



### Parish News for Tidenham, St Briavels, and Hewelsfield and Brockweir

#### NEWS

##### New PCC Treasurer Needed



After many dedicated years of management and reporting of the parish accounts, Paul Coombs, our PCC Treasurer, will be stepping down from his role on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026. Thank you Paul for all of your service to Tidenham Parish. Emma Phillips will continue as our Deputy Treasurer.

We need to appoint a new Treasurer in good time to affect a handover from Paul, so are starting the search now. If you have the skills and time, or know someone who does, please contact Paul [814yug@gmail.com](mailto:814yug@gmail.com) 07831 469951.

Here is a summary of the role, for which we will provide training and support. (Detailed role description in vacancies section).

- Bookkeeping and Records - Record all financial transactions and maintain a reliable bookkeeping system.
- Budgeting - Assist with a draft annual budget to help PCC plan and monitor finances.
- Financial Reporting - Provide financial updates to PCC and annual financial statements to the AGM/APCM.
- Obligations and Payments - Ensure prompt payment of financial commitments.
- Compliance and Governance - Ensure accounts comply with Charity Commission guidelines.
- Accounting qualifications not needed - You do not need to be an accountant.
- Communication - Ability to explain financial information simply.
- Eligibility - Must meet trustee requirements.

##### **All Age Worship – 'Back to School' Sunday**

This coming Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September at St Luke will be All Age Worship – 'Back to School' Sunday. All are welcome!



### Update from Sedbury Space

We are looking for volunteers again for various roles. These roles are all vital to us providing the services that we do. Lynn Morgan who has been our regular cleaner since we began, has decided not to continue after his many years of loyal service, for which we are extremely grateful. We are looking for someone to fill this role in cleaning our 'space' to enable us to fulfil our full timetable of events. If you are interested, please contact Samantha our Centre manager on 07522 178639 to get more information.



We will be hosting our Community Christmas lunch again subject to having enough volunteers, so if this is something you would be able to give some time to, we would love to hear from you. We do have to plan ahead!

At our AGM our Chairperson, Lee Durbin resigned after 5 years' service, again, our thanks to Lee for his work for Sedbury Space over the last years. We therefore need to recruit more members to our management committee.

If you need any further information on any of these roles, please do speak to Samantha (Centre Manager 07522 178639) or Susan Riordan (Trustee 07742 673394).

### Saint Birinus



Did you know that Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September is the Feast Day of Saint Birinus, who was a 7th-century missionary bishop known as the "Apostle to the West Saxons" for bringing Christianity to the Kingdom of Wessex.

A French Benedictine monk, Birinus had been made bishop by Pope Honorius who created the commission to convert the West Saxons. In 635, he persuaded the West Saxon king Cynegils to allow him to preach. Cynegils was trying to create an alliance with Oswald of Northumbria, with whom he intended to fight the Mercians. At the final talks between kings, the sticking point was that Oswald, a Christian, would not ally himself with a pagan. Cynegils then converted and was baptised. He gave Birinus Dorchester-on-Thames for his episcopal see. Birinus's original commission entailed preaching to parts of Britain where no missionary efforts had reached and may have included instructions to reach the Mercians. But he ultimately remained in Wessex.

### New Deanery Operations Lead for the Forest

Forest Deanery are delighted to announce that Kathryn (Kat) Berry, has been appointed to join their growing team of Deanery Operations Leads. Kat will begin her role on reduced hours from Monday 7 September, phasing her start as she transitions from her teaching role at Dean Academy. She will move into the full-time role in January 2027.

### Ride+Stride 2026 – 12 September 2026

Ride+Stride is a sponsored event to visit churches by bike, walking or any other means of travel. The event raises funds for the restoration and preservation of churches and chapels in Gloucestershire and North Bristol.

Nationally, thousands of people take part in Ride+Stride every year to raise funds to support their local churches and county historic churches trusts. In our county area over £35,000 was



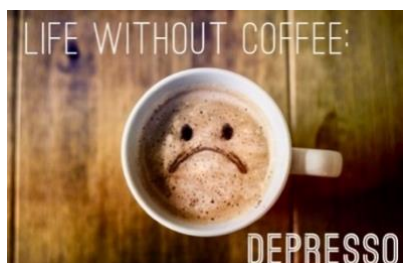
raised in 2025, for individual churches and for the grants programme. You can take part in this fun event where participants seek sponsorship to visit our churches by walking or cycling (or you may just like to visit by car). Half of what we raise is returned to us - this year we want to support St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase.

Tidenham and Tutshill Churches will be open and serving refreshments to visitors. Tidenham Church will also be hosting stalls.

If you would like to participate by walking between the churches in our Parishes, we'll be walking from St Briavels to Beachley at 9.30am, calling in at the churches at St Briavels, Hewelsfield, Tidenham Chase, Tidenham, Tutshill and Beachley. Total distance is just over 12 miles! Please contact James Parsons ([jamesdparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdparsons727@gmail.com) or 07970 489362) if you would like to do this walk, or contact Wendy Moppett ([wendy.moppett@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.moppett@btinternet.com)) if you would like to join her for a shorter walk from Tutshill to Tidenham at 10.00am.

Whether you are walking and donating, or just donating, please use this JustGiving page to make your donation. [www.justgiving.com/page/james-parsons](http://www.justgiving.com/page/james-parsons)

### Coffee Volunteers at St Luke



More volunteers are needed for the coffee rota at St Luke- no experience required and full training will be given!

Please help us avoid "No coffee Sundays" at St. Luke due to volunteer shortages.

Contact Emma, [em7742@hotmail.com](mailto:em7742@hotmail.com) 07968 440889.

### Easyfundraising for Tidenham Parish

Thank you to those who are supporting Tidenham PCC on easyfundraising! Just by taking an extra step when you shop online and collecting a free donation for us, we've raised over £33.82 in the last 30 days alone!

If you're not one of our supporters yet, please join today at:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/tidenham-pcc/yn4v30/c2s/mQ7oHj9a/PMC19/email/33.82>

It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please do get involved if you haven't already!

And if 10 new supporters join by Sunday 6th September, Tidenham PCC will unlock a bonus £10 donation!

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## **Part-time Administration Assistant\* Required for the Church in the Parish of Tidenham**

We are looking for a skilled Administrative Assistant to work part time supporting the Vicar and staff team of the Parish of Tidenham in the Church's mission, ministry and operations. This is an exciting opportunity to join our team and help your local Church thrive and grow.

**Hours - part-time, 10 per week**

Flexible hours with potential to increase over time

35 days holiday per annum (pro rata)

Work location - Parish Office in Tidenham, home.

**Salary – £26,250 (pro rata)**

5% personal pension contribution

Payment of related expenses

If you have the necessary skills and experience for the role, we would be delighted to hear from you. (Previous applicants for the position welcome).

\*The post carries an Occupational Requirement under the Equality Act 2010 for the post holder to have a personal commitment to the Christian Faith

**Start Date – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026, 2-year renewable contract**

**Contact [r RTPCC@aol.com](mailto:r RTPCC@aol.com) for an application form, or call on 07711 173240**

**Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026**



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

### **PCC Treasurer Role Description**

The financial year is Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Parish finances are paperless and held in 5 accounts with Lloyds (2) & CCLA Investment Bank (3). All income & expenditure is via the Lloyds current business (charity) account.

Transactions are entered in a bespoke MS Excel ledger which populates templates for annual returns to Charity Commission and to Gloucester Diocese and informs the monthly, quarterly and annual reports.

The treasurer manages expenses for staff and volunteers and disbursements are approved by a Church Warden or the Vicar prior to processing.

A double signature system is used for all outgoings, normally raised by the Treasurer with a group of 5 church members available to electronically provide the second signature.

The budget is managed to keep a contingency of surplus in the PCC funds through balancing income with parish share.

Reporting is monthly to the Finance Committee and bi-monthly to the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and comprises

- A reconciliation of monies held in each bank account,
- A statement of balances since the start of the year for the individual purposes that money is being held for
- A balanced statement of the Parish finances,
- A budget statement and forecast
- A cashflow statement.

More details available from  
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07831 469951

Vicar: Revd Sharon Gleed  
Parish Office: The Tony James Memorial Building, Tidenham, NP16 7JQ

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A Charity registered in England and Wales No. 1158940

**Branch Youth Worship Event**

**SERIES ON WORSHIP**

- Sept - What is worship?
- Oct - Worship in church
- Nov - Worship in life
- Dec - Who we worship

**5th September, 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December.**

7pm Forest Community Church, Cinderford, GL14 2PQ.

[branchyouthworshipevent@gmail.com](mailto:branchyouthworshipevent@gmail.com)

**Friends of St Briavels Church**

**RELAUNCH MEETING**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
at 7 pm in the Assembly Rooms

Talk by Simon Moore on "The churches of the Forest of Dean and their future"

(Simon is a Chartered Building Surveyor local historian and active member of various Diocesan committees involved in the protection preservation and adaptation of church buildings.)

There will also be some short formal business to reestablish the society.

Some refreshments and finger food will be provided

**ALL ARE WELCOME** who can support the objects of the society which are "To foster an interest in St Briavels church as an historic building, and to foster the use of the building for suitable public and community events such as concerts, and to help maintain and restore the fabric and grounds in a suitable manner".

We look forward to seeing you.

Friends of St Briavels Church

**St Luke's Folk Club, NP16 7BN**

...even more than Folk...Jazz.. Pop...Poems...whatever!

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 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)

**Tintern Sung Vespers**

An Ecumenical Service on the Feast of The Holy Cross

**3.00pm Sunday 13th September**

**Tintern Abbey**

**Speaker** The Rt Revd Brendan Thomas OSB, Abbot of Belmont

**Singers** The Monks of Belmont Abbey and Newport Cathedral Choir

Please bring a folding chair and umbrella  
• Entry to the Abbey is free for those attending the service • Lunches and teas available in the village • Free parking

With kind permission of CADW. Organised by Friends of Our Lady of Tintern.

**You're invited to an  
AFFIRMATION  
OF LAY MINISTRY**

Saturday 19 September 2026  
Gloucester Cathedral

*Encouraging lay ministry  
across the Diocese of Gloucester.*

**DIOCESE OF  
GLOUCESTER**

**1.15pm – 2.45pm** Lay ministry showcase in the cloisters.  
Be inspired and discover a wide range of ministries: Lives of Colour, Sportily, Grace Network, Diocese of Gloucester Funerals, Lay Worship Leading, Pastoral Visitors, and others.

**3pm** A service with Bishop Rachel to recognise, affirm, celebrate and encourage lay ministry across the Diocese of Gloucester.  
With admission and licensing of Readers.

Whether you're a children's minister, a foundation governor, a chaplain or serve as a welcomer, all lay people and the ordained people that support them are invited to this joyful gathering.

Find out more at [www.gloucester.anglican.org/a-celebration-of-lay-ministry](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/a-celebration-of-lay-ministry)



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 6.00pm**  
**St MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS,  
TIDENHAM CHASE**

**COME AND SING**  
**"HARVEST PRAISE!"**

with a Choir from the Parish

**ALL will be very welcome!**



## **GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**(Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity)**

St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham  
9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

St Luke, Tutshill  
11.00am All Age Worship – 'Back to School' Sunday

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase  
6.00pm Evensong

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

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

St Luke, Tutshill  
12.00noon Healing Communion

## Weekly Prayer Meetings

Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham, Monday 9.15am

Evening Prayer, St Luke, Tutshill, Monday 5.30pm

Morning Prayer, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase, Tuesday 9.00am

Evening Prayer, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase, Tuesday 5.00pm

Evening Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield, Wednesday 5.00pm

Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels, Thursday 9.30am

Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space, Sedbury, Thursday 5.30pm

### Bible Readings

Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

### 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.

#### 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)

For more information, please visit [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk)

