



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

NEWS

It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life...



Continuing last week's musical headline theme, 212 people attended the Service of Institution and Induction of the Reverend Sharon Gleed as Vicar of the Parish of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancout and Priest-in-charge of the Parishes of St Briavels, and Hewelsfield with Brockweir at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Peter, Tidenham. (What a job title!)

It was a joyous musical and worship occasion reflecting the variety of life in our three parishes, two benefices and five churches and welcoming Revd Sharon Gleed and Edward to lead us in faith. After the service a sumptuous afternoon tea was enjoyed, the church buzzing with excited conversation.

Bishop Robert and Area Dean Bea officiated and Revd Sharon was licenced in her new role. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard getting the church ready, sparkling clean and bedecked with in-season local flowers, planning and delivering the service. Likewise, the wonderful afternoon tea, which was executed with flawless precision and enjoyed by the attendees. (Thank you also for coming.)

A big thank you also to the Friends of Tidenham Church who for many years now have worked tirelessly to restore and reorder St Mary and St Peter and who were part of the team on the day making it a huge success. Apologies to all the Friends for not calling them to the front for the community welcome, and they extend a very warm welcome to Revd Sharon.

Thank You

Thanks be to God and a huge thank you to each of you for the generous welcome given to us on Sunday. The Church was full of the Holy Spirit, love, joy and hope. It was a truly wonderful occasion and we were so touched by the depth of support demonstrated by all who attended the service and those praying from afar. Our thanks echoes words given at the service and in the message above.



We appreciate greatly the phenomenal amount of preparation and planning that went into the service and in the many contributions given on the day. The service was made possible by everyone coming together and was a testament to the gifting of each of you. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and are excited by the adventure ahead, as we journey with God into this new season in the life of our churches and communities. 'See I am doing a new thing' Isaiah 43:19

With every blessing to you all, Sharon and Edward.

Some Questions from Revd Sharon

Revd Sharon would like to know what you want from our church going forwards. A simple survey form for you to answer questions about our church has been placed in our churches, or you can complete it electronically here: <https://forms.gle/4R33HK5HH853bR6j7> Answers will be collated and shared.

Photographs from the Service of Institution and Induction of the Reverend Sharon Glead



Follow this link to hear the wonderful peal of bells on the day recorded by Mary Murphy:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LHyghMsT_w1yxXw4aqUMCBOIWUQ0P5qA/view?usp=sharing

Scarecrow Trail 2026

We had another amazing year with the Scarecrow Trail. This year there were 33 scarecrows on the theme 'Animal Characters from films' and 450 entry forms were sold.

We are again grateful for our local shop Morrisons Daily for selling the entry forms. In addition, we had prizes donated for our winners from Toytastic Chepstow and Café on the Hill, for which we are very thankful. Our winners this year were Ethan Wyer and Parker Mayo.

A big thank you to all those who made and hosted scarecrows this year, they seem to get bigger and better each year!

The trail raised £1,357.77 for Tidenham Parish and 10% of this amount will be shared between the two local charities chosen this year, Breathe Youth and Guide Dogs for the Blind association (local branch).



EVENTS

Introducing Theology

The next session will be on Thursday 21st May, at St Luke. Refreshments from 7.15pm.

Introducing Theology at St Luke 19.30 - 21.00.



May 21st - Who is the Holy Spirit?

June 18th - God as Trinity

Everybody welcome - no previous experience necessary!!

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

St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

FAMILY DAY

Saturday 9th May 2026
2 - 5pm

Come & see our wonderful new Parish Office in the Tony James Memorial Building

Enjoy a cup of tea and a cake.
Treat yourself to a local ice cream.
Browse the book stall and the plant stall.

Learn about bees and honey from Matt and about the mosses and lichens in our churchyard from Alistair.

As an area on high ground with steps, uneven ground etc., please be careful of any hazards in the church or churchyard.
Tidenham Parochial Church Council cannot accept liability for any incidents occurring.

Registered Charity Number: 115958

Annual Church Meetings on Sunday 17th May/Our Revised Church Electoral Roll

The Tidenham Parish Annual Church Meetings (Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM) will be held at 12.15pm in St Luke's Church, Tutshill, on Sunday 17th May, after the usual church service. The Draft Minutes of last year's meetings have been on church notice boards for some time, or you can ask PCC Secretary Iain for a copy.

This is the opportunity for our church community to elect two churchwardens for the next 12 months, and our three members of Forest Deanery Synod and one third of our Parochial Church Council (PCC) members for the next 3 years. Our current churchwardens Brian Duerden and Robin Riordan are willing to stand for another year. James Parsons is willing to stand for another 3-year term for Deanery Synod. There are expected to be seven vacancies for the PCC this year, and Emma Phillips is willing to stand for another 3-year term.

If you would like more information, please do speak to the churchwardens or to Iain Gardiner, who can provide electronic Application forms for nominating churchwardens, Deanery Synod and PCC Members. Hard copies will be available at the back of each church from the end of April. The formal legal notice of these meetings will be posted on church notice boards.

The *Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts for 2025* has been approved by PCC and signed off by our Independent Examiner. If you wish an electronic or hard copy of this document or the Agenda and the other papers for our Annual Church Meetings, please contact Iain Gardiner, Tidenham PCC Secretary: 07738 095839 iain706gardiner@btinternet.com

Our Revised Church Electoral Roll

In advance of the Annual Church Meetings, the PCC has revised our Church Electoral Roll, which will be posted on all Church notice boards after 26th April. Thanks to everyone who has submitted their forms! If you want a copy of the list of names or if there are any errors, please do let Iain know! Iain Gardiner Tidenham PCC Church Electoral Roll Officer: 07738 095839 iain706gardiner@btinternet.com

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP Sunday 10th May 2026

(The Sixth Sunday of Easter)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill
11.00am Holy Communion

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
6.00pm Compline

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
11.00am Morning Worship

Wednesday 13th May 2026

St Luke, Tutshill
12.00noon Healing Communion

Thursday 14th May 2026

St Luke, Tutshill
6.00am Ascension Day Worship and Breakfast

Bible Readings

Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21

Prayers

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, 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

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