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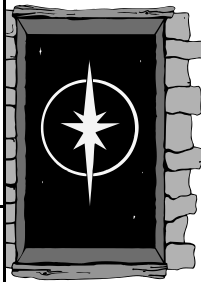
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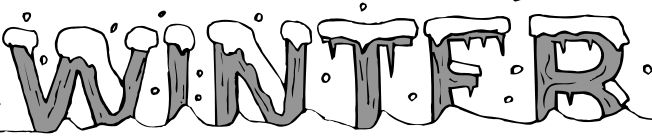


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Inside this month:

- **Vicar David** writes about being **Inspired by the original Father Christmas** (pages 4-6)
 - Tidenham Christmas Trees (page 20-21)

See what details and events you can discover and enjoy our magazine,

Love from **Tanya**





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Vicar
Revd David Treharne

*Vicar David writes...
Inspired by the original
Father Christmas!*

In this winter edition of the Tidenham Parish Link Magazine you can read a little about the life of St Nicholas, the 4th Century bishop from Myra in the Roman Empire, modern day Turkey, who is the character behind Father Christmas aka Santa Claus. Amidst the stories about St Nicholas I found a beautiful quote attributed to him:

“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.”



As we enter the season of Christmas perhaps the stories, legends and words of St Nicholas can motivate and inspire us today at a time when life and indeed Christmas for many may not be very happy or merry. If we were all to imitate or mimic the generous loving kindness of God which is shown supremely through the person of Jesus Christ we might just see a much needed turnaround of situations in our lives and in our world.

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love...” Ephesians 5:1-2

“Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:6

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16*



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2. If you have some financial savings consider giving a random financial gift to church/charity.
3. Pray for the person or people that you really struggle to deal with.
4. Consider encouraging someone rather than criticising or blaming them. Bless and do not curse!
5. There must be people who would benefit from your time or some hospitality. Who could you invite over for a drink or meal?
6. Could you write a thank you to your boss, your employee, your consultant, your teacher, your shopkeeper, your community leader?
7. Our communities and our church need volunteers. What gifts and skills do you have that you could share in 2023?
8. Offer to pray for someone in need
9. Say "I love you" with no conditions to your nearest and dearest!
10. Find and give forgiveness for that long standing grudge

The world really needs love, hope, peace, kindness, generosity and joy. These and other virtues bring light and life and can change our world! Thank you to the many people who bring that light and life to our Parish! Thank you to ALL our volunteers in church and community. You are a gift to us!!!

A word about 2023
 2023 is going to be a year of discipleship in the Parish of Tidenham. However, the PCC feel that as part of the coming year there should be an emphasis on joy and fun, particularly as life is hard for many people in many ways at the moment.

PTO...



And finally,

I really hope you/we are able to gather to worship over the Advent and Christmas period. If you are away, have safe travels and happy and healthy time. For those of you new to Tidenham Parish in the last year or so, we hope you feel welcomed and very much part of all good things that is Tidenham Parish, both church and non church! Thank you to everyone who make our communities work!!!

God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ. (attributed to Wilda English)

Merry Christmas and a very healthy and happy New Year

David

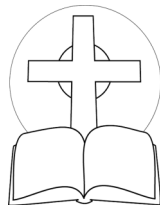
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Isaiah 60: 1-2



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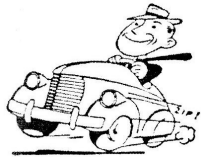


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Fundraising Concert

2.00pm on 17th December St Luke's Tutshill

Nativity (for all ages)

11.00am on 18th December St Luke's Tutshill

Parish Nine Lessons & Carols

3.00pm on 18th December St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve

Christmas Crib Service 4.00pm, St Luke's Tutshill
'Midnight' Mass 9.00pm, St Luke's, Tutshill
Midnight Mass 11.15pm, St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

Christmas Day

Holy Communion (BCP), 9am, St Michael & All Angels', Tidenham Chase
Christmas Worship 10am, St Luke's Tutshill. Optional Communion follows the service.

New Year's Day (a Sunday!)

10.30am Simple Communion with Carols, St Luke's Tutshill

Celebrating the Epiphany

Sunday 8 January. 9am at Tidenham. 11am at Tutshill. 4pm Epiphany Carol Service

Christingle

Sunday 29 January, St Luke's, Tutshill. Time TBC

Check the calendar on the Parish Website for up to date information...

<https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/whats-going-on/>



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SEDBURY SPACE News



One Stop Café on Tuesday mornings between 10 and 12, is increasing in popularity, so much so there are not enough seats for everyone!

After consultation with our regular users, we have now

made the decision to move our session into the Sedbury and Beachley village hall in order that we can continue to welcome all new visitors. This will continue through the winter, or at least until the weather is kind enough that we can start to use the garden again.

The Memory café November meeting was delighted to welcome the U3A Offa's Tykes Ukelele group along. They arrived wearing their colourful shirts and certainly brightened up our day. They had an amazingly varied repertoire from Morecambe and Wise to Elvis Presley. A fantastic time was had by all.

A more recent addition to our list of activities is the Active Games session. This runs every two weeks and is held at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall. The sessions are free for everyone and are provided by Freedom Leisure through funding via Active Gloucestershire.



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For all information regarding Sedbury Space, <https://www.sedburyspace.org.uk/> is our website and we do post regular updates on our Facebook page.

Sedbury Space Snippet 6
From Lee Durbin



There is an old joke, "A new Head Teacher is being shown around their school. In one lesson the students are being taught RE. The new Head ask one of the students a question.

'Who knocked down the Walls of Jericho?'

The student instantly replied, 'It wasn't me!'"

One of the great things that has come from the work that has been done by Sedbury Space over the last couple of years is that we have been getting the credit for things that we haven't done. These include the youth work done by Emily, the Parish Council youth worker, and Emma, the Church Youth and Families worker; the Summer Fete, organised by Sedbury Parents; the proposed community garden and others.

It's fabulous to see how much is going on and Sedbury Space is committed to supporting the local community and those who, also, share that vision and we are very proud of what we do but sometimes we have to say, 'It wasn't Sedbury Space!'



Bullet Point News

✚ **Are You New to the Parish? WELCOME!**

A warm welcome to you if you have moved to the Parish during these strange times. If you would like to find out more about what goes on we'd be delighted to welcome you and talk about how you might be involved or how we as a church family can support you. Please feel free to make contact with any of the relevant individuals on the inside cover of this magazine, the Parish website or the church notice boards.

✚ **Thinking about Baptism/Christening or a Wedding in church?**

It has been lovely to have people getting in touch once again about getting their baby christened or perhaps having a wedding in church. Many congratulations if you're at this stage of life! Please do get in touch with Vicar David or one of the team.

For weddings visit <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/>

For baptisms/christenings visit <https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/>

✚ **Is God calling you?**

All of us reflect on the purpose of our lives at some point. Part of this reflection can lead us to having a sense of being called to do something particular in or with our lives. May the Holy Spirit lead you to respond to what the Lord may require of you. Please do not hesitate to speak with someone at church about this. It is quite normal and remember, God can use any of us he chooses!

✚ **Illness**

We would like to remind parishioners (church and non-church folks) that they should not hesitate to contact us in the event of illness and hospitalisation. If nothing else, vital prayers can be offered for those in need.

✚ **Churchyards**

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† **Parish Contact Website Address**

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YouTube channel: 'Tidenham Parish Online Church' with videos to assist your devotions. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKjRjOlvDBT9M9usfhp2722w>

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: www.stbandhchurches.org.uk

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The Parish of Tidenham Wellbeing Project

In September 2021 Revd Nicki Bullivant started her role as Wellbeing Chaplain in the Parish. The role involves post Covid recovery, enabling St Luke's to become a hub for wellbeing and to nurture faith. It has been a very much needed Project and we are delighted to report that the Project has enough funding to continue for at least another 2 years!!

Thank you to those of you who have supported Nicki and this initiative. A particular thank you to Sedbury Space who are an invaluable partner in this Project!





*Tanya's Link
Winter Prize Challenge*

In this Wordsearch we are finding words from the great carol

"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

by John Mason Neale (1818-66)

There are 41 words to locate.

See what you can spot.

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Our Faith in Today's World



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† **Two more former Chibok schoolgirls found in Borno, Nigeria:** Two young Nigerian women kidnapped as teenagers by Boko Haram Islamist terrorists from a school in eight years ago have been found

† **Naser Navard Goltapeh released from Evin Prison:** An Iranian Christian convert from Islam has been released mid-way through his ten-year prison sentence



† **Extremists block bus carrying Christian children to event in Madhya Pradesh, India :** Extremists intercepted a bus carrying tribal children, claiming that the event was being organised to convert attendees by force.



† **Hunger is increasing, our Christian family remains in need:** The 2022 Global Hunger Index, published on 13 October by humanitarian groups Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe, outlined once again the scale of the global food crisis.



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In our Autumn Link magazine, there were some beautiful birds to spot like the **KINGFISHER** and some tuneful birds liker the **BLACKBIRD** as well as some smaller birds like the **WREN** ...

The birds that you could find as the puzzle answer were:

STARLING, RAVEN and **SWIFT**

And if you spotted them and let me know, I put you into my bag to draw out a **PRIZE** winner

The winner, who also happened to be the first entry, was Rosie Jones of Tutshill. Well done!



St Luke's Coffee Morning
 Welcome tea/coffee and cake morning
 This will be held 10.00-12.00
 on the LAST MONDAY of each month.

Please pop in and see how a friendly cuppa and a chat can change your day.

Contact Polly paulinemorgan23@gmail.com or
 Revd Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

A lady from St. Luke's church is looking for another lady companion to go on a P. & O. Cruise to the Caribbean Islands from the 10 January 2023 - 8 February 2023, 28 days.

If interested please phone 01291 409584.

Folk Club

St Luke's Church
 Saturday, 10th December 2022,
 Saturday, 11th February 2023 &
 Saturday, 11th March 2023
 6 - 8.30pm
 (doors open 5.30pm)

Coffee & Tea will be provided.
 But please bring any further Refreshments...

Contact Bill & Tanya White
 (01291 623169) or
 Steven & Jenny Shaw
 (07474 608797)

NB No April Folk Club



NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT

WARM SPACES, ENERGY SUPPORT, CHRISTMAS & SUNDAY MEALS : This Winter threatens to be one of the toughest for some people in living memory. Various initiatives are in place to try and take the sting out of some of this.

Libraries, Village Halls and many other community places are being designated as 'WARM PLACES', lists are being compiled, and local contacts will know what is available in each locality. My colleague Frances Palmer is co-ordinating FOD Council's response.

Various energy support measures are in place. Broadly speaking money has been provided for energy companies to refund part of the current very high bills. Pensioners will receive an additional winter fuel payment this year. People on certain benefits are also getting additional monies. People in furnished rented accommodation are intended to benefit from a parallel scheme.

RISING SUN, WOODCROFT: After being closed for 12 years The Rising Sun has finally reopened as a local community pub, completely owned by people in the local community. As I write it's only been open for 2 ½ weeks but has already had a very busy 'soft opening', official opening and Open Mic/Acoustic Club. I hope all our local pubs and cafes manage to keep open and flourish through the times ahead.

MEMORY CAFES: Woolaston Memory Café has started up again after Covid and Lockdown, and is gradually picking up, it really has had to start from scratch. It meets every Thursday afternoon, 2 to 4 at Woolaston Village hall. Sedbury Memory Café meets the 1st week of the month, on Wednesday afternoons 2 – 3.30 in the Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall. The St Briavels Musical Memory Café continues its extraordinary success, regularly attracting 60+ people from a wide area of The Forest. It meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St Briavels Assembly Rooms, 10.30 – 12.00.

RICHARD SKINNER, COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT

Tel. 07927 051328 / 01594 812447 (Community Wellbeing Team)

richard.skinner@fdean.gov.uk Regards, RICHARD SKINNER

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tidenham historical group



Evening meetings from September to April are normally held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Sedbury Village Hall on King Alfred's Road, Sedbury, NP16 7AQ.

Visitors are always welcome.

For more information about the group's varied activities contact Liz on 01291 621694, Carol on 01291 623736, or e-mail info@tidenhamhistory.co.uk.



**We wish everyone a very
Happy & Peaceful Christmas
and New Year**



VILLAGE HALL MEETINGS 2023

Tuesday
24th January
7.30

Andy Torbett, the local professional explorer and adventurer who took part in the BBC series describes "Neolithic Orkney".

Tuesday
21st February
7.30

Pete Strong "Henry Jones, the Flour King."
"Yes, there is a local connection!"

Tuesday
21st March
7.30

"Images of the THG archive".
An opportunity to see some new acquisitions.

Tuesday
25th April
7.30

Dick Finch "Piercefield, The Grove House Dig."



The Historical Group Jubilee display at the flower festival

Look out for our tree
in the Christmas
Festival at the
parish church of St
Mary and
St Peter's.



The Legend of St. Nicholas: The Real Santa Claus

www.history.com

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends. It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and travelled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the best-known St. Nicholas stories is the time he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married.

Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, December 6. This was traditionally considered a lucky day to make large purchases or to get married. By the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe. Even after the Protestant Reformation, when the veneration of saints began to be discouraged, St. Nicholas maintained a positive reputation, especially in Holland.

Stories <https://www.stnicholascenter.org/who-is-st-nicholas>

Several stories tell of Nicholas and the sea. When he was young, Nicholas sought to be holy by making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There as he walked where Jesus walked, he sought to more deeply experience Jesus' life, passion, and resurrection. Returning by sea, a mighty storm threatened to wreck the ship. Nicholas calmly prayed. The terrified sailors were amazed when the wind and waves suddenly calmed, sparing them all. So St. Nicholas is the patron of sailors and voyagers.

Other stories tell of Nicholas saving his people from famine, sparing the lives of those innocently accused, and much more. He did many kind and generous deeds in secret, expecting nothing in return. Within a century of his death he was celebrated as a saint. Today he is venerated in the East as a wonder, or miracle worker and in the West as patron of a great variety of persons: children, mariners, bankers, pawn-brokers, scholars, orphans, labourers, travellers, merchants, judges, paupers, marriageable maidens, students, sailors, victims of judicial mistakes, captives, perfumers, even thieves and murderers! He is known as the friend and protector of all in trouble or need.



News from our Parish Schools



Wyedean

School and Sixth Form Centre

Aspire together, achieve together
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Wyedean School – 01291 636180

Our ethos as a school is based on the development of the whole student to meet the ever-changing challenges and opportunities of a globalised society in the twenty-first century. At Wyedean, everyone has the opportunity to develop their individual talents and aptitudes within and beyond the classroom. Research-informed, aspirational teaching and learning is at the core of our offer and it is delivered by experienced, dedicated, professional, specialist teachers. Our students deservedly expect the highest quality of education and we meet this expectation time and again.



**Gwennah Jeremiah
Principal**



Tutshill School – 01291 622593

Our School Christian Vision: ‘Love One Another, Know Ourselves, Believe and Grow’

Love One Another: This encapsulates our ethos as a Christian school, where we all care for each other as a school community. The Christian Values of Forgiveness and Compassion reflect this part of our vision in a way that all stakeholders can relate to.

Know Ourselves: This part of our vision works on two important levels. In terms of knowing oneself, we aim that children become independent learners, setting goals and targets to improve their own knowledge and/or social skills. It is also essential for the school community to understand their own spiritual beliefs and respect the beliefs and feelings of others. The Christian Values of Respect and Responsibility underpin this.

Believe and Grow: The final aspect to our vision deals with the importance of the aspirations and self-esteem of our school community. We want our children to aim high and believe in their own ability. As teachers and stakeholders we endeavour to better our practice and give the children the best possible opportunities.



CHASE GARDENING CLUB

Hurrah! So far the new season’s meetings have gone according to plan.

September kicked off, after a minute’s respectful silence for our late Queen, with a very lively and enthusiastic talk by Sally Nex from Somerset on “Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces”. Sally writes gardening books and is a contributor to Gardeners World magazine and The Garden but is also a fully committed hands-on gardener. She dismissed some of the traditional C19 “rules” such as planting in rows at specific distances and crop rotation saying that they were impossible for the today’s gardener in an averagely small area to follow. Instead she advocated “square metre gardening” where 9 different types of vegetable can be grown, keyhole gardening, no-dig gardening and choosing dwarf rather than standard varieties of vegetable. All food for thought in the current cash-strapped economy?

The AGM followed and the Committee were re-elected with the exception of Denise Tozer who has sadly decided it is time to hang up her pinny and retire. She will be much missed by the Committee and was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a garden token in thanks for all her hard work.

We had a minute’s silence again in October, this time for one of our own members, Mike Evans. The Speaker this month was Justine Scoullar from Far Hill Flowers near Trellech who combined an entertaining monologue on her life, first as an Army wife moving 21 times in 26 years then settling down to run a flower farm and a career as an artisan florist, while all the time filling a large stone urn with flowers and foliage apparently absent-mindedly. The result was superb! She did say she preferred funerals to weddings as there is considerably less stress for the florist and advised us to try using a marrow instead of Oasis as the base for any arrangement – much better for the planet!

Our next meeting on November 18th features Katherine Crouch and the topic is “Bulbs That Should Be Better Known” and the December 16th meeting is our Christmas Social. Members are requested to bring a small plate of food to share, there will be a film presentation by Allen Lloyd, the usual grand raffle and a quiz, all designed to ease everyone gently into the festive spirit.

Please remember there is no meeting of the Club in January. For further information, please contact Bob Elliott on 01291 625659 or Bill Kerr on 01291 621100.



Chase WI

Our WI is happily going from strength to strength with a number of new members joining us this year. Sadly, we have lost two of our older members Val Henderson, a former member and president Jill Hanks.

We have had a some very interesting speakers from the history of self-raising flour by Peter Strong (a local historian), we had not realised it was developed here in our own area and a very lively and enjoyable talk by Peter Moon of Moon Estate Agents, named Location, Location. Peter told us about his career, some of his more memorable clients (disguised) and discussed the pitfalls and highs of buying and selling houses especially in this very volatile market.

There are a number of trips organised: a visit to the Nutcracker Suite at the Old Vic in Bristol; lunch at the Coach and Horses in Caerwent; plus our annual Christmas gathering at the Abbey Mill in December to celebrate Christmas. We don't have a speaker in November when it is our AGM and we can then concentrate on producing our decorations for our Christmas Tree in Tidenham church in December.

Ann who organises our trips has a varied Programme planned for 2023 and we are so pleased to welcome new and old members to join us on these outings.

The photograph is of our July meeting when Poppy Moss very kindly planted a Bramley apple tree (lots of pies, crumbles and chutneys envisaged) to celebrate our 50th Year and the late Queen's platinum jubilee. We are all looking forward to healthy and enjoyable 2023, hopefully with the dreaded



Covid a memory only.

The WI now meets on the second Monday in the month at 2.15pm at Chase Old School, Rosemary Lane. For further information please contact Mary Kerr on 01291 621100.



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become school ready. Not only do they gently acquire the basics of reading and writing, they develop the interpersonal skills that will set them on the path to a happy and balanced school life. And weekly swimming lessons in the on-site heated swimming pool means they really make a splash from the very beginning!



Contact admissions@dean-close-st-johns.org.uk or 01291 635382 to arrange your personal tour .
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Offa's Mead
Academy
To make our best better

Offa's Mead - 01291 622932

Offa's Mead Academy have appointed

Mr David Weyland
as their new leading Principal.
Mr Weyland has worked successfully
across various schools and academies
throughout Bristol.



"To all of you, our parents, carers and friends— the backbone of our school community— I will enjoy working with you and your children."



Tutshill Community Pre-School

Here's what we've been up to this Autumn!

The children have enjoyed exploring the changing season and discovering the treasures that Autumn brings.

They have hammered, painted and washed pumpkins.



They have counted, rolled and decorated conkers. As always they've enjoyed playing outside in all weathers in our outdoor area and at nature school. We are continuing to love playing,

painting, building and discovering at our lovely Pre-School.

We are now delighted to be planning our first proper nativity play since Covid.

We are all very excited for Christmas!



could you give that won't cost you a penny? Head to blood.co.uk to find a donation location near you and find out what's involved.

Use your voice

We can all do our bit to help, but joining your voice with others will amplify calls to make change. Perhaps add your name to a petition, or write to your local MP. You can draw attention to the injustice of the cost of living crisis that you're seeing in your community, and urge those in power to speak up on your behalf. Find out how to contact your MP at theyworkforyou.com and, if you can, arrange a face-to-face meeting to talk about your concerns of poverty in your area.

Check in with your neighbours

The festive season can be a lonely time for a lot of people, particularly those who are elderly or live alone. It sounds obvious, but checking in with our neighbours, even to just wish them a merry Christmas, can make a world of difference. Make a point this year to call on your neighbours before the festive season runs away.

Gift it forward

You don't have to buy lavish gifts to

make someone's day. Plenty of cafés allow you to 'pay it forward' and buy a drink for someone who can't afford it. If you're able, why not gift a stranger a hot chocolate or gingerbread latte this December? Giving to others is scientifically proven to boost our own mood, too.

Seek help with money worries

An increasing number of people are struggling with money, credit and debts this year, severely impacting our mental health. Don't let your Christmas be filled with worry – get help today by contacting an organisation like Christians Against Poverty (CAP) for free, expert budgeting guidance and debt help. Call CAP on 0800 328 0006 (free of charge) or visit capuk.org to find out more.

If you're in the fortunate position to give to others, you may want to check out CAP's Christmas appeal at capuk.org/appeals/christmas.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity with over 580 services across the country delivering debt counseling, money management, job clubs, life skills groups, and support for people breaking life-controlling dependencies.

Visit capuk.org to find out



How to show goodwill this Christmas

David Price
(07539 477286)

As we enter the season of goodwill, many of us may find ourselves needing to change our festive spending habits from previous years. With the cost of living crisis having continually surged this year, we might struggle to adopt a generous spirit this Christmas. And yet, goodwill to our fellow men and women is probably more important than ever this winter. So, how can we – in the face of financial challenges – continue to show kindness this Christmas?

Go ethical

It's so easy to get caught up in a shopping frenzy at Christmas! Are you aware of how your gifts are sourced? There are an increasing number of ethical retailers putting people and the planet before profit, and selling anything from clothes to coffee to cosmetics. Being mindful of just how many items you are buying can be part of an ethical outlook; as they say,

less is sometimes more. Find guides to ethical shops and boutiques, such as the ethicalconsumer.org, to help you become more conscious about which marketplaces you buy from this Christmas.

Give a charity gift

From sponsoring an elephant to a community youth project, there are a host of charities and organisations you can make a gift to this season. Simply choose your favourite charity and contact them to see if they facilitate a Christmas gift donation. Or perhaps you'd prefer to donate your time to a charity this winter? Is there a food bank near you that needs help in delivering festive food packages locally, or wrapping children's toys to be given out to low income families this Christmas?

Give blood

The NHS made its first-ever amber alert this autumn when blood supplies fell critically low, making urgent calls for donors. With each donation having the potential to save three lives, as well as serving you a free helping of tea and biscuits, what better Christmas gift



Children, Youth and Families' Missioner - Emma Durbin

Andy Williams sings 'It's the most wonderful time of the Year!!'. I love this song and what a privilege it is to be spending time with SO many little people who are SO excited about Christmas.

Also, what a privilege it is to be working with folk who are wanting to make a difference in Tidenham Parish over this festive period.

Keep an eye out for Tidenham Youth Project offering free activities during the Christmas holiday's for families and Youth. Parents at Sedbury Stay & Play and Tutshill Baby & Toddlers who are having 'give away days' when they bring unwanted clothes and toys for others to take away. Sportily, Sedbury Space, Sedbury British Legion, Chepstow Foodbank and Tidenham Churches (to name a few)who are looking at ways to support folk in the community. Overall, there are lots of people looking to make it 'the most wonderful time of the year' not just for the fortunate few but for everyone.

Jesus said this "Here is a simple rule of thumb guide to behaviour. Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them" Matthew 7:12 (The Message Bible)
May God bless everyone, whatever their faith, who are seeking to bless others this Christmas time.

If you would like to know more? Contact me by email Emmad.cyfm@gmail.com



What is the best Christmas present in the world?
A broken drum, you just can't beat it!



Friends of St Mary & St Peter,

Tidenham

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2022

OPENING EVENING DECEMBER 16th

The Opening Evening of the Christmas Tree Festival at Tidenham Church will take place on Friday December 16th, from 7.00pm – 9.15pm.

There will be music items, seasonal readings and sketches, carols, a glass of wine or soft drinks will be available, along with mince pies, shortbread etc

Please note –and reserve! –the date!!!

This will be a lovely convivial evening, with a mixture of entertainment interspersed with time for enjoying relaxing company with light refreshments to commence our famous Christmas Trees Display.

The year 2022 has been difficult for many in the Parish and wider area, and we hope this occasion will lift spirits and bring some joy to everyone.

*The event will be FREE ADMISSION, but donations will obviously be welcomed. For further information, please contact Marjorie Duerden at 01291 623310 or bduerden@doctors.org.uk
Thank You.*



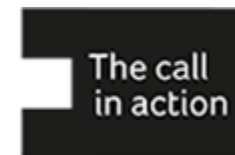
currently volunteers from Christian charity Go MAD in Tanzania are providing them with a steady flow of work, which is a real blessing to everyone.

Prayer point: Give thanks for the employment opportunities created over the last few months and for our friends who support the work we do.

As we approach a quieter time, pray that we may find new and innovative ways to keep the ladies employed. This week, as I was attending to some administrative duties in the workshop, my colleague Cesi answered her phone. I heard someone say to her, “I sent you a message”. I looked up from what I was doing and noticed she was reading an SMS. In astonishment I asked her if she was reading, and when she confirmed she was, I offered her my congratulations; she responded “but, Mama, you taught me”. I was so thrilled because Cesi, one of our hardest workers, had been illiterate. Growing up in a village with a father who demanded she tend the land, do the household chores and look after her siblings, Cesi did not have the privilege of going to school and getting an education.

A few years ago, we ran basic literacy and numeracy classes at Rehema after work. Not only did Cesi take on board what she learned, but she asked her primary school age girls to continue to teach her, and as they have advanced, so she too has flourished.

Praise point: Give thanks for the significant changes this brings to Cesi’s life.



Found in another church’s notices:

“Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.”



What is your favourite Fairtrade food?

Tea, coffee and bananas are popular Fairtrade products. They are available in most stores. There are though many other Fairtrade foods available. Can you name any of them and do you buy any other Fairtrade products? Do let me know what Fairtrade products you use.

Did you know you can buy some Fairtrade spices? See how many you can find in the shops. What can you make with them? Perhaps your Christmas cake or mince pies, a savoury stir fry or a chocolate mousse, or...?

When we use Fairtrade ingredients we are encouraging producers, enabling them to have fair pay for their work and work sustainably for the environment. We are also encouraging trade justice which needs much encouraging. Jesus asks us to work for peace and for justice, so pick up a new Fairtrade ingredient in your shopping and make something delicious and fair. *Have a merry and fair Christmas!*

Please speak to Julia, Cate, Tanya, Susanna or Marilyn for more information.



News from Heather Johnstone Church Mission Society

Hallelujah, hallelujah, after many, many months of being in limbo, my work and residence permits have been approved and are valid until May 2024.

Praise point: I feel like I have been asking everyone to pray for resolution to the permit situation FOREVER, and I want to thank you all so much for praying faithfully over such a long period. Praise the Lord, we finally have an answer to those prayers.

The ladies are delighted that Rehema Cafe & Craft Shop is open and although the number of visitors to Musoma has decreased significantly,



M e r r y C h r i s t m a s

Friends of St Mary and St Peter's Tidenham
Come See the Trees

Please visit Tidenham Church to enjoy the decorated trees and try to guess which Pantomime the decorations on each tree reflect.

Dates when the Church will be open:

DECEMBER
 Monday 19th
 Tuesday 20th
 Wednesday 21st
 Thursday 22nd
 Friday 23rd
 Monday 26th
 Tuesday 27th
 Wednesday 28th
 Thursday 29th
 Friday 30th

The church will be open on the above dates from 2pm until 4pm. Donations will go towards the continued development of St Mary and St Peter's Church

Registered charity Number: 115958

M e r r y C h r i s t m a s



MUSICAL DIRECTOR: GRAHAM BULL

CCS is affiliated to Ty Cerdd & Making Music, and is a Registered Charity (no. 112798)

www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk

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CCS NEW SEASON 2022/2023

THE SEASON'S CONCERT PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER – Carols, Seasonal Music, traditional items both sacred and secular - with light refreshments. Chepstow LC Arts Hall

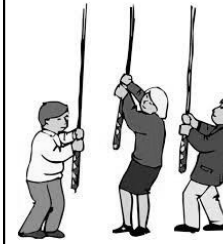
SATURDAY 25th MARCH 2023 – a beautiful Passiontide Concert, including Haydn's *Insanae et Vanae Curae*, Mozart's Coronation Mass, and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* – with professional orchestra and soloists – St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow

WEDNESDAY 5th JULY 2023 – An entertaining Summer Celebration Concert, including Horowitz's *Captain Noah*, and other popular choral items – with light refreshments included – Chepstow Leisure Centre Arts Hall.

Societies have different chapters of their lives – and CCS is now approaching a new chapter. In our fifth decade, we now need to move forward, rebuild a choir for different times and, in the phrase of current times, “move on” and look ahead, seek new members – with fresh approaches. Nothing thrives by staying the same, but that does not mean we cancel everything from the past or forget our choral roots – but we will be adding lovely new choral music.

View our website, follow us on Twitter to find out about us and PLEASE come and join us to look towards the next chapter of Chepstow Choral Society!

For more information about how to join CCS as a singing member, please contact Marjorie Duerden or view our website We have no formal audition policy. We particularly welcome tenors and basses, but equally love to see sopranos and altos! We also will be delighted to enlist new patrons and supporters! Marjorie Duerden, Asst MD, CCS on 01291 623310



'Ding Dong Merrily' Anybody?

Tidenham church tower has a beautiful ring of six bells – and a shortage of ringers.

Eve, Rosanna, Sam and Zach from Tutshill Youth came along with Emma and John Ross for an introductory session in October. They all did brilliantly, first having a go at chiming and then actually pulling the rope to set a bell that was 'up' in motion (all under supervision, of course).

Ringers come in all shapes and sizes, and span a wide range of ages. It would be great to see more of you coming to find out what is involved and then perhaps learning to ring independently. Now there's an idea for a New Year resolution!

English full-circle tower bell ringing was invented in the early 17th century. Ringing is a skill that takes time to develop, with some taking longer than others, but once you have the basics you will be welcomed into bell towers wherever you go.

Why might **you** like to try bell ringing? Well, it's great physical and mental exercise. It's a hobby with a social life and new friendships. It's done all over the UK (and some other places), so you can meet new people wherever you may go. It's an opportunity to be part of a team providing a service for others, especially for life's great moments. And it's FUN!

Our usual practice session at Tidenham is on Tuesday evening, 7.30–9.00pm. You will be most warmly welcomed should you fancy coming along to 'have a go'.

For further information, please contact Cate Phillips: 01291 624260

Spider Webs. Ukraine

A Christmas holiday tradition in Ukraine involves spider webs. According to an old legend, a poor widow and her children found a Christmas tree in their garden but didn't have money to decorate it. However, when they woke up the next morning, it was covered by a spider's web, which turned silver and gold in the morning light. In honour of this Ukrainians hang spider web-shaped decorations on their trees.



Christmas puddings were traditionally made a month before Christmas on the last Sunday before Advent, which was known a Stir-up Sunday.

The motto in a cracker came from love poems included in bob-bon wrappers, as the sweets were often given by men to women.

New Year is an important holiday in Japan where various "forget-the-year parties" are held to bid farewell to the problems of the past year and prepare for a new beginning.

Fact Gatherings...

Some Strange Christmas Traditions from around the World

KFC Dinner in Japan

Thanks to a festive marketing campaign in the 1970s, Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC if you didn't know) has become a firmly established Christmas holiday tradition. Families from all over the country head to their local KFC for some festive fried chicken.

Roller Skating Mass in Venezuela

In Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, the residents head to church for mass each Christmas morning – so far, so normal – but, they do so on roller skates. This tradition is so popular that the city's streets are closed to traffic so that people can skate to church safely. I wonder if this could catch on here?

La Befana, Italy

While Italian children are visited by Santa Claus each Christmas Eve, they get another visit on January 5, the eve of the Epiphany. According to legend, Befana was a witch who didn't give a gift to the baby Jesus in the manger. To repent, she now gives gifts to all children, who leave out some wine and food for her.



Chepstow Choral Society

Musical Director – Graham Bull

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Wednesday December 14th

7.00pm

Arts Hall

Chepstow Leisure Centre

CCS looks forward now to full resumption of our annual Christmas Music – this will be a programme of Christmas choral items, seasonal readings, traditional carols and including some secular items.

Further details will be available from November and early December (01291 623310 or website)

Please come and join us for this Christmas Music --we look forward to seeing you there!

Marjorie Duerden, on behalf of CCS

**Please view our website (www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk) for further information (contact details available).Chepstow Choral Society is affiliated to Ty Cerdd – Music Centre Wales



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The Friends AGM is being held in Tidenham Church on 7th December at 1900hrs when there will be an update on the revised plans for the reordering of the North Aisle.

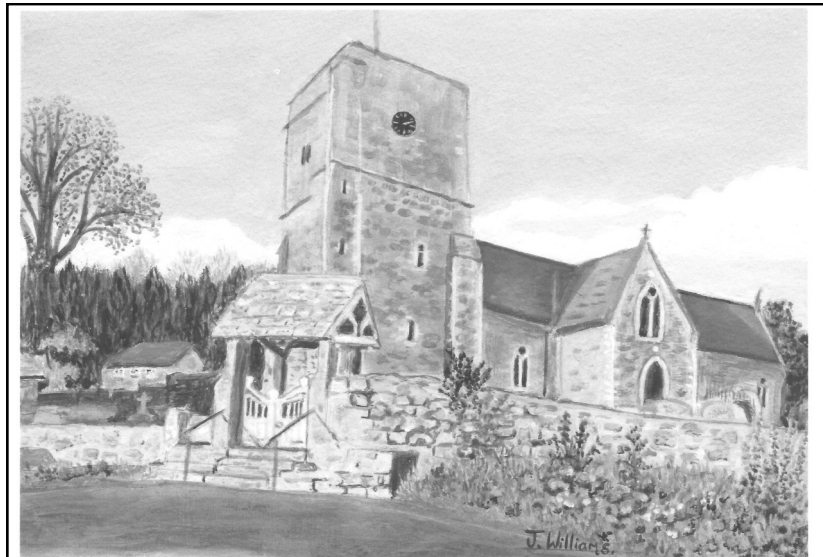
The "Face" Of The Friends of Tidenham Church

Prints and cards from an original painting by Jane Williams, now available for sale with all proceeds going to The Friends of Tidenham Church.

Prints are unframed and measure 9" x 13" for £25 and would make a great Christmas present.

A4 correspondence cards, blank for your own message, with an envelope for £1.00 – suitable for use as a Christmas card.

Please contact: Sarah-Jane Gilchrist
 Tel: 01291 627966
 Email: secretary.friends@icloud.com



Life Groups

Parish Life Group Meetings meeting most weeks
 Please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in

- **Sunday** 7.30pm Life Group for Men!
 Online - James Parsons - jamesdparsons727@gmail.com
- **Monday** 2-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space
 – Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk
- **Monday** 7.30pm Life Group at Luke's Church
 - Vicar David - dtrevd@aol.com or Tudor Griffiths
tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com
- **Tuesday** 1.00pm Life Group - Julia Parsons, venue varies -
juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- **Wednesday** 10.15am Food for Thought Life Group, Café on the Hill -
 Vicar David - dtrevd@aol.com
- **Wednesday** 7.30pm Life Group - Fiona and/or Wendy
fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- **Wednesday** 7.30pm Life Group Emma emmad.cyfm@gmail.com
- **Thursday** 1.30pm Life Group - Tanya White at Rockymead
tanya.rockymead@gmail.com
- Contact Emma Durbin for details of meetings for the young people.
emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

The Parish Lunch ...

Usually 1st Thursday of month

Thursday, 1st December 2022.
 Thursday, 2nd February 2023 &
 Thursday, 2nd March 2023

For info and lifts
 phone
 George or Beryl
 on 01291 625551

12.15pm

Woodcroft Centre





Highlights from PCC meetings in September & November 2022

PCC Members: -

- Thanked our new Treasurer Paul Coombs and Secretary Iain Gardiner for creating the annual accounts for 2021, which our independent examiner Andy Royle checked
- Prepared for the special church meeting on Sunday 25 September authorised by Bishop Rachel at which the approved accounts were presented to church members.
- Agreed to open Tutshill church every Monday throughout winter to provide a warm space location for the whole community
- Heard presentations from Peter Gilchrist Chair of the friends of Tidenham Church, on their proposal to purchase and refurbish Church cottage garage.
- Agreed to raise our three staff salaries to reflect the rising cost of living
- Agreed to extend the Wellbeing Chaplain role for a further 2 years from 01 October
- Renewed our church insurance with Ecclesiastical for 3 years and our annual CCLI licence.
- Approved £4k spend on the inspection and significant necessary repairs to Tidenham church electrical systems including replacing the floodlights
- Welcomed the availability of broadband at Tutshill church from July
- Agreed to a revised policy for distributing money to local and national and international charities
- Agreed to change the start time of Tidenham Sunday services to 09:00 followed by coffee and tea
- Organised the first drone inspection of our three churches as part of the 5-year inspection of our three church buildings
- Agreed to a parish Christmas card to go to every house in the parish listing out Christmas services





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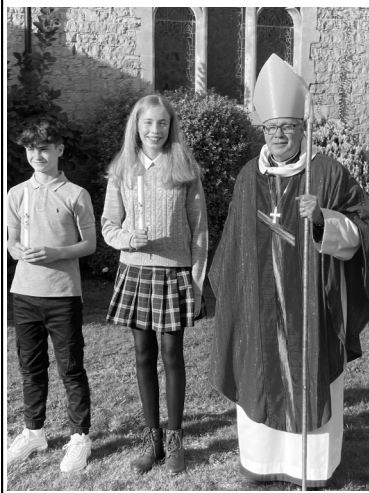
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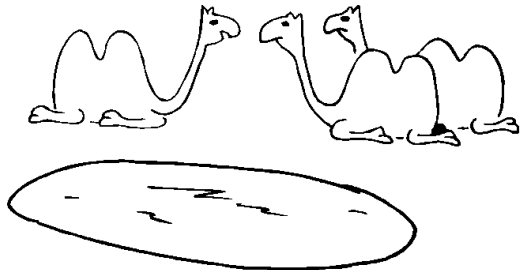
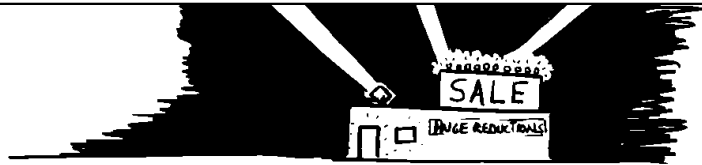
Confirmation Joy

Congratulations to Roseanna Treharne and Lewis Wynn who were confirmed at St Luke's Church, Tutshill on Sunday, 2nd October 2022 by Bishop Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury.

It was a beautiful lively service and a very moving occasion. Both Lewis and Roseanna shared their faith story which had led them to this public confession of faith and to own their baptismal promises for themselves. It was a

privilege to be present and share in the joy of their faith, their commitment to Christ and their special place within the Body of Christ in Tidenham Parish.

It was also wonderful to be able to have the new portable altar consecrated by Bishop Robert at the same service. Given in memory of a dearly departed loved one the altar gives us a new flexibility and accessibility in worship which will be wonderful.



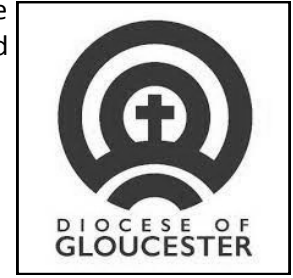
Well Horris...I told him, I said 'Mr Wiseman - that's no star, but would he listen?'



opening our eyes and ears to those around us whose everyday choices might be more limited than ours; or those whose choices in life have been destructive, possibly shaped by difficult and painful situations; or those who many people choose to ignore, ostracize or condemn.

I hope and pray that this Christmas, as individuals and as a community of communities in this Diocese, we will renew our 'yes' to God's love in Jesus Christ and look afresh at the choices before us in our different contexts as to how we live and share that love. I wish you a hope-filled and peaceful Christmas.

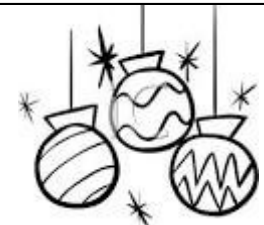
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Handel's Messiah at Tewkesbury Abbey
17 December 2022, 7pm
Handel's Messiah with Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum and The Bristol Ensemble.
Tickets £15-£20. To book: www.ticketsource.co.uk

Carol service at Gloucester Cathedral
22 or 23 December, 6pm
All are welcome for this traditional service of readings and carols with the acclaimed Cathedral Choir. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance.
<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/cathedral-carol-service>

Family Crib Service with the lighting of the Christmas Trees at Gloucester Cathedral
23 or 24 December, 2.30pm
All are welcome to this informal family service. No ticket required.





Bishop Rachel's Christmas Message

As Christmas comes into focus, so does the issue of choice – whether it is about choosing presents or food, or who to be with, or those hard choices about what can and cannot be afforded financially.

We live in a consumerist society which constantly places choice on a pedestal, not least through advertising and endless slogans provoking us to choose that thing or experience which will bring happiness and satisfaction. Whilst our desire to choose can be about love and care, it can also spring from unhealthy places within us – places of selfishness, fear, or a desire to be special. of our God to be merciful and to love with a love stronger than even death itself.

‘Those events of the first Christmas are full of choice: Mary who said yes to God’s call; Joseph who chose to trust; everyday shepherds on a hillside choosing to be curious; and strangers from a foreign land choosing to take a risk and follow a star. All of them were participating in the kingdom story of God who in Jesus Christ chooses to call us friends:

‘... I have called you friends... You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another’.

(John 15:15–17)

This Christmas is about choice, but not merely regarding gifts, food and activity, but about how we choose to respond to God’s invitation of love revealed in the gift of Jesus Christ.

Whatever our own circumstances, may part of that response be about



From the Registers

Funerals & Burials

Janet ANDREW (74)

Saturday, 17th September 2022

St John’s, Beachley

Derek Roy WILLIAMS (75)

Monday, 10th October 2022

John Ernest PULLINGER (97)

Monday, 10th October 2022

St Luke's Church, Tutshill followed by burial
at St Michael & All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase

Margaret Elizabeth PAYNE (87)

Tuesday, 18th October 2022

Forest of Dean Crematorium

Michael Christopher EDWARD-JONES (65)

Forest of Dean Crematorium

Barbara June ASHLEY (89)

Thursday, 10th November 2022

Forest of Dean Crematorium

with husband **John Albert ASHLEY (24/09/09)**



Holy Baptism

Isla Daphne Margaret Parnell

Sunday, 23rd October 2022

St Luke’s, Tutshill

**Further register entries will
appear in first 2023 edition of the Link**



Tidenham Parish Prayer Diary

"where the river flows everything will live"

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 November Advent Emma, her volunteers, their families & clients Our Church sound systems Tutshill School Good parenting	28 November Vicar David & family Church cleaners, flower arrangers, refreshment providers Gyms we use Forgiveness	29 November Pastoral & Visiting Teams Ability to meet the Parish's financial Commitments Local WI's Generosity	30 November Readers Fiona, James & families Funeral ministry Funeral Directors Excellent bereavement & end of life care	01 December Sedbury space Susan, Rev Nicki & their families Our involvement In schools Police and street wardens Accountability	02 December Vicar David & family Tutshill School Christingle Service Striking organisations & all threatening to strike Negotiations	03 December Associate Priests Rev. Brother Tom, Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Deepening our faith All in financial need Joy
04 December Emma, her team, their families & all with whom they work Chase congregation Allotments Commitment	05 December Vicar David & family All PCC members & tonight's Meeting Our political leaders Good Housing	06 December Pastoral & Visiting Teams Emma & her Team Castleford Care Home Generosity	07 December Readers Fiona, James & families School Assemblies Beachley Camp Tolerance	08 December Beryl, George & other volunteers for Parish Lunch District & Parish Councillors Peace	09 December Musical instrument to lead worship at Chase St John's School Christingle Service Tutshill Memorial Hall & clubs Love	10 December Associate Priests Rev. Brother Tom, Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Folk Club Foodbanks & all helping to meet our needs Good nutrition
11 December Emma, her team, their families & all with whom they work Tidenham Congregation People seeking dental care NHS Dentists	12 December Vicar David & family All considering Baptism, Confirmation or other vocations Our Post Offices & Banks Healthy diet	13 December Pastoral & Visiting Teams Tutshill Babies & Toddlers Christmas Party Wydean School Freedom	14 December Mission partners, Heather (Tanzania) & Rhona (Uganda) Sedbury Stay & Play Christmas Party Vulnerable people Discernment	15 December Sedbury Space Susan & Rev Nicki Sedbury Village Hall & clubs Riverside Nursery's Christmas Concert Worship	16 December Men's life Group and Man Thing Tidenham concert & Launch of Christmas Trees Offa's Mead Academy Education	17 December Churchwardens & PCC members Fundraising concert at St Luke's Church For all in debt Humour
18 December Vicar David & family Service of 9 Lessons & Carols at Tidenham Nativity at St Luke's Hospitals we use Freedom from stress	19 December Vicar David & family PCC finance team All whose hospital appointments, diagnoses &/or treatment have been postponed Hope	20 December Life groups Musicians, choirs, Bell-ringers, congregational singers, organists Foodbanks Good neighbours	21 December Readers Fiona & James All who were baptised, married or confirmed this year All facing extreme emotional and financial problems Healing	22 December Sedbury Space Susan & Rev Nicki Home Communion Libraries we use Good health and Stamina over Christmas Altruism	23 December A stress-free, blessed time - God's empowerment for Church wardens & all involved in worship on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Harmonious homes	24 Christmas Eve Tidenham Friends Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services & all congregations Ill housebound & lonely people Love, Joy, Peace
25 Christmas Day A Happy and Blessed Christmas Day with warmth, good company, a full tummy & a roof overhead for all Thanks be to God	26 December Vicar David & family Church cleaners, flower arrangers, refreshment providers Our mental health Forgiveness	27 December Pastoral & Visiting Teams Archbishop Welby, Archbishop Cottrell & Pope Francis U3A Generosity	28 December Readers Fiona, James & families Churchwardens & PCC members Those on holiday Peace	29 December Vicar David & family Christians against Poverty (CAP) Foodbanks Freedom from hunger	30 December Life Groups Churches Together Good interfaith & ecumenical relationships Love	31 December Annabelle (admin) Vicar David & family Public cycle paths & footpaths Community