



## **PARISH NEWS FOR TIDENHAM (and St Briavels with Hewelsfield and Brockweir)**

### **NEWS**

#### **Editorial**

The Parish News is out early this week as the editor is away for a few days. If you have any news for next week, feel free to send it to [tidenhamparish@gmail.com](mailto:tidenhamparish@gmail.com)

#### **Pet Service**



Family Worship in St Luke on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August will be a Pet Service! You can bring your animal companion(s) to celebrate God's creation, and for prayer, blessing and thanksgiving for the joy, love, and companionship they bring to our lives.

If you have a pet (or pets) that are unable to be brought to church, or you may have had pets in the past, and you would like your pet remembered and blessed, please send a photo with a name (e.g. Suzie Parsons), approximate age or date of passing and a photo of the owner, to James at [jamesdparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdparsons727@gmail.com) by the end of Friday 31 July. If you are unable to send James a digital copy of your

pet photo but have a paper photo please let James know as he may be able to come to you and take a photo of your pet.

We're looking forward to welcoming you and your pets to our service on Sunday and to ensure this service is a blessing to all who attend, please observe the following.

Before bringing your pet, please consider if you think it will be comfortable in an unfamiliar environment. If your pet is nervous or anxious around other animals or people, your pet will be happiest at home. Please come, but send or bring a photo of your pet and they can receive a blessing in that way.

It will be your responsibility to care for your pet for the whole time you are in church, including before and after the service. Dogs will need to be kept on a lead at all times. Please bring 'poo bags' and ensure your dog has had a 'comfort break' before coming into church. Other pets will need to be secured in a suitable carrier, which is sturdy and large enough for your pet to be comfortable during the service.

Please bring a bowl or suitable receptacle so your pet can have a drink. We can provide water. If your pet becomes unsettled or distressed during the service, please take your pet outside and return when it is feeling more relaxed.

Thank you!

## St Francis of Assisi



Did you know that the Patron Saint of pets and the environment is St Francis of Assisi? He lived in the 12th and 13th centuries in Italy, famed for his deep love of nature and treating all creatures as brothers and sisters under God.

He was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in Italy and founded the religious order of the Franciscans.

According to Christian tradition, Francis displayed stigmata resembling the wounds on the hands and feet of crucified Christ during the apparition of a seraphic angel in a religious ecstasy in 1224.

Francis is associated with patronage of animals and the environment and along with Catherine of Siena, Francis he designated patron saint of Italy. He is also the namesake of the city of San Francisco.

## EVENTS

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

**WEDNESDAY**

- 22 July
- 29 July
- 5 August
- 12 August
- 19 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](mailto:communityengagement@2rh.org.uk)  
\*while stocks last

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**Gloucester Crematorium**  
**Open Day**  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

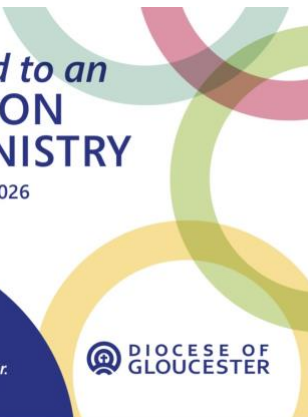
**St Luke's Folk Club, NP16 7BN**  
 ...even more than Folk...Jazz.. Pop...Poems...whatever!  
**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026**  
**6 to 8.30pm**



**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](mailto: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](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/a-celebration-of-lay-ministry)

## GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

(Ninth Sunday after Trinity)

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

St Luke, Tutshill  
 11.00am Family Pet Service

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase  
 6.00pm Evensong

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield  
 11.00am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

St Luke, Tutshill  
 12.00noon Healing Communion

## **Bible Readings**

Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

## **Prayers**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Post Communion**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](mailto:tidenhamparish@gmail.com)

For more information, please visit [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk)

