

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

NEWS

Community Breakfast Club



A Community Breakfast Club took place at Sedbury Village Hall on Wednesday, one of a series of gatherings in Sedbury for children and carers during the school holidays. These have been organised by a multi-agency group across the Forest, including Tidenham Parish Church, other Forest churches, Tidenham Parish Council, Sedbury Space, Two Rivers Housing, The Salvation Army, Art Space, Art Shape, Wyldwood, Gloucestershire Gateway Trust, Forest of Dean District Council and Sportily.

Breakfast and a take-home packed lunch was provided (with many a packed lunch being consumed straight after breakfast!), with craft and play activities enjoyed by all. The clubs provide much needed activities and nutrition during the school holidays, as well as fun and socialization for children and adults.

Tidenham Churches Opening

If you want to visit our churches in Tidenham during the week in future, they will be open Monday – Friday daytimes. Also on Sundays at service times.

Men's Group



We plan to hold some events for our menfolk commencing September, and in previous years we have held pub evenings, table tennis tournaments, wine tastings, breakfasts, curry dinners and other social events.

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.

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

Coffee Volunteers



More volunteers are needed for the coffee rota at St Luke- no experience required and full training will be given!

Contact Emma, em7742@hotmail.com 07968 440889.

Parish Lunch

The next Parish Lunch will be held at the Christian Centre in Woodcroft on Thursday 3rd September. Come along for some good food and company. Contact George and Beryl for further information. All are welcome.

georgechealey@gmail.com 01291 62555



VACANCIES



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

Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 28th August 2026



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

Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 4th September 2026

EVENTS

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

DIocese OF GLOUCESTER



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 6.00pm
St MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS,
TIDENHAM CHASE

COME AND SING
"HARVEST PRAISE!"

with a Choir from the Parish

ALL will be very welcome!



GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 30th August 2026

(Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham

9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Luke, Tutshill

11.00am Morning Worship

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

3.00pm Joint Forest Church Service with the Moravian Church at the Moravian Sunday School
(Also via Zoom - Meeting ID 84315872596 passcode 121411)

Wednesday 2nd September 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 9.30am

Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space, Sedbury, Thursday 5.30pm

Bible Readings

Romans 12:9-end, Matthew 16:21-end

Prayers

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through 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

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

