



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

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

### NEWS

#### Bank Holiday Special

The editor of the weekly news is off on holiday next week, so this is a bumper 2-week Bank Holiday Special with services for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

#### Thank You from Revd Sharon and Edward Gleed



Revd Sharon and Edward Gleed would like to thank everyone for the welcome afternoon cream tea presented on the first Sunday that Revd Sharon preached in Tidenham Parish.

*"Thank you so much for the beautiful, handcrafted card of welcome and our delightful afternoon tea. It was delicious!! We really appreciate your kindness, thoughtfulness and welcome."*

#### Community Breakfast Club for Half Term

Come and join us for a free breakfast, with free kids games from 10am with Sportily. Free packed lunch for children to take home. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Community Breakfast Club**  
WEDNESDAY  
27 MAY

Sedbury Village Hall  
at  
9:00 to 10:30  
Sportily 10-11:30am

Come and join us for a free breakfast, with free kids games from 10am with Sportily. Free packed lunch for children to take home. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**sportily**  
PLAY SPACES. PLAY TOGETHER.

**SED'BURY SPACE**

**Two Rivers Housing**

## Friends of Tidenham Church Flowers and Arts Festival



This year's Flowers and Arts Festival at Tidenham Church is themed "Hobbies". Come and admire the exhibits and partake in refreshments and fellowship.

## Hewelsfield Church "Little Larder"

The members of the congregation try to keep a wide range of tins and packets in the Little Larder at all times but there is an ever increasing demand and they are struggling to keep up. If you have enough flexibility in your budget please consider leaving a couple of tins in the church porch as you pass by. Half term approaches and school holidays always increase demand.



## St Briavels Bread and Cheese Ceremony



Every Whit Sunday, bread and cheese is blessed by the vicar and is thrown from the wall for the assembled crowd of "Dole Claimers" to collect. It supposedly has mysterious preservative properties, presumably because it has been blessed. The custom traditionally dates back to twelfth century origins.

Before the scramble, a sermon is preached by visiting clergy and if they get a cheer at the end, they are paid the "Whittington Purse" so it's good incentive for it to be entertaining! The money for the charity was left by local landowner William Whittington who died in 1625 and the sum of £1. 6s. 8d. is awarded for an appreciated sermon, still in old money. Hymns and prayers follow the sermon in a brief service held at the church gates, before all move around the corner to gather in front of the very tall Pound Wall. You can find details of this year's Whittington Purse below.

## EVENTS

### Introducing Theology

Introducing Theology at St Luke 19.30 - 21.00.

Refreshments from 19.15.

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)



### St Luke's Folk Club

### Worship for "Generation Z"

**St Luke's Folk Club**  
...even more than Folk...Jazz.. Pop...Poems...whatever!  
**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 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**

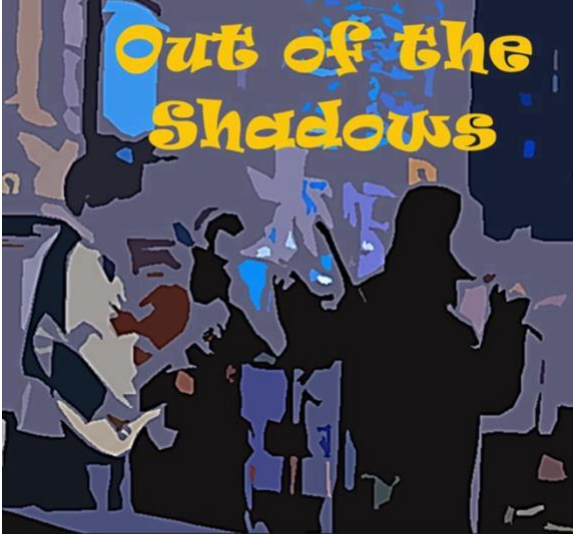
Coffee & Tea provided  
please bring any other drinks and snacks to share

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](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com)



**Out of the Shadows**



An evening of worship with Chayah  
**12th June 2026 @ 7pm**  
Ruardean Hill Baptist, Baptist Way  
What3Words /// [being,broadcast,nurture](https://www.what3words.com/being,broadcast,nurture)

## **GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**(Pentecost/Whit Sunday)**

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham  
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill  
11.00am Holy Communion

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase  
6.00pm Evensong

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels  
9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)  
6.45pm Whittington Purse

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield  
11.00am Morning Worship

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

St Luke, Tutshill  
12.00noon Healing Communion

### **Bible Readings**

Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23

### **Prayers**

#### **Collect**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Post Communion**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**(Trinity Sunday)**

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham  
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill  
11.00am Morning Worship

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase  
6.00pm Evensong

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

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield  
11.00am Morning Worship

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**  
St Luke, Tutshill  
12.00noon Healing Communion

### **Bible Readings**

2 Corinthians 13:11-end, Matthew 28:16-end

### **Prayers**

#### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, 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)

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[www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk)



Tidenham Parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory DBS Check where applicable.

## ***Promoting a Safer Church***