-line services in some form will continue
- PCC welcomed and endorsed the Scarecrow Trail Committee's proposal to hold the 2020 Trail towards the end of August – this will provide a welcome fun event at the end of the school holidays
- PCC welcomed news that the first wedding after lockdown will take place at Tutshill church on Saturday 18 July
- PCC endorsed the Parish Church Adult and Children's Safeguarding Policies for 2020 / 2021

7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### PCC members:-

- PCC approved the revised Statements of Need and Significance for the Reordering of Tidenham Church
- PCC thanked the Scarecrow Trail Committee for organising this year's successful free *Scarecrow Trail* under very different circumstances
- Reverend David reported back on the risk assessment meeting held prior to deciding to restart Tutshill church services from Sunday 13 September
- Reverend David thanked those who had recently re-completed the parish survey – 80 replies is a very good response rate
- PCC agreed to make a donation of £600 to Woodcroft Christian Centre at this very difficult time for a key local charity
- PCC welcomed the fact that Jane Penny has started her third year as Children and Families' Minister



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## CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Like every other choral society or singing group, CCS has inevitably been out of action singing-wise since mid- March. At the time of writing we cannot say when rehearsals will resume.

CV19 has devastated the Performing Arts sector, with musicians, orchestras and particularly choral groups very badly affected. It is good to now see that small groups (6 persons) are to be allowed to sing in church services with stringent social distancing, other measures etc - so still a long way from 65+ singers together!

CCS committee has been meeting on-line and sent newsletters to our members. We are pursuing the possibility of trying some "Zoom rehearsing" in the autumn, although we know that is no substitute for normal serious rehearsals.

Importantly, on resumption, we will be actively promoting a membership recruitment campaign and would welcome anyone reading this now who would like to join us, or learn about what is involved, to make contact via the details below.

CCS is hopeful that we will be able to find a way of presenting some carol singing for the people of Chepstow and surrounding areas in December – although this is very unlikely to be our usual "Christmas Music" presentation!

Please watch this space for more news and log on to our website for updated information, contact details, or telephone the number below  
---Thank you

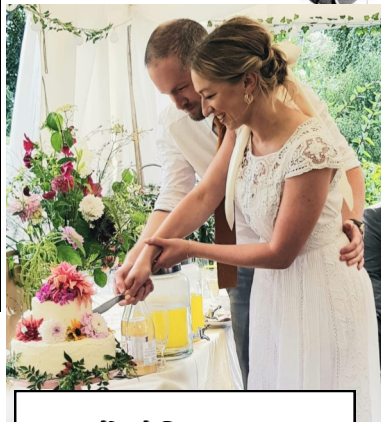
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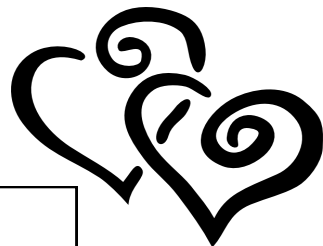
**Rosalind & Matthew**  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2020



**Rosalind & Pearce**  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020



**Abigail & Peter**  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2020



**Katherine & George**  
29<sup>th</sup> August 2020



**Bethan & Alfred**  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2020



### From the Registers

#### Funerals & Burials

**Brenda Joyce GALE (87)**  
Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Burial at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

**Janet Elaine CLARKE (76)**  
Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Committal Service at Forest Crematorium

**John Eric BOWEN (88)**  
Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Burial of Ashes at St Luke's Church, Tutshill

**Derrick Roy WILLIAMS (75)**  
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Committal Service at Langstone Crematorium

**Sharon Rose HOODLESS (62)**  
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Burial of Ashes at St Luke's Church, Tutshill

**Rosina PIKE (90)**  
Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Burial of Ashes at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

*Further register entries will appear in the next 2020 edition of the Link*

**Church services** (if planning to attend in church, remember to book your place with Clare Presley)

Sunday

9.30am St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham - Holy Communion

11.00am (seated by 10.50am)  
St Luke's Church, Tutshill – Morning Worship

Online: Tidenham Parish Online Church YouTube Channel





### From the Registers

#### Funerals & Burials

**Herbert Walter VOWLES (87)**

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020  
Committal Service at Forest Crematorium

**Karl Manfield KNAPTON (60)**

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Committal Service at Forest Crematorium

**Shirley Ann STEPNEY (80)**

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Committal Service at Forest Crematorium

**Patricia TYRELL (81)**

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Burial at St Luke's, Tutshill

**Anne Birch**

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Burial at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

**Avis Annie Seys BRADLEY (90)**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Committal Service at Forest Crematorium

**Hazel Elizabeth BONNER (93)**

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020  
Committal Service at Langstone Crematorium

**Molly Joyce BLODWELL (96)**

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
Committal Service at Forest Crematorium

**Pamela Margaret JOLLY (95)**

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Thanksgiving Service at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham  
Burial at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

**Margaret Georgina DAVIES (83)**

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Committal Service at Forest Crematorium

**Jessie GOATMAN (96)**

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Committal Service at Forest Crematorium



### Holy Matrimony



**Rosalind Freda HADLAND**

&

**Matthew James SEWARD**

Saturday 18 July 2020 at St Luke's, Tutshill

**Rosalind Lucy JACKS**

&

**Pearce Michael John SAMPSON**

Saturday 22 August 2020 at St Michael and All Angels', Tidenham Chase

**Abigail Rosanagh HUNT**

&

**Peter SCRAFTON**

Tuesday 25 August 2020 at St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

**Katherine FORTEA LUCAS**

&

**George Harvey BAIN**

Saturday 29 August 2020 at St Mary & ST Peter's, Tidenham

**Bethan Sara HARRIS**

&

**Alfred McDonald SMITH**

Saturday 5 September 2020 at St Luke's, Tutshill.



## Tidenham Parish Prayer Diary

**October 2020**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<p><b>27 September</b> All our Church and Online Services &amp; all who take part &amp; stream them. Churchwardens Local shops Music</p>	<p><b>28</b> Vicar David &amp; family Clare Presley – parish administration Sedbury Village Hall &amp; clubs Forgiveness</p>	<p><b>29</b> Rev Nicki &amp; Rev David Reece recently ordained Funeral ministry Funeral Directors Good bereavement care</p>	<p><b>30</b> Vicarage &amp; online communion Services Zoom Groups Foodbank Freedom from hunger</p>	<p><b>01 October</b> Curates Rev Nicki, her NHS job &amp; Rev Janice &amp; their families Churchwardens Unemployed people Accountability</p>	<p><b>02 October</b> Jane &amp; Ethan Teams &amp; families All considering baptism, confirmation or vocations Tutshill School Loyalty</p>	<p><b>03</b> All Cathedral Event Chepstow Parish curate, Rev. Lea, to be “priested” today Sheltered Housing residents Hope</p>
<p><b>04 October</b> All services - Online &amp; in-Church &amp; all who take part, record and upload them Rev Tom, Emma &amp; family Local Pubs Hope</p>	<p><b>05</b> Jane &amp; Ethan, Teams &amp; families Our children &amp; Youth Reopening of our pre-school provision Virus protection in all our pre-school &amp; schools A good education</p>	<p><b>06</b> Church of the future Parish Weekly briefing Link &amp; Website Social Workers &amp; carers Hope &amp; Joy</p>	<p><b>07</b> Rev Janice &amp; family Susan Riordan &amp; Sedbury Space St John’s School &amp; Hedgehogs Volunteering</p>	<p><b>08</b> Curate Rev Nicki, her NHS job &amp; family Life groups Parish &amp; District Councillors Love</p>	<p><b>09</b> Jane &amp; Ethan, Teams &amp; families All our children &amp; Youth Wyedean School with new Head. Education</p>	<p><b>10</b> Rev. David Rees, Reader Mandy &amp; Parishes of St Briavels &amp; Hewelsfield Freedom from Corona virus Cohesion</p>
<p><b>11</b> Vicar David &amp; family Our AGM Hospitals we use Discipleship</p>	<p><b>12</b> Vicar David &amp; family Parishioners without Internet connection Castleford Nursing Home Listening</p>	<p><b>13</b> Pastoral Assistants &amp; Visiting Team Parish Toddler Groups Allotments Generosity</p>	<p><b>14</b> Rev Janice &amp; family Mission partners Heather (Tanzania) &amp; Rhona (Uganda) Vulnerable people Discernment</p>	<p><b>15</b> New churchwarden &amp; PCC members including New governor of Tutshill School. Tidenham Friends Virus Protection</p>	<p><b>16</b> Cathedral staff, Bishops Rachel &amp; Robert &amp; their teams and Archbishops Justin &amp; John &amp; Pope Francis Doctor’s surgeries Mercy</p>	<p><b>17</b> Church of the future Our Church children &amp; young people All lonely, ill and housebound people Worship</p>
<p><b>18</b> Church of the future All services - Online &amp; in-Church &amp; all who take part, record and upload them Hospitals we use Discipleship</p>	<p><b>19</b> Vicar David &amp; family PCC finance team All whose hospital appointments, diagnoses and treatments have been postponed Hope</p>	<p><b>20</b> St Luke’s congregation PCC Members 16 to 24 year olds, said to be the most vulnerable group Hope</p>	<p><b>21</b> Readers Fiona &amp; James &amp; families Chase congregation All facing extreme emotional and financial problems Healing</p>	<p><b>22</b> Curates Rev Janice &amp; Rev Nicki, her NHS job and their families PCC Buildings Team Local businesses Community</p>	<p><b>23</b> Jane and Ethan, Teams and families All our children and young people Our politicians, as they guide us Wisdom</p>	<p><b>24</b> Vicar David &amp; family Fundraising for Church maintenance and reordering Local post offices and banks Discipleship</p>
<p><b>25</b> All services - Online &amp; in-Church &amp; all who take part, record and upload them Churches Together Local shops Ecumenism</p>	<p><b>26</b> Vicar David &amp; family Clare Presley - Parish Administration Sedbury Village Hall &amp; clubs Forgiveness</p>	<p><b>27</b> Pastoral Assistants &amp; Visiting Team Ability to meet the Parish’s financial commitments Local WIs Generosity</p>	<p><b>28</b> Readers Fiona &amp; James and families Church of the future All our schools and pre-school groups Joy</p>	<p><b>29</b> Curates Rev Janice and Rev Nicki plus her NHS job and their families Churchwardens Penguins Accountability</p>	<p><b>30</b> Jane and Ethan Teams and families Churchwardens Local farms Care of the environment</p>	<p><b>31</b> Vicar David and family Tidenham Friends Residents of Silleys Close and Hanover Court Justice</p>