

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

NEWS

A Welcome from Revd Sharon

Welcome to Corette Firth, who has now joined us as our Children, Youth and Families Minister. Families and young people are the life blood of our church and we are very excited to have her!

Sharon

An Invitation from Revd Anna

On Wednesday mornings at 9.15 a small group meets at St. Luke to be still before God and listen to Him. We usually read a small passage of the Bible, maybe sing or read the words of a hymn, and then spend time quietly reflecting on the Word or just sit in the silence, open to God's spirit. We then sometimes share our thoughts and go on our way encouraged and a little more at peace in our harried world. We would be delighted if you would join us. Contact anna.dejaegher.griffiths@gmail.com.

Anna

All Saints' Day



"Where the river flows everything will live"

You are invited to join the
ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL SERVICE
4pm, Sunday 1st November 2026,
St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Please do join us, when those who have died during the last three years will be remembered by name before God.



In Church, we will light a candle for each of those named.
May God comfort you and fill you with His hope and peace.

This coming Sunday 1st November is All Saints' Day. which is celebrated in honour of all the saints of the Church and commemorates the faithful departed.

If you would like to remember a departed family member or friend there is an all souls memorial service at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase, (as well as Holy Communion at Tidenham and Family Worship at St Luke). Candles will be lit in memory of loved ones, symbolizing the light of Christ.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13

Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday, which is being celebrated across our parishes.

Tidenham will have Holy Communion with Roll of Honour, Tutshill a Remembrance Day Service (meeting at 10.30 at the Tidenham War Memorial Hall and processing to St Luke) and Chase will have Compline, with Roll of Honour.

St Briavels will have Holy Communion with Remembrance and Hewelsfield Morning Worship with Remembrance.



Lest we forget....



Remembrance Sunday services on 8th November 2026

Gathering by the Tidenham Memorial Hall at 10.30 am for the 10.50 am Remembrance service at St Lukes, Tutshill

9.00 am Holy Communion service with Roll of Honour at St Mary and St Peter, Tidenham

4.00 pm Compline service with Roll of Honour at St Michael and All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Everyone welcome!

Come along and remember those that gave their lives, that we may live ours in peace.

Fun Fact

Did you know that we publish posters for services on Facebook and Instagram in local community pages? For example, the ones above will have reached a combined audience of almost 40,000 people in Tidenham, Tutshill, Sedbury, Beachley, Bulwark and Chepstow.

Theology with Revd Tudor!

Everyone is welcome to St Luke's Church on **Thursday 12th November** at 7.30 pm, to come and think about what **Salvation** means. We'll look at what the Bible teaches and what salvation means in 2026.

Opportunities to listen, to discuss, ask questions and grapple with questions. No previous experience needed and if you would prefer to sit and listen - all fine.

Previous theology groups have been so encouraging and stimulating – it's great to be back. Any questions? Please feel free to contact tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com.

Tudor

Friends of St Briavels Church

Thank you to all who attended the re-launch meeting in September which was a very positive and enjoyable evening with an excellent talk by Simon Moore on the history of the churches of the Forest of Dean.

Two particular points arose from the meeting: It would be helpful if anyone wishing to be on the mailing list for events contact Martin Pagnamenta at the email address pagnamentamartin@gmail.com. Also, please contact Martin for details of how to pay the annual subscription of £20.

The first event for 2027, on Thursday February 11th, is a visit to St Woolos Cathedral in Newport which is an exceptionally interesting and beautiful building, with ancient and modern architecture; then have a meal at the Three Elephants Indian restaurant/curry house on the Chepstow Road (on the way home). Your support is appreciated.

Learn to Ring Bells!

INTRODUCTION TO BELLRINGING

at
St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham
on

Saturday, 7 November

10.30 – 12.00

Free entry

Refreshments available

There is nothing quite like English bell ringing! Come along to watch our bells being rung and learn what happens 'up top' when the ropes are pulled – maybe have a go at pulling one yourself.

Ringers come in all shapes and sizes, and any age between 10 and 90. You don't need to be particularly strong, musical, or even religious. Why not come along and 'give it a go'?



For further information, please contact Mary Murphy:
textwrightedting@gmail.com / 07765 313120

Craft Fair



A reminder that the annual Craft Fair will take place on the 7th November between 10am and 3pm, at St Mary the Virgin in St Briavels. As in past years a number of stalls will be put out selling local crafts and there will be an abundance of tea, coffee, soup and cakes. Please come along and enjoy our local crafts.

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Church Buildings and DAC Surgery

For the Forest Deanery

Monday 2 November 2026

3.30–5.30pm

Christchurch, Coleford, GL16 7NE

Meet the Church Buildings / DAC team, ask questions and get advice about your church building.

Come along if you are considering changes, have a faculty application in progress, or would simply like to meet the team.

Help with the new portal

The national Church's new Buildings Management Portal (BMP) went live in October to manage future changes and faculty applications. The team can help you register and find your way around the system.

[Read more about the portal online](#)

Please let us know you are coming

To help us plan numbers, please email

Kat Berry – Diocesan Operations Lead: Forest Deanery

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**Free
Lunch and Craft**

We're putting the kettle on, doing some crafts for a community project. Please come along and join us, free lunch included!

**Buttington Road Communal Scheme
Sedbury**

**Monday 9 November
11am–1pm**

Got a question? email:
communityengagement@2rh.org.uk
call: 033 33 55 44 33

You're Home Now.



**Sunday, November 29th,
at 4.00pm**

at

**St MICHAEL and ALL
ANGELS,
TIDENHAM CHASE**

Come and sing our

**ADVENT CAROL
SERVICE**

with a Choir from the Parish

All will be very welcome!



Christmas Wreath Making
workshop with professional tutor
All materials provided but please bring your own scissors
Booking and pre-payment essential as spaces limited
contact sdriordan@aol.com

Saturday 5th December
St Luke's Church, Tutshill
2pm to 4 pm, refreshments included
£36 per person
any queries contact Susan on 07742 673394

GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 1st November 2026

(All Saints' Day)

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

St Luke, Tutshill
11.00am Family Worship

St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase
4.00pm All Souls Memorial Service

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 4th November 2026

St Luke, Tutshill
12.00noon Healing Communion

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Praying throughout the year - this week, we will be praying for: *Castleford Care Home – residents and staff*

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

Contemplative Prayer, St Luke, Tutshill, Wednesday 9.15am
Evening Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield, Wednesday 4.00pm

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

Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space, Sedbury, Thursday 5.30pm

Bible Readings

1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12

Prayers

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through 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

If you would like to know more about safeguarding or have any concerns, you can find out here:
<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/info/safeguarding/>

