



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

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

### NEWS

#### 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](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com) know if you are interested, by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Scarecrow Trail 2026



The Scarecrow trail held around Easter in Tutshill is a lovely event involving the whole community. Proceeds go to the parish and 2 annually nominated charities. If you would like to help organise the 2026 Scarecrow Trail, please contact Melanie [melanie.walton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:melanie.walton@hotmail.co.uk) or come to the planning meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, at 1.30pm in St Luke's room, St Luke's Church.

And/or if you can think of a good theme for this year please let Melanie know. Thank you!

#### 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](mailto:bduerden70@gmail.com) or Churchwarden Robin know for Tutshill, [rtpcc@aol.com](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> - Offering Work  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Offering Space and Hospitality  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> - Offering Money  
 March 16<sup>th</sup> - Offering Mind  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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!

Tudor Griffiths

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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 March 24th, 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](mailto:leonianne@btinternet.com)

[catephillips1@outlook.com](mailto:catephillips1@outlook.com)



### Monthly Parish Coffee Morning



Come along to St Luke's Church on Monday 26th January 2026, from 10am-12noon to enjoy some warmth, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with friends. All are welcome and will be welcomed, if new to the event.

It will be hosted by the Reverend Nicki Bullivant and Polly Morgan, Licenced Pastoral Assistant. Contact Polly if you require more information.

07724738848, [paulinemorgan23@gmail.com](mailto:paulinemorgan23@gmail.com)

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!*

## Five Churches Fellowship

The next gathering of our 5 Churches fellowship will be in St Luke's Church, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm and will be hosted by James Parsons and Revered Nicki Bullivant. All are welcome for an evening of reflection, conversation and refreshments.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Come along to the next one for some good food and company. Contact George and Beryl for further information. [georgechealey@gmail.com](mailto:georgechealey@gmail.com) 01291 62555



## GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

(The Third 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 Evensong

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield  
11.00am Morning Worship

### Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

### Prayers

#### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

If you would like to include news or events, email [tidenhamparish@gmail.com](mailto:tidenhamparish@gmail.com)

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