



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

NEWS

Community Carol Singing

Community Carol singing at Sedbury Space was led by the talented Chepstow Musical Show Choir this week. Parishioners went along to sing and enjoy fellowship with festive refreshments.



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 2.00 – 3.30pm. **Note that this is a change of time from that advertised last week.** Please bring offerings from your gardens. For further information contact Polly Morgan Pollyanne60@icloud.com 07724 738848.

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 07369 226546.

Theology Group

Rev'd 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 07718 906066.

Help Needed Moving Chairs

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 07936 787409.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Christmas Crackers "Players" and Chepstow Recorders and Chatelaines, for raising a significant amount of money for Tidenham Friends/Parish as well as Crisis at Christmas and the Chepstow Food Bank. Both events were very well attended and enjoyed.

Christmas Giving

A big thank you also to everyone who supports Tidenham Parish Church throughout the year!

As we no longer have retiring collections at our Christmas church services, you may like to make a one-off donation at Christmas. If so have you considered one of the following charities?

The Salvation Army, based at Coleford, who work across the Forest and locally with Sedbury Space and Revd Nicki Bullivant. See their website <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/forest-dean>

GARAS - whose purpose is to provide support to asylum seekers, refugees and certain other migrants in Gloucestershire. Bishop Rachel is a Patron. See their website <https://www.garas.org.uk/what-can-you-do-to-help/financial-support/>

Crisis at Christmas, Wales - See their website <https://www.crisis.org.uk/about-us/wales/>

Embrace who produce *The Bethlehem Carol Sheet* and work with Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Israel and Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, supporting health, education and community projects, to tackle poverty and injustice in the region. See their website <https://embraceme.org/>

Further details of ways to donate and how to donate by Gift Aid, if you are a UK taxpayer, can be found on the websites of each of these charities.

Special Christmas Services








Come and Celebrate Christmas at our Special Services

Monday, December 15th

6.30pm Community Carols opposite Sedbury Space, Sedbury

Saturday, December 20th

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

Sunday, December 21st

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 24th – 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 25th – 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 28th

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 4th – Epiphany

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

All will be very welcome!

Christmas Tree Festival



GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 21st December 2025

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion
3.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols

St Luke, Tutshill
11.00am Family Nativity Worship

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

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
5.00pm Carol Service

Bible Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-End

Prayers

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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