



"where the river flows everything will live"

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

NEWS

And Now, the End is Near, it's Time to Face the Final Curtain...



Well, at least it is for this chapter of our communal church lives, known as "vacancy". At the time of writing, we have been in vacancy for 667 days, with 5 more days to go until we are to be led by Revd Sharon Gleed. The way in which our church community has pulled together in terms of ministry, teaching, offering, worship, pastoral care, wellbeing and fellowship, has been nothing short of remarkable. Well done to everyone...we did it our way!"

The chapter will end and a new exciting one begin, with the Licensing Service for Reverend Sharon taking place from 3.00pm – 4.30pm, this coming Sunday May 3rd, at St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham, followed by afternoon tea in the church. Everyone is welcome!

The space near the Lych Gate will need to be kept clear for drop off and pick up of those with mobility needs and for the shuttle minibuses that will be operating from the Riverside Nursery car park opposite St Luke in Tutshill. These will be running between 1.30pm and 2.30pm, with return pick up by the Tidenham Lych Gate between 4.30pm and 6.00pm.

At Tidenham Church, you can park in the car park, or two other alternatives once it is full. As you head towards the Tidenham turn off on the A48 Northbound, the last prior left turn will lead you to an area that can be parked in. There will also be access to a field next to the old Tidenham Vicarage, near the church. Parking marshals will be available to direct you.

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

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 after Reverend Sharon's arrival.

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

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP
Sunday 3rd May 2026

(The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
3.00pm Service of Institution and Induction of the Reverend Sharon Glead
as Vicar of the Parish of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancut
and Priest-in-charge of the Parishes of St Briavels, and Hewelsfield with Brockweir

St Luke, Tutshill
There is no service this week

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
There is no service this week

St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels
8.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield
There is no service this week

Wednesday 6th May 2026

St Luke, Tutshill
12.00noon Healing Communion

Bible Readings

Ephesians 4:1-7, Luke 10:1-9

Prayers

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; 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

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

3rd May 2026

