



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

NEWS

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Vacancy News

A morning of meet and greet, and interview took place on Monday 29th September with the candidate that had expressed interest in the vacancy position. Unfortunately, we were unable to make an appointment, so the post will be re-advertised during October with interviews scheduled for mid-November. Please join us in praying for a successful outcome.

Who am I?



I am Aimee, Children's Families and Youth Minister. I love sport, movement and creativity. I love to share Gods love in creative ways - dancing, singing, painting, acting, playing. I have 3 children (Sophia, Jacob and Freyja) and I'm married to Charles - he's a farmer. We enjoy looking after the animals - especially cows and horses! We have just joined Tutshill Church and I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and working in the Parish.

Harvest Church Decoration

Saturday 4th October 2025, St Luke, 9.00am - 10.00am. All welcome to help decorate the church with flowers and garden harvest items to help celebrate our bountiful harvest. Drop in with a jam jar or jug of flowers or leave any donations in the porch by Saturday morning. Thank you for your help.

Harvest Worship in Tidenham Parish

Come along to Harvest worship on Sunday 5th October. If you are able, you can bring non-perishable food or cash to support our Little Larder and local foodbanks.

There is a special Harvest Praise Service with the Parish Choir at 6.00pm at Chase, as well as the morning services at Tidenham and Tutshill.



Light Party after the All Saints Service

There will be a Light Party for our young people after the All Saints Family Service on Sunday 2nd November, 12.30 – 2.30pm at St. Luke. Bring your packed lunch and enjoy craft and fun other activities

Our New Parish Office

The Friends of Tidenham Church purchased the building outside the Lych Gate at Tidenham on the 13th of July this year. It is being converting it into a new Parish Office, and the building will comprise an office/meeting room, a kitchen (we were not able to put one in the church) and a disabled lavatory.

Once we owned the building it was discovered that the state of the roof timbers was poor, riddled with woodworm, so the project has increased in cost and scope and we have had to completely replace all the roof timbers. The building is now re-roofed and watertight and the structure is being created inside.

We have decided that we want the running cost of the building to be as low as possible and so to help that:

- We are insulating the building to be as close to an A rating as possible. This reduced the internal volume but we are inserting significant insulation.
- We have 7 solar panels on the building which will generate 3.5kw of power.
- We will put in a battery bank to store the electricity.
- We are putting in an air to water heat source pump.
- We have zoned the building and put in underfloor heating.

To give a feel for the measures we are taking to reduce running costs here are some facts on the floor: 34 tonnes of hardcore, 5 tonnes of sand, damp proof membrane and radon barrier, 100mm of concrete, another membrane, 90mm of insulation, underfloor heating, another membrane, 65mm screed.

Outside the building we will put in paving so there is a seating area at the side of the building, a disabled ramp to the churchyard and behind the building there is a new wall and another seating area.

We could only achieve all of this with the generous support of the Tony James legacy which is funding the project. The building, now registered on the Post Office data base, is called **The Tony James Memorial Building**.



EVENTS

Men's Group

If you have previously, or would like to in future, join in the activities of the Men's Group, please send your email address and phone number to Andy Palmer.

andrewpalmer5@me.com



The last event was a visit to Swindon Dog Track, soon to close to make way for new houses and the next event might be a visit to the Rising Sun in Woodcroft. Come along!

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.



Tidenham Parish Quiet Day at St Luke's Church, Tutshill

A day for prayer and quiet reflection. Saturday October 11th. 10am 'til 2pm. Please contact Cate Phillips 07596 185918 or Leonie Jones 07742 977214 for details and registration.

Community events

**St James Church Bream
Renew Weekend 2025**
10th October 2025 7pm
11th October 9.30am till 2.30pm
12th October 10.30am
Bridging the Gap
With Mark & Lyndsey Melliush
01594 562987 renew@breamchurch.org.uk
**Living in the presence of God
Finding peace in an anxious world
Sharing our faith
Healing**
Free event, donations are very welcome.
Please let us know if you are coming.
catering numbers are helpful

**X:SITE
FOREST OF DEAN
2025/26**
FREE
20th Sept
15th Nov
17th Jan
21st Mar
16th May
18th July
5pm - 7pm
St. James Church, Bream
xsiteforestofdean@gmail.com
If light tea is provided
Christian Faith based event For 7yr olds to school year 7
X site Hall is an inter church event For children from across the Forest of Dean

DID YOU KNOW...
Jesus in Isaiah
Discover the promises, the pain and the hope - hundreds of years before Jesus was born
BRANCH YOUTH WORSHIP EVENT
4th October - DYK ... He was promised?
The promise of a king, hundreds of years before Christmas
Part 1 of 3
Doors open at 7pm
The Old Oaklands Snooker Hall, GL14 2PQ
BRANCH

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 5th October 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
9.00am Holy Communion

St Luke, Tutshill
11.00am Family Worship

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
6.00pm Harvest Praise

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

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11, John 6: 25-35

Prayers

Collect

Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

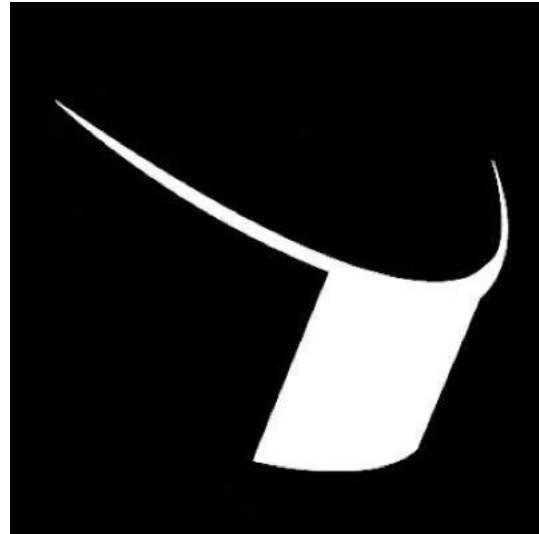
A Prayer During the Vacancy for our Vicar

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 www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk or www.stbandhchurches.org.uk

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

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Promoting a Safe Culture



See the Parish website for more details on safeguarding.

<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/info/safeguarding/>