



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

NEWS

Children, Youth and Families Minister



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

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancut
A Charity registered in England and Wales No. 1158940

Tidenham Parish is recruiting a new Children, Youth and Families Minister. If you, or someone you know of, are interested in applying, here is the job advert.

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Pet Service

Family Worship last Sunday in St Luke was a Pet Service. As well as 72 people, we had 15 animals, ranging from dogs to guinea pigs, to a snake! All were very well behaved and received a blessing from Revd Sharon.

Absent animal friends were celebrated and also those who have passed, remembered.

Worship celebrated God's creation and thanksgiving for the joy, love, and companionship our animal companions bring to our lives.



The Golden Cockerel



Hewelsfield Church's historic weathercock came down to Earth recently for the weekend. Visitors to Hewelsfield Church were offered an extraordinary opportunity to come face to face with the church's historic weathercock

Following careful restoration after being toppled and damaged by the storm of New Year's Eve 2024, the magnificent cockerel was on display inside the church.

For most generations, a church weathercock can only ever be seen from hundreds of feet away. To stand beside one, admire its craftsmanship and appreciate its size and character is a remarkably rare experience.

The weathercock formed a special attraction at Hewelsfield Church's recent Flower Festival, alongside beautiful floral displays celebrating 'English Country Gardens'. Visitors were asked to propose a name for the cockerel. There is still time to put your favourite name into the hat - you can email Churchwarden Deborah at deborahjmflint@gmail.com

"X" has now been lifted onto the church tower, where he is expected to watch over Hewelsfield and the surrounding countryside for many years to come. You will need to read a future edition of the exciting weekly Parish News to hear what the weathercock has been named!

Mary Sumner

This Sunday is the feast day in commemoration of Mary Elizabeth Sumner (31 December 1828 – 11 August 1921) was a British educator and activist, known for founding the Mothers' Union.

Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and helping her husband in his ministry in the Parish of Old Alresford, by providing music and Bible classes. In 1876, when her eldest daughter Margaret gave birth, she was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Inspired, she publicized a meeting of mothers in the parish to offer mutual support. Her plan was quite radical in its day as it involved calling women of all social classes to support one another and to see motherhood as a profession as important as those of men, if not more so.



The nascent Mothers' Union concept spread rapidly and in 1897, during her Diamond Jubilee, Queen Victoria became patron of the Mothers' Union, giving it an unprecedented stamp of approval. The Mothers' Union set up branches throughout the British Empire, beginning in New Zealand, then Canada and India. Mary lived to lead the Mothers' Union to act in rebuilding the heart of Britain after the First World War and saw the first Mothers' Union Conference of Overseas Workers in 1920.

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
 *while stocks last

Logos: Sedbury Space, The Parish of Tisbury, 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 9th August 2026

(Tenth 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 Compline

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Morning Worship

Wednesday 12th August 2026

St Luke, Tutshill
12.00noon Healing Communion

Bible Readings

Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-23

Prayers

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; 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



Tidenham Parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory DBS Check where applicable.

Promoting a Safer Church