



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

NEWS

Guide Dog Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Guide Dog Coffee Morning at Chase Old School Hall on 24th January. At times the hall was 'standing room only' but the working Guide Dogs and Ambassador Dog showed the Guide Dog puppies how to behave, and the little ones coped really well with the crowd, the noise and the temptation of bacon rolls.

It was a real team effort with plenty of support behind the scenes as well as those working hard on the day. Donations, the raffle, the bottle stall and refreshments totalled £523 and with a contribution from the sale of official merchandise and donations made after the event, we have raised over £600. This is a fantastic total, but the event also provided an opportunity for us all to learn more about Guide Dogs and to hear first-hand about the difference that a Guide Dog makes in someone's life. It was an inspiring morning. Thank you!



Working Guide Dog Orchid (black retriever German Shepherd cross) standing with puppies all around her.

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Monthly Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who attended the parish coffee morning. Drinks, snacks and fellowship abounded and people kindly donated towards their running.

Old Newspapers?

If anyone has old newspaper to donate, could they leave them in St Luke's Church porch, for use with the Babies and Toddlers' Group craft activities. Thank you.

The Story of Thomas William Briscoe



Tidenham Historical Group recently helped research into the burial place of Thomas William Briscoe, a botanist specialising in the study of orchids during the early 20th century in the UK. An article was published in "Orchids", the journal of the American Orchid Society in January 2026. In his later years, Thomas lived in Tutshill and is buried in the Tidenham Parish Churchyard.

If you would like to read the article, supplied by Carol Clammer, follow this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TiVQ9gHNFGVXGT5ip3zjiWoYE_6vllh/view?usp=drive_link

Fairtrade

If you are looking to buy Fairtrade Easter Eggs, Julia Parsons is in the process of ordering some. They are £6.99 each. Please let Julia juliaparsons727@gmail.com know if you are interested, by Sunday 1st March.

Key Amnesty

It's OK, you haven't done anything wrong! We are running a 2026 Tidenham churches key holder audit. If you have a set of keys and have a voluntary role that requires you to have them, please let Churchwarden Brian know for Tidenham and Chase, bduerden70@gmail.com or Churchwarden Robin know for Tutshill, rtpcc@aol.com and they will update the records.

Alternatively, if you have any keys that you no longer need, please return them to Brian or Robin. Thank you.

EVENTS

Get Ready for Lent

Our theme this year is "Offering", and we will be exploring this over five Monday evenings in Lent at St Luke's, Tutshill between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm. Different members of the Ministry Team will be leading our sessions. Do book the dates in your diary now!



February 23rd - Offering Work
March 2nd - Offering Space and Hospitality
March 9th - Offering Money
March 16th - Offering Mind
March 23rd - Offering Testimony

This promises to be an exciting and engaging Lent course, and we look forward to seeing you.

Introducing Theology

I've been delighted by a positive response to the idea of having a course to introduce Theology. It seems that Thursday evenings in St Luke's Tutshill are favoured between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm. The programme below provides a session roughly once every month. As I said in a recent sermon – “Come and see!” All welcome. You may like to come and listen quietly; there will be opportunities for questions and discussion, but no pressure on anyone (except perhaps on me with some of the questions! 😊🌐💡)



- February 5 - Sources of Theology - or what ingredients do we need to bake a Theology Cake?
- March 5 - God and his Creation
- March 26 - God the Creator and we the created
- April 23 - Who is Jesus?
- May 21 - Who is the Holy Spirit?
- June 18 - God as Trinity

We'll all need a summer break after that. If you are interested, just come along. If you want to ask me any questions about it, please do... either send an email or nobble me after church!

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Tidenham Parish Quiet Day

Tidenham Parish Quiet Day is open to everyone who wishes to spend a tranquil prayerful day in beautiful, peaceful surroundings. It is to be held this Lent at Michaelgarth House, TyMawr Convent, on **Saturday**

March 14th, 10am to 4pm. We have a guest leader from the Diocese, Judy Howard. If you would like further information or to join us please register with Leonie Jones or Cate Phillips. leonianne@btinternet.com catephillips1@outlook.com



Monthly Parish Lunches

The dates for the next Parish Lunches held at the Christian Centre in Woodcroft are a departure from the usual schedule. They will be **Thursday 5th February**, Thursday 5th March and Thursday 16th April. Come along to the next one for some good food and company. Contact George and Beryl for further information. georgechealey@gmail.com 01291 62555

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 1st February 2026

(Presentation of Christ, Candlemas)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill
11.00am Family Worship

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
4.00pm Evensong

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Holy Communion

Bible Readings

Hebrews 2:14-end, Luke 2:22-40

Prayers

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

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

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