



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

NEWS

Parish Coffee Morning

The recent parish coffee morning saw 26 people join in with refreshments, carols, a Christmas quiz and a raffle (with prizes donated by parishioners). The event raised over £130 towards the Parish Wellbeing Fund.

We are truly thankful & blessed that there are so many kind parishioners who are willing give in whatever way they can to support the coffee mornings.



Advent Carol Service



The first Sunday in Advent was celebrated in all our churches, with an Advent Carol Service featuring the Tidenham Parish Choir taking place in St Michael and all Angels.

It was very well attended, with 45 people joining.

Hewelsfield Nativity Exhibition

Hewelsfield Church extended a warm welcome last weekend at the annual nativity exhibition, with a vast array of displays, drinks, food and chat.

It was great to see people peering into nooks, standing on tiptoe to look at high-up windowsills and to see smiles at the humour and love of the makers' hands reflected in these many crib scenes from all around the world. They really were placed on every available flat surface in the church!



Thank you to the catering team who excelled themselves and to the crafters who baked and shaped imaginative items to decorate, eat, wear and share.

Chase Christmas Cards

Gift cards are available now with a St Michael's angel at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase.

Suitable for Christmas and beyond ☺. Proceeds towards the repair of St Michael & All Angels. Suggested - £1 for 1 card, £5 for 10 cards.

Or contact susanna.jacks@btinternet.com if interested.



Five Churches Fellowship

On Monday 24th November we held our third Five Churches Fellowship Meeting. St Luke's Church was set up 'café-style' and our evening began with refreshments and live music. Our topic was 'Friendship' and we began by looking at what the scriptures tell us about Abraham, the friend of God; how we as followers of Jesus have inherited God's special care for Abraham and how our friendship with one another is vital to the health of the church.

Mo-Jakob shared how his Christian friends have played a vital part in his journey of faith and Miri talked about the important part that a soul friend can play in helping us to continue to grow into mature faith. There was time for sung worship, guided conversation and private prayer before heading home just after 9pm.

Many thanks to Ed Pruen for music throughout the evening, to the refreshments team and to everyone who helped prepare the church for Toddler Group the following morning.

EVENTS

Christmas Crackers



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

Tickets available from the Churchwardens or Fiona Gardiner.
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 13th December.



Chepstow Recorders and Chatelaines

Come along to St Luke at 3.00pm on Saturday 13th 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



GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 7^h December 2025

(Second 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 service this Sunday

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

St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield
11.00am Holy Communion

Bible Readings

Isaiah 11: 1-10, Matthew 3: 1-12

Prayers

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer During the Vacancy for our Vicar

Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield, as we serve you together in this period without a Priest in Charge.

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for us and that these plans are good. We ask you now that You will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover Your way for the future and see Your Kingdom grow. All this we ask in the strength of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

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

For the latest video of the weekly sermon at St Luke, please visit 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/>

