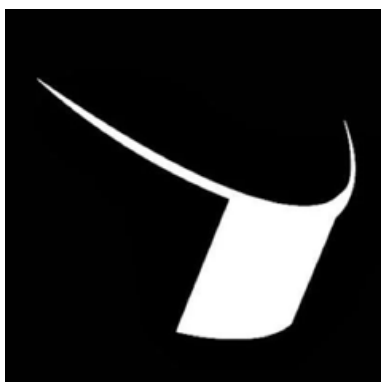




## PARISH NEWS FOR TIDENHAM (and St Briavels with Hewelsfield and Brockweir)

### NEWS

#### Our Vacancy Prayers Have Been Answered!



The Bishops, working with the Archdeacon, Patrons and Parish representatives are delighted to announce the appointment of the Reverend Sharon Glead as the new Vicar of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut and Priest in Charge of St Briavels with Hewelsfield and Brockweir.

Sharon will be concluding in her current post (as a Curate in the Bristol Diocese) and beginning with us with a Licensing date of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This appointment is subject to the usual HR procedures which are already in process.

Please do pray for Sharon and her family at this exciting time.

#### Christmas Parish Lunch

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Parish Christmas Lunch at Woodcroft Christian Centre and to the amazing team who cooked and served such a delicious meal.

Food, fun, fellowship and carols all round!



#### Christmas Wreath Making



2 groups of friends met at St Luke and St Mary & St Peter last week to make Christmas wreaths. Fellowship, creativity and wonderful Christmas decorations to take home were enjoyed by all.

A great way to boost wellbeing in our parish community.



## **Decorating St Luke's Church for Christmas**

Come along and help decorate St Luke's Church with flowers and winter foliage in Christmas jars and vases on Saturday 20th December from 9.30 – 11.00. Please bring offerings from your gardens. For further information contact Polly Morgan [Pollyanne60@icloud.com](mailto:Pollyanne60@icloud.com) 07724 738848.

## **Offering**

You may have read about Stewardship in the Link Magazine: *"In church life, stewardship often refers to financial giving. But it's not just about meeting budgets - it's about participating in God's mission. When we give regularly and prayerfully, we help sustain worship, pastoral care, outreach, and the presence of the church in our community. Giving becomes an act of worship, a sign of trust, and a way of saying "thank you" to God."*

Offering, which is to be the theme of next year's Lent Course, is about offering time, friendship, love, gifts, help and many other things to say "thank you" to God.

The trial re-introduction of cash collection (following suspension during COVID) in St Luke is just one small part of offering but the offertory prayer and the symbolism of the offering plate represents all that we offer to God. If you don't use cash, you can offer through other financial means or as above, in a whole host of other ways.

## **Volunteers Needed at Sedbury Stay and Play**

If you are able, willing and interested in volunteering to support Sedbury Stay and Play on Wednesday mornings, please let our Children, Youth and Families Minister Aimee Lowe know. [tidenhamparishcyfm@gmail.com](mailto:tidenhamparishcyfm@gmail.com) 07369 226546.

## **Theology Group**

Revd Tudor Griffiths is offering to start a Theology Group. If you are interested in meeting with Tudor and others to informally study and discuss theology together, please contact Tudor. [tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com](mailto:tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com) 07718 906066.

## **Help Needed with Chairs at St Luke**

We have several events each week which require the chairs in St Luke to be moved to the side and back into worship format. We are looking to identify a set of volunteers who are able to help when needed. Contact Revd Nicki Bullivant if you would like to help. [nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk) 07936 787409.

## Special Christmas Services



# ***Come and Celebrate Christmas at our Special Services***

*Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>*

6.30pm Community Carols opposite Sedbury Space, Sedbury

*Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*

3.00pm Carol Service – St Mary the Virgin's Church, St Briavels

*Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>*

11.00am Family Nativity Service – St Luke's Church, Tutshill

3.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – St Mary and St Peter's Church, Tidenham

5.00pm Carol Service – St Mary Magdelene's Church, Hewelsfield

*Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve*

3.00pm Carols at Castleford Care Home, Tutshill

4.00pm Family Crib Service – St Luke's Church, Tutshill

11.15pm Midnight Mass – St Mary and St Peter Church, Tidenham

*Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS DAY*

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – St Michael and All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase

10.00am Eucharist with Carols – St Mary the Virgin's Church, St Briavels

10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion - Bishop Robert – St Luke's Church, Tutshill

*Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>*

10.30am Simple Holy Communion with carols – St Luke's Church, Tutshill

3.00pm Blue Christmas Service – St Mary Magdelene's Church, Hewelsfield

*Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany*

3.00pm Epiphany Carol Service – St Michael and All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase

# ***All will be very welcome!***



## EVENTS

### Christmas Crackers



Come along and have some fun at the Christmas Crackers Review, at 7.30pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary and St Peter, Tidenham.

Tickets available from Fiona Gardiner or on the door.  
[fiona.m.gardiner70@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.m.gardiner70@gmail.com)

### Celebration of the Life of Cecelia (Poppy) Moss

Join us in celebrating the life of Poppy Moss, at her beloved Church, St Michael and All Angels, Tidenham Chase. 3.00 – 4.00pm, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



### Chepstow Recorders and Chatelaines

Come along to St Luke at 3.00pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December to listen to wonderful music from Chepstow Recorders and singing by Chepstow Chatelaines Choir. A retiring collection will be in aid of Tidenham Parish.



### Christmas Tree Festival



### Community Carol Singing



## Christmas Crafts & Play



## GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**(Third Sunday of Advent)**

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham  
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill  
11.00am Holy Communion

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase  
**No Sunday service this week**

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels  
9.30am Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield  
11.00am Morning Worship

### Bible Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

### Prayers

#### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and forever. Amen.

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

For the latest video of the weekly sermon at St Luke, please visit [www.youtube.com/channel/UckRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w)

If you would like to join and view our Facebook Group, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

See the Parish website for more details on safeguarding <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/info/safeguarding/>

