



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

NEWS

Who am I? (Reverend Sharon Gleed)

As you can see from the photo, I'm really excited about coming to make our home amongst you and ministering with you in our communities. I'm married to Edward and we share a love of singing, music, walking and gardening.



We've two adult daughters and a labrador, Theo who is looking forward to lots of interesting new walks!



I was born in London and moved to Bristol to read English, History, Sociology and Psychology at the University of the West of England (U.W.E.). I gained my teaching qualification and Post Graduate Certificate in Education at the University of Plymouth, returning later to U.W.E. to study for a Masters in Education.

I've taught in a number of schools, including a school for the Deaf, from which I went on to specialise in Early Years Education. Whilst exploring a call to ordained ministry, I studied theology at Trinity College, Bristol, before going to Sarum college, Salisbury to study further. There I specialised in rural ministry and served my curacy in rural North Wiltshire, including being Curate in Charge of 8 Churches.

I'm delighted to be taking the next step in my adventure with God in the beautiful Wye Valley and Forest of Dean and seeing what we can be and do together, as we live in the flow of God's love. We're really looking forward to getting to know you, learning your stories, and seeing what God is doing and joining in.

Yours in Christ, Sharon, Edward and Theo too

Safeguarding Training

In Spring 2023, Revd David Treharne held some face to face Basic and Foundation Safeguarding courses as an alternative to doing them on-line via the Diocesan website. These were for our volunteers and staff who may interact with vulnerable adults and young people in the course of their volunteering.

A further set of courses were run in Summer 2025 by Churchwarden Robin and our then Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) Rosalind.

Foundations (Standard version)



Those who attended in Spring 2023 will be due to re-sit the Foundation Safeguarding and if dealing with young people, the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse course as well, as refreshers are mandated every three years.

Churchwarden Robin (currently our PSO) will be in touch in due course about the options for either face to face training or on-line training if you need a refresher.

If you have any queries, contact Churchwarden Robin. rtpcc@aol.com 07711 173240

EVENTS

Introducing Theology



The first evening of the course on Introducing Theology will take place on Thursday 5th February in St Luke's Tutshill between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm. The subject will be "Sources of Theology - or what ingredients do we need to bake a Theology Cake?"

All welcome. You may like to come and listen quietly; there will be opportunities for questions and discussion, but no pressure on anyone.

For more information, contact Tudor Griffiths. tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com

Monthly Parish Lunch

The dates for the next Parish Lunch will be held at the Christian Centre in Woodcroft on **Thursday 5th February**. Come along for some good food and company. Contact George and Beryl for further information. georgechealey@gmail.com 01291 62555

Introduction to the Organ

On Saturday 14th February between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, there will be an "Introduction to the Organ" workshop at Redland Park United Reformed Church on the corner of Redland Park and Whiteladies Road in Bristol. It is aimed at 11-16 year olds with any musical background and will be delivered by Claire Alsop in association with the Creative Learning Outreach team of the Bristol Beacon.



Here is the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Mrh8U5M6xa?origin=lprLink>
or email: laurie.stewart@bristolbeacon.org



Branch Youth Worship Event

2026 Series

Faith in the Real World

7th February

Friendships / online Influence

The Community Church, Cinderford

GL14 2PQ. Doors open at 7pm

7th March, 4th April, 2nd May,

6th June, 4th July

Branch is a free inter-church event for all in secondary school aged young people. It is run by Christians from churches across the Forest of Dean. It is self funded and comes under the ministry of The Community Church for safeguarding, public liability and accountability.

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GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 8th February 2026

(The Second Sunday before Lent)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill
11.00am Family Worship

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
4.00pm Compline

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings

Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 6:25-end

Prayers

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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