

Parish News for Tidenham, St Briavels, and Hewelsfield and Brockweir

NEWS

Men's Group



The Men's Group has gone to the dogs and it's time to revitalize it!

We plan to hold some events commencing September, and in previous years we have held pub evenings, table tennis tournaments, wine tastings, breakfasts, curry dinners and yes, visits to Swindon Dogs Racetrack...

If you would like to join in the invitations for the Men's Group, please email Andrew Palmer andrewpalmer5@me.com or message him on 07739705490, giving him your contact email and phone number.

Safeguarding

In the Church of England (CofE), safeguarding is *"the care and protection of children, young people, and vulnerable adults involved in church activities"*. It is a shared duty of the whole church to prevent harm, promote a safe culture, and respond well to any abuse or neglect. In our parishes, we operate safer recruitment for volunteers and they also undergo various levels of training, depending on the depth of volunteering. Some volunteers (e.g. the PCC) are required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We also have a safeguarding policy which is updated annually and this includes our safeguarding processes.



Details can be found in our website <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/info/safeguarding/> and you can also learn more about safeguarding on the Gloucester Diocese website <https://gloucester.anglican.org/about-us/safeguarding/>.

A series of training events have been run by our PSO, Churchwarden Robin and our Assistant Treasurer, Emma. Attendees came from Hewelsfield and Brockweir, St Briavels and Tidenham parishes. The most recent was held last Saturday in St Luke and was attended by 8 volunteers. Thank you to all of our volunteers for the work you do, and if you are a volunteer and required to take safeguarding training, you may have opted to do this online. If the third anniversary of your last training course is approaching or has passed, you should take the relevant course and forward your certificate to Churchwarden Robin rtpcc@aol.com.

Tidenham Parish safeguarding was recently recognised by Gloucester Diocese, who invited Churchwarden Robin to represent us at an evensong in St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the dedication and ministry of PSOs and provide an opportunity to say thank you for their significant contribution to safeguarding within the Church.

A New Chapter Begins



Emma Phillips has completed her first year of Lay Ministry training and, following an interview panel which included Bishop Robert, has been accepted to continue her studies in Reader Ministry. From September she will be following her calling into a second year of study.

Well done Emma and we wish you all the best in your spiritual journey.

"A heartfelt thank you to everyone in my church family for your love, prayers, support and encouragement. You are such an important part of this new chapter, and I'm so grateful to have you alongside me. I'm excited to see where God is leading me and look forward to sharing the next steps with you." Emma

Ride+Stride 2026 – 12 September 2026

Ride+Stride is a sponsored event to visit churches by bike, walking or any other means of travel. The event raises funds for the restoration and preservation of churches and chapels in Gloucestershire and North Bristol.



Nationally, thousands of people take part in Ride+Stride every year to raise funds to support their local churches and county historic churches trusts. In our county area over £35,000 was raised in 2025, for individual churches and for the grants programme. You can take part in this fun event where participants seek sponsorship to visit our churches by walking or cycling (or you may just like to visit by car).

Half of what we raise is returned to us - this year we want to support St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase.

If you would like to participate by walking between the churches in our Parishes, we'll be walking from St Briavels to Beachley calling in at the churches at St Briavels, Hewelsfield, Tidenham Chase, Tidenham, Tutshill and Beachley. Total distance is just over 12 miles! Please contact James Parsons (jamesdparsons727@gmail.com or 07970 489362) if you would like to do this walk, or contact Wendy Moppett (wendy.moppett@btinternet.com) if you would like to join her for some shorter walks.

Whether you are walking and donating, or just donating, please use this JustGiving page to make your donation.

www.justgiving.com/page/james-parsons

VACANCIES



Part-time Administration Assistant* Required for the Church in the Parish of Tidenham

We are looking for a skilled Administrative Assistant to work part time supporting the Vicar and staff team of the Parish of Tidenham in the Church's mission, ministry and operations. This is an exciting opportunity to join our team and help your local Church thrive and grow.

Hours - part-time, 10 per week
Flexible hours with potential to increase over time
35 days holiday per annum (pro rata)
Work location - Parish Office in Tidenham, home.

Salary – £26,250 (pro rata)
5% personal pension contribution
Payment of related expenses

If you have the necessary skills and experience for the role, we would be delighted to hear from you. (Previous applicants for the position welcome).

*The post carries an Occupational Requirement under the Equality Act 2010 for the post holder to have a personal commitment to the Christian Faith

Start Date – 5th October 2026, 2-year renewable contract

Contact rtpcc@aol.com for an application form, or call on 07711 173240

Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 4th September 2026



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES MINISTER

We have an exciting opportunity to work within a team to encourage and facilitate faith development of 0-18 year-olds within Tidenham Parish

With a particular focus on 0-11 year-old children and their families, the role will cover church, community and family engagement, working with local schools, leading Sunday worship once a month and two weekly local toddler groups

This post is available for both ordained and non-ordained applicants, who have a passion for working with families and young people

Hours - part-time, 22.5 per week
Flexible hours including Sunday mornings and potentially some evenings, 2 clear days off per week
35 days holiday per annum (pro rata)

Salary – £28,500 - £31,000 (pro rata)
Depending on qualifications/experience
5% personal pension contribution
Payment of related expenses

Start Date – 1 October 2026, 2-year renewable contract

Contact rtpcc@aol.com for an application form, or call on 07711 173240

Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 28th August 2026

EVENTS



'Free!'
Community Breakfast Club
 Sedbury Village Hall at
 9:00 to 10:30

WEDNESDAY

- 22 July • 12 August
- 29 July • 19 August
- 5 August • 26 August

Come and join us for a free breakfast along with free activities. Free picnic packs for families to take home*.
 All children must be accompanied by an adult.
 Got a question? email communityengagement@2rh.org.uk
 *while stocks last

Logos: Sedbury Space, The Parish of Totterham, Two Rivers Housing, sportily, Forest of Dean, Art Space, WYLDWOOD, Gloucestershire Gateway Trust.

Gloucester Crematorium
Open Day
 Saturday 12th September 2026
 10:00am – 2:00pm

Crematory tours
 Candle lighting and time of reflection in the chapel
 Place a message on our Memory Tree
 Leave a message on our butterfly

Refreshments will be provided
Everyone welcome

If you have any questions, please contact
Gloucester Crematorium office on
01452 396902

St Luke's Folk Club, NP16 7BN
 ...even more than Folk...Jazz.. Pop...Poems...whatever!
Saturday, 12th September 2026
6 to 8.30pm

Come and listen to some local live music and if you or your band would like to take part then please contact Bill or Tanya White (details below)
Doors open at 5:30pm
All Welcome
 Coffee & Tea provided
 please bring any other drinks and snacks to share... No entry fee
 but donations will be accepted to help cover expenses and church costs

For details contact: Bill and Tanya White
 Tel 01291 623 169
 Email: tanya.rockymead@gmail.com

You're invited to an AFFIRMATION OF LAY MINISTRY
 Saturday 19 September 2026
 Gloucester Cathedral

Encouraging lay ministry across the Diocese of Gloucester.

1.15pm – 2.45pm Lay ministry showcase in the cloisters.
 Be inspired and discover a wide range of ministries: Lives of Colour, Sportily, Grace Network, Diocese of Gloucester Funerals, Lay Worship Leading, Pastoral Visitors, and others.

3pm A service with Bishop Rachel to recognise, affirm, celebrate and encourage lay ministry across the Diocese of Gloucester.
 With admission and licensing of Readers.

Whether you're a children's minister, a foundation governor, a chaplain or serve as a welcomer, all lay people and the ordained people that support them are invited to this joyful gathering.

Find out more at www.gloucester.anglican.org/a-celebration-of-lay-ministry

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 23rd August 2026

(Twelfth Sunday after Trinity)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Luke, Tutshill
11.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Morning Worship

Wednesday 29th August 2026

St Luke, Tutshill
12.00noon Healing Communion

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham, Monday 9.15am

Evening Prayer, St Luke, Tutshill, Monday 5.30pm

Morning Prayer, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase, Tuesday 9.00am
Evening Prayer, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase, Tuesday 5.00pm

Evening Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield, Wednesday 5.00pm

Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels, Thursday 9.00am

Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space, Sedbury, Thursday 5.30pm

Bible Readings

Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Prayers

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offertory Collect

Creator God, you made human beings stewards of your good creation, and so we offer ourselves in your service. May our work and hospitality, our use of money and our minds all testify to your goodness so that our lives may speak of your love and power to save. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave his life that we might live. Amen.

If you would like to include news or events, email tidenhamparish@gmail.com

For more information, please visit www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk or www.stbandhchurches.org.uk

