



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

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

### NEWS

#### Spring Cleaning at Tidenham Church



The "dream clean team" have been busy again this week with 9 volunteers on Tuesday participating in the deep spring clean of Tidenham Parish Church in readiness for the Licensing Service for Reverend Sharon Glead at 3.00pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

They have been working from the chancel backwards and reaching up as high as is possible. The choir stalls are looking a lot brighter already. The cobwebs that have been hiding there for a long time are no longer, and the walls are certainly several shades lighter!

This has been a great team effort so far with an estimated 52 hours of volunteers' time and effort put in, but there is still a long way to go.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered, but if not, and you are interested in helping with further cleaning days, please contact Susan (07742 673394) or Molly (07801 037256).

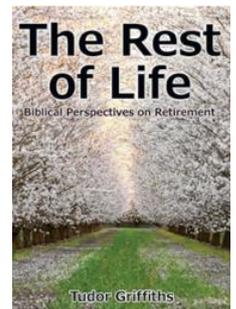
#### Book Launch - The Rest of Life

All are welcome to the launch of 'The Rest of Life' by Tudor Griffiths, at St Luke's on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

The subtitle of the book is 'Biblical Perspectives on Retirement'.

Copies of the book will be available at a discounted (only for the day) price of £10.

Tudor was recently interviewed on Premier Christian Radio. You can listen to the interview here: [Can rest, retirement, and purpose in old age all go together? - Faith, Hope, and Love - Premier Plus](#)



(If not already registered with Premier, you will need to briefly register for free first.)

## Scarecrow Trail 2026 - Animal characters from films



The Scarecrow trail will take place in Tutshill again this year from midday Saturday 28th March until 7.00pm Sunday 19th April. Entry forms are £3 can be bought at the Morrisons Local shop on Beachley Road, Tutshill, NP16 7DJ. There will also be an online version of the trail so that more people can participate.

The trail is open 9.00am – 7.00pm each day and the theme is animal characters from films. It raises money for our churches in Tidenham but also supports our local community. Local families and groups enjoy making and displaying the scarecrows and we see happy people wandering around Tutshill enjoying guessing who the wonderful creations represent.

This year the PCC will donate 10% of the money raised to two local charities. Breathe Youth, who support young people facing challenges by providing valuable support and mentoring and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Come along and encourage your families and friends to do so too!

## EVENTS

### Get Ready for Lent

The final event in our Lent Course (“Offering”) this year will take place on **Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at St Luke's, Tutshill between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm.



The subject will be “Offering Testimony”. This is an exciting and engaging Lent course, and we look forward to seeing you.

### Introducing Theology

Introducing Theology at St Luke 19.30 - 21.00.



**March 26<sup>th</sup> - God the Creator and we the created**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Who is Jesus?

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Who is the Holy Spirit?

June 18<sup>th</sup> - God as Trinity

Everybody welcome - no previous experience necessary!!

For more information, contact Tudor Griffiths: [tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com](mailto:tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com)

### The Mighty Curious: Youth Retreat Day at The Christian Adventure Centre, Viney Hill

The Forest South Deanery churches are delighted to offer a Retreat Day for young people aged 13-17 (school years Y8-Y12) on Saturday 11th April 2026, 10am-4pm.

‘The Mighty Curious’ will be a space where you can join with other local young people for an adventurous day of activity, rest and creative workshops – all mixed with time to pause and ... be curious!

It’s a place to ask questions, to wonder aloud, to play and to relax. There will be music, arts, nature connection and reflection/prayer spaces as well as physical and mental challenges. Can

you summit the High Ropes Course? Will you brave the Leap of Faith rope jump? Could there be a link between lighting a campfire and a life of faith?

Bring your own lunch and book your place (limited spaces) for £5 – all activities included. For further details and booking link, please contact Revd Gilly Traverse: [revgilly.traverse@icloud.com](mailto:revgilly.traverse@icloud.com)

## Tidenham Parish Coffee Morning

## X-site Young People's Event

**TIDENHAM PARISH  
COFFEE MORNING AT  
ST  
LUKE'S  
CHURCH, TUTSHILL**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PRE EASTER COFFEE MORNING.  
MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 FROM: 10 – 12 pm (we finish serving at 12.00)

Do come and join this fun morning of tea/coffee/cake and chatter.

PLEASE BRING SOMETHING THAT REPRESENTS EASTER. (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for best effort)

EASTER RAFFLE FOR WELLBEING FUND AND HELP FOR COST OF HIRE OF HALL.



YOUR HOSTS ARE: REVEREND NICKI BULLIVANT & POLLY MORGAN PASTORAL ASST.  
CONTACT: POLLY FOR MORE INFORMATION: 07724738848

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**Saturday 21st  
March 2026 5pm-  
7pm St James  
Church Centre**

Contact us @  
**xsiteforestofdean  
@gmail.com**

A light snack will be served

## Annual Church Meeting/Annual Revision of our Church Electoral Roll

This year's Annual Church Meeting (APCM/AGM) will be held in St Luke's Church Tutshill at 12.15pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May i.e. *after* morning worship, which starts as usual at 11:00am.

The Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts for 2025 have been signed off by the PCC and our Independent Examiner. If you wish to receive an electronic pdf copy can you please email Iain Gardner, our PCC Secretary and Church Electoral Roll Officer: [iain706gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:iain706gardiner@btinternet.com). The document will be presented to the APCM on 17th May, but if you have any questions, please let Iain know: 07738 095839.

In advance of the Annual Church Meeting, the existing Church Electoral Roll, which has been posted on all Church notice boards, will be revised by the PCC between Sunday 12th April and Sunday 26th April. If your name is already on the Roll, you don't need to do anything! If your name is not on the Church Electoral Roll and you wish to register, application forms are available at the back of each church, or you can email Iain for a MS Word/pdf application form. These should be completed and returned to him either electronically or via hard copy no later than Sunday 26th April.

If you have changed your address can you please let Iain know. If you have changed your contact details (phone or email address) and you wish to be kept informed of church news and events please do also let him know.

The formal legal notice of the proposed annual review of the Roll, the 1-page review of our Church Electoral Roll during 2025 and Tidenham Parish's GDPR privacy notice dated January 2026, have also been posted on the church notice boards.

## **GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**(The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Beginning of Passiontide)**

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

St Luke, Tutshill  
12.00noon Healing Communion

### **Bible Readings**

Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

### **Prayers**

#### **Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and 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](mailto:tidenhamparish@gmail.com)

For more information, please visit [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk)

