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

NEWS

Christmas Tree Festival at Tidenham Parish Church

Here are the answers to the Christmas Tree Festival Quiz at Tidenham Parish Church, which was based upon a nursery rhyme theme this year. The winner(s) will be announced in due course.

Christmas Tree Festival Quiz 2025		
	GROUP	Nursery Rhyme
1	Bellringers	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
2	Friends of St Michael & All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase	Indy Wincy Spider
3	Chase WI	Hickory Hickory Dock
4	County Marquees	I Saw Three Ships
5	Sedbury Community Walks	Hey Diddle Diddle the Cat and the Fiddle
6	1st Sedbury & Tidenham Beavers	Animal Fair
7	1st Sedbury & Tidenham Cubs	Humpty Dumpty
8	Rainbows and Brownies	Mary, Mary quite contrary
9	Splash!	The grand Old Duke of York
10	Sedbury Space Happy Crafters	Jack and Jill went up the Hill
11	Martin Singers	Three Blind Mice
12	Three Friends	Little Bo Peep (54 sheep)
13	Tidenham Historical Society	Mary had a Little Lamb
14	Y2 Tutshill School	Ding Dong Bell Pussy's in the Well
15	Tutshill WI	Sing and Song of Sixpence
16	Tidenham Gardening Club	Oranges and Lemons

Registered Charity Number: 1159658

You can also follow this link to see each tree against the answer.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iChqZqMRgzqUrmul7LwvPCdvGzIMi3OR/view?usp=sharing>

Epiphany

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Epiphany, which begins on January 6th and is the day (or Twelfth Night) that ends Christmas for some. It is the day to celebrate the adoration of Christ by the Magi, or Three Wise Men, known as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar.

They presented Jesus with Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, symbolising kingship, divinity, and sacrifice, respectively.



The Adoration of the Magi was painted in 1619 by the Spanish artist Diego Velázquez and is on display in the Museo del Prado in Madrid. In Spain, January 6th is known as "El Día de los Reyes Magos" or "Three Kings Day" in English.

It is the main day for gift giving to children, often more significant than Christmas Day and is celebrated with church services, parades and music on the evening of January 5th. Children leave shoes out for the Kings to fill with gifts, often with notes describing their wishes.

Lamb, sweet fruit bread and other traditional dishes are eaten to celebrate January 6th.

We will leave our cribs and some other items in place until the end of Epiphany, February 2nd (Candlemas), the day that ends Christmastide in the Church. Candlemas marks the presentation of Jesus at the Temple 40 days after his birth, and the purification of Mary. It is named Candlemas due to the blessing of candles, symbolising Christ as the Light of the World.

Guide Dogs

Thank you for your support and understanding of Guide Dog Puppy Des, and before him Rowan, now a qualified Guide Dog. They have both learned so much by being part of our church community and each and every person who has helped them to keep 'four paws on the floor' has played a part in creating a life changing dog. But the cost of feeding and equipping puppies and putting them through training has risen sharply so our local Puppy Raisers are organising a fundraising Coffee Morning.

Please come along yourselves, bring your family, tell your neighbours and friends. The Old School in Chase with hot drinks, breakfast rolls and cake available is a great base for a winter walk and catching up after the holidays. If you would like to donate a bottle for our bottle stall, make a cake, or make a financial donation, please contact Miri 07933172552.



Coffee Morning

In aid of

Guide Dogs

&

Guide Dogs Cymru

Saturday 24th January 2026

10am – 12.30pm

The Old School Village Hall, Tidenham Chase, NP16 7JW

Des loves St Luke's and because he is used to church he was a Good Boy at the cathedral!

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 11th January 2026

(The First Sunday of Epiphany)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill
11.00am Holy Communion

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

Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-End.

Prayers

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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