



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

NEWS

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You may remember the theme of giving from Lent, which was “offering” in all its forms – work, mind, space and hospitality, testimony and money. Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Tidenham PCC with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) and M&S – and it won’t cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tidenham-pcc/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you’ve checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Tidenham PCC at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Tidenham PCC will be really grateful for your donations. Every little helps! Thank you for your support.

Hewelsfield Flower Festival “An English Country Garden”

Step into a world of colour, fragrance and creativity at Hewelsfield Church Flower Festival, where this year’s theme, “An English Country Garden”, will bring our beautiful historic church to life with floral displays inspired by the charm of our British countryside rural gardens.

Join us on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July, from 11am to 5pm, and enjoy a relaxing summer day surrounded by these lovely flower arrangements and warm hospitality. Whether you’re passionate about flowers and gardening, enjoy visiting beautiful churches, or are simply looking for a gentle day out, there’s something for people of all ages.

As well as the floral displays, visitors can browse craft tables and enjoy our renowned homemade lunches, cakes and traditional afternoon teas. In keeping with the welcoming spirit of the festival, refreshments will be offered on a “pay what you can” basis, ensuring everyone can join in and feel at home.



Bring your family, come with friends, or come on your own — and if getting there is difficult, why not ask a neighbour to bring you? We'd love to welcome you. Entry is Free.

Hewelsfield Church, GL15 6UH
Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th July | 11am–5pm

Come and enjoy a weekend of flowers, friendship and community in one of the Forest of Dean's most beautiful village settings. All are welcome!

Parish Coffee Morning



Monday 27th July is nearly upon us and our Parish Coffee morning will be held again at St Luke's church. Doors open at 10am
And close at 12noon.

Please come along and support this monthly event for chat and a cup of your preferred brew cuppa with some delicious cake.

Voluntary donations support provisions, and the parish.

Singing Clubs

Two wonderful concerts by local community singing clubs took place last week in our churches. Dukes Yard, accompanied by Simon Cottle (guitar) at St Mary and St Peter, and Wake Up Wednesday, accompanied by the young talented singer song writer Ernie Emmanuel at St Luke.

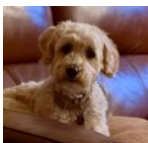


The Singing Clubs sang everything from a Madrigal to an Elvis medley, a folk song accompanied by Suzanne Moore Osley on folk whistle and Sara Long on violin, to an Irving Berlin medley. Guest guitarist Simon Cottle amazed the audience playing folk, classical, heavy metal and Flamenco pieces. Guest soloist, Ernie Emmanuel sang Elvis's version of Bridge Over Troubled Water and a beautiful song Evermore, from the musical Beauty and the Beast.

Here are some quotes from those attending. *"It was so entertaining and fun!" "I just love that the reordered church is hosting such great community events." "We both loved the concert, and the memories I had hearing some of the songs rolled the years away."*

Over £300 was raised in total for the Tidenham Friends at St Mary & St Peter and over £250 for the RNLI at St Luke.

Pet Service



Family Worship in St Luke on Sunday 2nd August will be a Pet Service! You can bring your animal companion(s) to celebrate God's creation, and for prayer, blessing and thanksgiving for the joy, love, and companionship they bring to our lives.

If you have a pet (or pets) that are unable to be brought to church, or you may have had pets in the past, and you would like your pet remembered and blessed, please send a photo with a name (e.g. Suzie Parsons), approximate age or date of passing and a photo of the owner, to James at jamesdparsons727@gmail.com by the end of Friday 31 July. If you are unable to send James

a digital copy of your pet photo but have a paper photo please let James know as he may be able to come to you and take a photo of your pet.

Festival Day – St Joachim and St Anne, Sunday 26th July

Saints Joachim and Anne are the traditional names for the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. While not mentioned in the Bible, their story comes from ancient writings called the *Protevangelium of James*, which describe them as a faithful, loving couple who conceived Mary in their older years.



Saint Joachim was a wealthy and devoted member of the twelve tribes of Israel. According to tradition, he was deeply saddened by his childless marriage, a condition often viewed as a social stigma in ancient times. He retreated to the desert to pray and fast for a child.

Saint Anne's name comes from the Hebrew word *Hannah*, meaning "grace". Like Joachim, she prayed earnestly for a child and promised God that if she were blessed with a baby, she would dedicate the child to the Lord's service.

An angel appeared to both Joachim and Anne, announcing they would have a wondrous child. They rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, Mary. When Mary was three years old, they brought her to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill their promise to dedicate her to God.

EVENTS

'Free!'
Community Breakfast Club
Sedbury Village Hall at
9:00 to 10:30

WEDNESDAY

- 22 July
- 29 July
- 5 August
- 12 August
- 19 August
- 26 August

Come and join us for a free breakfast along with free activities. Free picnic packs for families to take home*.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Got a question? email communityengagement@2rh.org.uk
*while stocks last

Logos: Sedbury Space, The Parish of Turbury, Two Rivers Housing, sportily, Forest of Dean, CRT Shaple, ART SPACE, WYLDWOOD, Gloucestershire Gateway Trust.

Gloucester Crematorium
Open Day
Saturday 12th September 2026
10:00am – 2:00pm

Crematory tours
Candle lighting and time of reflection in the chapel
Place a message on our Memory Tree
Leave a message on our butterfly

Refreshments will be provided
Everyone welcome

If you have any questions, please contact
Gloucester Crematorium office on
01452 396902

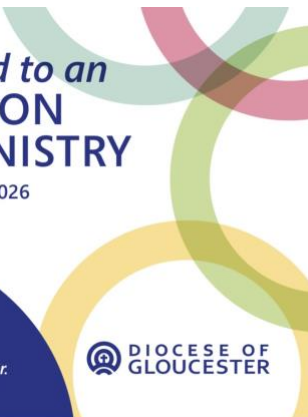
St Luke's Folk Club, NP16 7BN
 ...even more than Folk...Jazz.. Pop...Poems...whatever!
Saturday, 12th September 2026
6 to 8.30pm



Come and listen to some local live music and if you or your band would like to take part then please contact Bill or Tanya White (details below)
Doors open at 5:30pm
All Welcome
 Coffee & Tea provided
 please bring any other drinks and snacks to share... No entry fee
 but donations will be accepted to help cover expenses and church costs
 For details contact: **Bill and Tanya White**
 Tel 01291 623 169
 Email: tanya.rockymead@gmail.com



You're invited to an AFFIRMATION OF LAY MINISTRY
 Saturday 19 September 2026
 Gloucester Cathedral



Encouraging lay ministry across the Diocese of Gloucester.



1.15pm – 2.45pm Lay ministry showcase in the cloisters.
 Be inspired and discover a wide range of ministries: Lives of Colour, Sportily, Grace Network, Diocese of Gloucester Funerals, Lay Worship Leading, Pastoral Visitors, and others.

3pm A service with Bishop Rachel to recognise, affirm, celebrate and encourage lay ministry across the Diocese of Gloucester.
 With admission and licensing of Readers.

Whether you're a children's minister, a foundation governor, a chaplain or serve as a welcomer, all lay people and the ordained people that support them are invited to this joyful gathering.

Find out more at www.gloucester.anglican.org/a-celebration-of-lay-ministry

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP Sunday 26th July 2026

(Eighth Sunday after Trinity)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
 9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Luke, Tutshill
 11.00am Family Communion

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
 6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
 9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
 5.00pm A Celebration Service (to close the flower festival)

Wednesday 28th July 2026

St Luke, Tutshill
 12.00noon Healing Communion

Bible Readings

26th July 2026

Prayers

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever. Amen.

Offertory Collect

Creator God, you made human beings stewards of your good creation, and so we offer ourselves in your service. May our work and hospitality, our use of money and our minds all testify to your goodness so that our lives may speak of your love and power to save. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave his life that we might live. Amen.

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

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

