

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

NEWS

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Jakob's Baptism

Mo Abdirahman, who has adopted the baptismal name of Jakob, was baptized by full immersion at last Sunday's worship in St Luke. It was a wonderfully moving and well attended morning, with Jakob (Mo) giving a stirring testimony of his journey from birth in Mogadishu, through growing up in Germany and now living in the UK.

His spiritual journey seeking enlightenment has seen him born into local customs and Islam, through Atheism and more recently into Christianity. His journey is now in full swing and a perfect example of our growing parish congregation.



Flower Rota

Thank you to those lovely people who provide flowers as part of our worship. If any of you are able to offer even one turn during the year - two posies of flowers for the altar in St Luke, then contact Margaret Pruen, mmpruen@yahoo.co.uk

It is a lovely gift to give as a memory for loved ones. On other rotas, due to personal circumstances, Margaret cannot do sidesperson, coffee or baby and toddler groups for the 2026 Spring term.



Do consider trying out one of these roles, they are so rewarding and all part of our Christian ministry together.

Maybe offer your services for one rota and see how you get on?

Contact Margaret and she will happily pass your details on to the relevant rota organizer.

Forest of Dean Baby Bank Donations at St Luke



Please note that **Forest of Dean baby bank** are now *only accepting clothes items*. Thank you for donating these much needed items, but please *do not leave other items* such as furniture or games at St Luke. Thank you.

Reverend Robin Mann

Some of you may remember Reverend Robin Mann, who sometimes came with his wife Rosemary and led services in our Parish when David Treharne was away. Robin has recently been diagnosed with cancerous growths on his lungs and kidneys and is having treatment to contain them. Both Robin and Rosemary would appreciate our prayers.

Parish Quiet Day

Last Saturday a group of parishioners gathered at St Luke's for the Tidenham Parish Autumn Quiet Day. Reverend Anna Griffiths led them in reflections on 'pure hearts and steadfast wills.' All were blessed by the silence which followed; a time for contemplation, prayer and peaceful communion with each other and God. Parish Quiet Days are open to all. The next one is planned for Lent 2026 at Ty Mawr Convent on March 14th 2026. Contact Leonie Jones for more information leonieanne@btinternet.com

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EVENTS

Monthly Parish Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on Monday 27th October, 10.00am – 12.00noon in St Luke. All welcome for a nice chat, cuppa and cake. Please contact Polly Morgan, Pastoral Assistant, (in the first instance) on 07724 738848 / pollyanne60@icloud.com or Reverend Nicki for further information.



Parish Hour of Prayer

Wherever you happen to be at 5.00pm on Tuesday 28th October and at the same time every week, join Reverend Nicki in 10 minutes of prayer for the healing of unwell people known to us and for a new incumbent to lead our parishes.

Light Party

Please note that the Light Party for our young people has been moved *from* after the All Saints Family Service on Sunday 2nd November at St. Luke *to* 10.00am - 12.00noon on Wednesday 29th October at Sedbury Village Hall. They will be enjoying craft and other fun activities.

Special Worship Events





Gathering at 10.30 by the Tutshill War Memorial Hall for the 10.50 am service in St Luke's Church

4.00pm Service of Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Everyone is very welcome

Lest we forget...





Sunday, November 30th, at 3.00pm

at

St MICHAELS and ALL ANGELS, TIDENHAM CHASE

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

with a Choir from the Parish

All will be very welcome!

Sedbury Stay and Play



Come and join us at Sedbury Village Hall, weekly (term time) on Wednesdays, 9.15 – 10.45am.

Contact Aimee for further information.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

A Christmas Wreath Making Workshop will take place in St Luke on Saturday 6th December, 1.30 – 3.30pm. You will be guided by a professional tutor with all materials provided, but bring your own scissors.

The cost is £35 per person, with refreshments included. Booking and pre-payment are essential as spaces will be limited to 12. Contact Susan on 07742 673394 or sdriordan@aol.com for

further information and/or to book your place.



Community Events





Details of Life Groups and other weekly events can now be found on our website www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk under "Events".

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 19th October 2025

Patronal Day of St Luke

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham 9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill 11.00am Morning Worship

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

St Mary the Virgin St Briavels 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

> St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield 11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings

Isaiah 35: 3-6, Luke 10: 1-9

Prayers

Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer During the Vacancy for our Vicar

Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield, as we serve you together in this period without a Priest in Charge.

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for us and that these plans are good. We ask you now that You will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover Your way for the future and see Your Kingdom grow. All this we ask in the strength of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

For more information, please visit <u>www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk</u> or <u>www.stbandhchurches.org.uk</u>

For the latest video of the weekly sermon at St Luke, please visit www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w

If you would like to join and view our Facebook Group, please visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/

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

See the Parish website for more details on safeguarding. https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/info/safeguarding/