



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

NEWS

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Vacancy News!

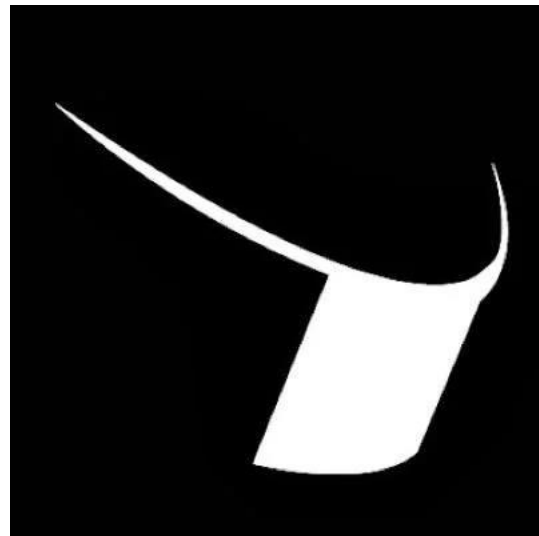
We have good news in the search for a new incumbent.

Gloucester Diocese identified a suitable candidate for our vacancy, who had expressed an interest in applying. Following an interview with Bishop Robert and Archdeacon Hilary, they have now formally applied and we will be interviewing as a benefice in plurality on Monday 29th September.

Tidenham parish representation on the interview panel will be James Parsons, Emma Phillips and Brian Duerden. St Briavels will be represented by Meurig Greening and Hewelsfield by Gary Lewis. The panel will also include Bishop Robert and Archdeacon Hilary and all will decide whether the applicant is suitable. The candidate will

also see how they feel about the role, prior to a decision being made on the day.

Let us pray for success!



Healing Communion

Please note there will be **no** Healing Communion at St Luke on Wednesday 24th September.

Tidenham Youth Project

The Music Bus visited the new Tidenham Youth Project, which was hosted by Tidenham Parish Council and Reverend Nikki. Some of our youth attended.



Tidenham Youth Project

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🌟 A Night to Remember – Our First Youth Evening! 🌟

What an amazing evening we had at our very first Youth Event – full of life, laughter, music, and community spirit!

Hosted by Cllr. Burgess, Revd Nikki Bullivant, Cllr. Swambo, and the brilliant team of volunteers from Sedbury Space and Tidenham Parish Church the event brought together young people from across the area for a night of fun, creativity, and connection.

🎤🎧 Highlights of the night included:

Young people singing, dancing, and freestyling with so much confidence and enthusiasm.

A hands-on music workshop where they created their own beats and tracks – unleashing incredible talent and creativity.

Plenty of laughter, new friendships, and a safe space for self-expression.

The energy in the room was electric, and it was heartwarming to see young people so engaged and supported by their community.

A huge thank you to Tidenham Parish Council for generously funding the event – your support is helping to build a stronger, more connected future for our youth. 💛

We're incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make this possible – the hosts, the volunteers, and especially the young people who showed up and made it such a vibrant and memorable night.

🌟 This is just the beginning – we can't wait to do it all again soon!

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Who am I?

This is the first in an occasional series of news items introducing you to people in our parishes.

I am Robin (Riordan), Churchwarden in Tidenham Parish (along with Brian). My picture was taken when I was on holiday in the Basque country, enjoying a food and wine tour. (One of my hobbies is cooking.) I have attended Tidenham Parish churches since 2005 with my wife, Susan and my children (Sam, Beth, Holly and Isabelle). I am now retired and enjoying it a lot!



Donation of Baby Items

Please take note of this update if you intend to donate baby items.



UPDATE - 15th September, please note

St Luke's Church, Tutshill and Sedbury Space
are now only able to collect donations of
baby clothes



for all other donations, please
contact Forest of Dean Bank
directly on 07789 465127

Email: fodbabybank@gmail.com

Gardening day in St Luke's Churchyard

Bill White will be doing some tidying up in St Luke's churchyard on Saturday 20th September, 9.00 – 12.00. Bill would welcome willing helpers, even if you can only spare half an hour. Please contact him if you are able to join in. Bill can be contacted at bill.rockymead@gmail.com

EVENTS

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.

Monthly Parish Coffee Morning

The coffee morning scheduled for 29th September has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. They will resume in October 2025. 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.



Five Churches Fellowship – 29 September and 24 November.

Following the very encouraging launch of the Five Churches Fellowship, when all five churches were represented, we are delighted to confirm the next two are on Monday 29th September at St Mary the Virgin St Briavels and Monday 24th November at St Luke Tutshill. Please come along or ask Tudor for more details.

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



Details of Life Groups, other weekly events and contacts can now be found on our website www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk under “Events and Connections”.

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

We will be joined by the Revd. Ali Mephram, Senior Interim & Transitional Minister, Gloucester Diocese, for worship in Tidenham and Tutshill.

Sunday 21st September 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

St Mary the Virgin St Briavels
8.30am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield
11.00am Morning Worship

Bible Readings

1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

Prayers

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 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

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

Promoting a Safe Culture

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.

See the Parish website for more details on safeguarding.

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