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AUTUMN

Letter from the Editor
Greetings to everyone
and welcome to our Autumn Link magazine

I hope that everyone is keeping well.

Inside this time:

- **Vicar David** writes about being **Touched by Ukraine and the Good Samaritan (s)** (pages 4-5)
 - Find out about the **Brazil Mission** (page 9)
- **St Luke's Folk Club** - all kinds of music from different folk (page 14)
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 - Highlights from **PCC** meetings (pages 32)
 - **Pews & Chair for Sale** (page 47)

See what details and events you can discover and enjoy our magazine,
 regards from **Tanya**



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Vicar
Revd David Treharne

*Vicar David writes...
Touched by Ukraine and the Good Samaritan (s)*

I have found the arrival of Ukrainian refugees to our communities over this year incredibly humbling. Meeting people face to face has brought a fresh perspective of the horrific life altering events that have been taking place within the borders of Europe.

The plight of Ukraine has brought out some of the best in humanity. The financial giving, the heroic aid efforts, and of course people opening their homes. People of faith and no faith responding to need has been inspiring and humbling. As the war has continued individuals, our communities and nations are having to dig deep with their responses both financially and emotionally and that has been challenging. But perhaps there is a bigger lesson here...

Whilst many of those fleeing the war have had little or no belongings, those whom I have met have actually had much to give us. I know not every hosting has been successful. However the presence of Ukrainians and other refugees amongst us has taught, challenged and inspired me, and perhaps it has taught, challenged and inspired you too? I have reflected on this and rather than us bringing the love of God to these people, perhaps they are bringing the love and presence of God to us? Whilst we may think we are shaping their lives (which we are), their presence amongst us may actually shape our lives too!

I am reminded of Rev Dr Sam Wells' take on the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. We read this parable and can immediately feel called to be like the Good Samaritan and offer radical service and care for those who find themselves in need, marginalised or beaten down on the road. After all, Jesus concludes things by commanding, "Go and do likewise."

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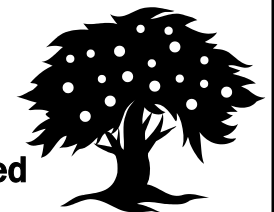
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would happen if rather than identifying as the Good Samaritan, as we often do, we instead place ourselves in a different role within the story? Who is the man injured and in great need lying on the side of the road? A Ukrainian? A refugee (s) from outside? Yes quite possibly, but perhaps it is me and you! Maybe we are actually the ones in need. And who is the Good Samaritan? Perhaps it is those who are coming amongst us from outside?

The Parable of the Good Samaritan not only calls us to radical compassionate service to those in need but shows us of our own need to be saved and transformed, by those who are different from us. Jesus comes to meet us in our need and gives us Eternal Life, but the surprise is that Jesus comes to us as the Samaritan — in the form of the unexpected, despised and downtrodden. That can be a big challenge but also a great humble blessing.

May we have eyes to see Christ in one another.
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David



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 and we wish him very well for all new things.
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"God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile"
- Max Lucado

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us"
- Augustine

"Let God's promises shine on your problems."
- Corrie ten Boom

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies."
- Hudson Taylor

"If you can't fly, then run, If you can't run, then walk, If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

"God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfil His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself."
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done."
- C. S. Lewis


"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'"
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"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength."
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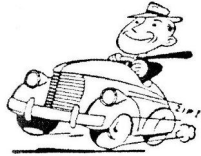


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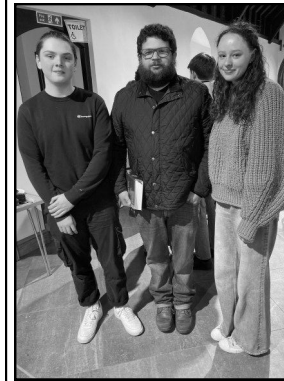
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Chantelle, Joel and the team, total of 10 Youth and 5 Adults, arrived safely at the YWAM (Youth With A Mission) base at Recife, East

Brazil after a 28 hour journey. They were warmly welcomed and have been busy helping out with the various projects run by the YWAM base, such as the Girls Football Team, Cleaning, Food Preparation, Visiting Street Children, Prayer Walks, Birthday Celebrations, etc.



The Team when visiting the town of Recife

If you would like to learn more about the three-week trip, hear the details and see the photos, you are warmly welcome to come to St Luke's Church, Tutshill, on Sunday 4 September 2022 at 11.00am, where they will be sharing their experiences, photos and memories. Tea, Coffee and Cake available!



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Activities for the next few months are listed below:-

Please note there is no session in October due to holiday commitments.

Dates & Themes:

7th September – Board games

2nd November – U3A ukulele group, Little Tykes

7th December – All things Christmas fun, craft and music



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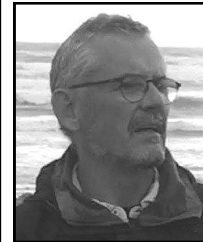
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From Lee Durbin



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Bullet Point News

✠ **Bishop Robert to Visit...**

The Bishop of Tewkesbury, Rt Rev Robert Springett will be visiting the Parish of Tidenham on Sunday, 2nd October to take a Parish Confirmation service and to consecrate the new portable altar that has been lovingly gifted to the Parish. The special service will be at 3pm in St Luke's Church, Tutshill and there will be a special tea to follow. Please pray for those preparing to take this important step of faith and Christian commitment.

✠ **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.

✠ **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. Many connections have already begun to be made and there is a strong argument for looking to continue the project beyond a pilot year. Thank you to those who have supported Nicki and this initiative.

✠ **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!



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✝ **Churchyards**

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✝ **Legacy**

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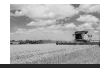
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† **Religious freedom rolled**

back in Sudan: The prosecution of four Christian converts from Islam under an apostasy law abolished two years ago seems to confirm concerns about a return to Islamism by the government in Sudan.



† **Delhi High Court affirms legality of religious conversion:** A legal opinion given by a justice of the Delhi High Court that conversion from one religion to another is perfectly lawful as a welcome development.

† **Christian Couple arrested in**

Karnataka, India, on charges of forced

conversion: A Christian couple were arrested in the Indian state of Karnataka on 17 May after allegations of illegally securing conversions to Christianity .



† **Four Christians detained after arrests in Neyshabur, Iran:**



Security forces in Iran have detained four Christian converts from Islam following a raid on a "house church" meeting on Sunday 26 June .



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- In our Autumn Link magazine, there are some beautiful birds to spot like the **KINGFISHER** or the male **PHEASANT**
- There are some tuneful like the **BLACKBIRD** and **THRUSH**
- Some are very noisy like the **GULL** or **CROW**
- Some fly high like the **HAWK** and **MERLIN**
- Some birds seem to hide like the **WREN** and **SPARROW**
- All are a pleasure to spot...

In the Summer Link magazine we were having a **PICNIC**, once all words were discovered, the letters remaining gave the answers: **SHARING TOGETHER**. *The winner was Cath Weller of Sedbury. Well done!*





Flowers for Worship

Thank you to all the wonderful folk who have contributed to the flowers in St Luke's Church this year. It is so appreciated.

If you would like to be on the 2023 Rota please let me know. Those already on the Rota, please let me know your holiday dates if known already.

The commitment can be just one turn a year, and entails two posies of flowers on the altar.

However, everyone is welcome to contribute a display at Harvest, Christmas or Easter. Just bring yours to church and find a suitable spot. The joy is in the sharing and not necessarily the skill. All ages welcome. You may want to choose a week to remember a loved one's anniversary.

Do get in touch: Margaret Pruen. 01594 842650. 07800 592219.
mmpruen@yahoo.co.uk.



Folk Club

St Luke's Church
 Saturday, 10th September 2022,
 Saturday, 8th October 2022 &
 Saturday, 12th November 2022
 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)



NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT YORKLEY MEND & REPAIR CAFÉ

The Repair Café is open on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 11-1.30
 @ The Community Centre, Yorkley

"We can repair almost anything" seems to be the motto, and includes tools, clothes, electrical and mechanical items.

Items recently repaired include garden implements, coffee makers, printers, CD players, toys and many other items.

It is a kind of Repair Shop without the drama.

Their mission is based around the fact that repair is often so much better than buying new, or even recycling, as this may also require buying new.

They are also asking for more volunteers with a knack.

CHEPSTOW COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Based at the old Rainbow Café, opposite Hannah's Music. 'The Fridge' has fresh and frozen food, bread, cakes and some other items available free for anyone who wants them – no restriction on income, no referral required. The overall principle is to cut down on food waste, which it is already doing very successfully.

They are currently open 11-12 Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Again volunteers are always very welcome.

SEDBURY SPACE

Sedbury Space goes from strength to strength, with so many activities in The Space and roundabout.

MUSICAL MEMORY CAFÉ

AT ST BRIAVELS ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Again this glorious project is flourishing, really such a wonderful occasion. As a reminder that they are 10.30-12, every third Wednesday of the month.

Regards, RICHARD SKINNER

COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT

Forest of Dean District Council

Tel. 07927 051328 richard.skinner@fdean.gov.uk





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.

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER PROGRAMME 2022

Tuesday
27th September
7.30

The History of the Wye Valley Railway -

Kevin Daniels. The fascinating history of the railway from its junction with the main line at Tutshill to Monmouth and the people who worked on it.

Tuesday
25th October
7.30

Offa's Dyke in Gloucestershire & Tidenham -

archaeologist John Hoyle will update us on recent work in the Tidenham parish and its links with the rest of the county.

Tuesday
29th November
7.30

The Mega Tides of the Severn Estuary, Chepstow & Tidenham – John Burrows.

Date to be arranged— Christmas Social

Coming in 2023- a taste of next year's meetings.

Tuesday
24th January
7.30

Neolithic Orkney – Tutshill resident Andy Torbet is an adventurer and explorer who, in the Summer of 2016, joined Neil Oliver, Chris Packham and Shine Somara as they investigated the rich Neolithic heritage of Orkney. Andy will describe the investigation and BBC series centred around the on-going excavation at the Ness of Brodgar

At the Jubilee Flower Festival in the parish church we displayed a series of photographs from the THG collection covering the period 1950 to the present day. If anyone can contribute to this collection we are happy to have them or scan and return the items.



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.

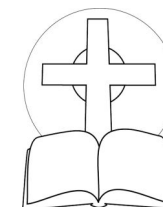
Please pop in and see how a friendly cuppa and a chat can change your day.

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



⁵Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.
⁶Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
⁷My salvation and my honour depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
⁸Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.
the Father through him."

Psalm 62: 5-8





News from our Parish Schools



Wyedean

School and Sixth Form Centre
Aspire together, achieve together
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Wyedean School – 01291 636180

On Sunday 3 July, around 250 performers, prize winners and supporters gathered in Chepstow's

St Mary's Priory for a celebration of musical enjoyment and achievement. The audience were treated to performances from many of our extra-curricular groups (Concert Band, String Group, Band Club and Gospel Choir) alongside performances from prize winners and CCMC groups. After two years of covid restrictions it was wonderful to hear musicians embracing the opportunity to perform live music



indoors and 'en masse' again!



Tutshill School – 01291 622593

The school strives to achieve the highest level of academic, social and spiritual development in a safe, caring and inclusive environment. We encourage respect and tolerance for each other, supported by our Christian values.

Last term we valued: Perseverance
'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4.13

Biblical Narrative that shows Perseverance through faith in God:

- The Flight into Egypt
- The Story of Jeremiah
- The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Our School Christian Vision:

'Love One Another, Know Ourselves, Believe and Grow'



CHASE GARDENING CLUB



For the first time since 2019 we managed to hold our annual fund-raising Plant & Cake Sale in May and were blessed with lovely weather which encouraged an excellent number of customers and supporters and raised over £700 for Club funds. Grateful thanks to all who attended and contributed in so many ways to such a magnificent total.

The Summer Supper was held at the beginning of July and although numbers were somewhat affected by the latest outbreak of covid, a good time was had. There was the usual excellent selection of cold meats and salads followed



by a dazzling array of desserts provided by our talented members. Not a day for dieting! Brains were tested with the quiz and a grand raffle was held; many thanks to the committee, especially to Denise Tozer our catering supremo, for all the hard work behind the scenes to ensure the evening was a success.

Our formal meetings usually run from September to April but an extra was squeezed in at the end of July to replace the one cancelled by Storm Eunice in February. Ingrid Millington of Hillview Hardy Plants of

Bridgnorth made the long journey south to talk to us about "Early Spring Perennials". It is never too early to start forward planning and the plants she brought were eagerly snapped up.



Our next meeting is on Friday 16th September at 2.30pm; the speaker is Sally Nex and her subject is "Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces" - very appropriate for the cost of living crisis?

Meetings are held at Chase School in Rosemary Lane on the third Friday of the month at 2.30pm. We are hoping that the 2022/2023 season will run rather more smoothly compared to the last couple of years and a full and interesting programme of speakers has been arranged by Pat Knight. Come and join us – all are welcome. For further information, please contact Bob Elliott on 01291 625659 or Bill Kerr on 01291 621100.



Chase WI



It is never too late to celebrate a happy event and in this case it was the 50th anniversary of the opening of Chase WI, despite the fact that it should have happened two years ago. This was because of the pandemic and the lock down.

So on a hot afternoon in July we met to enjoy a celebration of our 50 years. In response to the Queen 's Jubilee message we planted an Apple tree in the garden of Chase Hall where we have met every month for the past fifty years barring the two year lock down.

We sang Jerusalem, our WI anthem, not forgetting the many members of our WI forbears who were not with us. We finished the afternoon with a delicious afternoon tea provided by the members.

We have enjoyed two interesting talks recently. In May we enjoyed a talk by Dr Rhian Morgan on DNA helping to solve crime. She described how forensics can be used in investigations and we discussed cases which have involved DNA analysis.

In June, Ian Roberts from SARA, which is based in Beachley and run by 50 volunteers, came to talk to us. SARA will celebrate their 50th anniversary next year. They cover the Severn river area for water rescues, land searches and cliff rescues, covering an area from Newport to Birmingham. They work with 7 other stations over this area. They had 113 call outs in 2021.



The WI AGM was recently held in Liverpool and was attended by Poppy Moss, representing Chase WI, Tutshill WI, Aylburton WI and St Briavels WI. The AGM discussed the resolution "Women and Girls with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder are under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, and under-supported". After some interesting discussion the resolution was carried by 96.5% of the vote. The final speaker for the day was Sarah Clarke OBE, the first female Black Rod.

The WI now meets on the second Monday in the month at 2.15 pm at Chase Old School, Rosemary Lane. For further in formation please contact Poppy Moss 01291 628739.



DEAN CLOSE
ST JOHN'S
CHEPSTOW

Welcome to the
hive!

Dean Close St John's School
01291 622045

That week had seen

much excitement, with the arrival of our new school bees. With the expert assistance of Matt from Wye Valley Meadery, the new 'nuc' of bees have made our first hive their home.

The hive exit will remain covered with branches for the next week so that they adjust quickly and don't fly back to Hanley Farm, from where they came.

After the St John's colony have settled, next year's honey will be collected by the school.



A Bee Club is starting in September and bee-keeping will be offered as an enrichment activity for Y7 and 8s.

The first hive was bought as a school and the aim is to build up to four - should anyone be interested in sponsoring the next, please contact marketing@deanclosestjohns.org.uk



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To make our best better

Offa's Mead - 01291 622932



Congratulations class of 2022!
[#graduation2022](https://www.instagram.com/graduation2022) our Graduation Ceremony to celebrate these amazing young people was awesome - Prom later!



Tutshill Community Pre-School

Nature school is part of our Pre-School provision for children attending during the year before they start school. On a Monday morning we don our wellies and waterproofs and venture up to Tutshill primary school's

designated forest school area. Our nature school provides an outdoor learning environment where the children are able to explore the magical outdoors in a safe and creative way.

We sit at a log circle when we arrive at Nature School and listen and observe what is happening around us. There are logs, branches, trees, long grass, holes and a large space which we encourage the children to explore, developing their independence and self esteem. We let the children play as they choose but we come along side them to help extend their play and learning. We bring some resources to help them explore the Nature school area fully. Some of the activities the children choose to do include making dens in the trees with sheets and giant pegs, painting the trees with mud paint and grass paint brushes and making rustic homes for little creatures.

The children look for bugs, climb low trees, balance on logs, play hide and seek, chase bubbles, sing around the parachute and run with sheets and scarves in the wind.

We believe the outdoors provides a wonderful creative learning environment which we can use to develop the concepts of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It allows time and space for the children to be physically active, adventurous and happy.



from the NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/how-to-get-to-sleep/> - and others which can help.

- Watch what you eat and drink. Aim to eat a balanced diet and try not to overdo it on alcohol, tobacco or caffeine as a way of coping.
- Challenge yourself. Think of something you have always wanted to do to test yourself, and set yourself a goal of achieving this.
- Split big tasks up. If something seems overwhelming and you are unsure where to start, break it down into easier chunks, and give yourself credit for completing each one.
- Plan ahead. Planning out any

upcoming stressful days or events – with a to-do list, or plan – can really help.

- Allow yourself some positivity. Take time to think about the good things in your life. Each day, consider what went well and try to list 3 things you're thankful for.

For more details about the CAP Money course and how you can benefit from it please contact David Price at davidprice@capuk.org or why not come and see us at our new weekly pop in, every Wednesday between 9 & 12 in the Rainbow Centre, Moor Street, Chepstow.

If you are struggling with your finances or with debt please get in contact with CAP today on 0800 328 0006 or visit capuk.org.

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 more.



A free course to help you manage your money better and learn to budget, save and spend well.



budget. save. spend.



CAP Money Course

David Price
(07539 477286)

We have been delivering the CAP Money budgeting and money management course for nearly ten years. During this time, we have been able to help dozens of people in the area feel more in control of their finances and more confident about their budgeting skills. Many people who have completed the CAP Money course tell us at the outset how they feel anxious about their financial situation and that they feel things were out of control. The CAP Money course can help with these feelings and can give confidence and a feeling of being more in control as people get to grips with their budget.

Some helpful hints to help with stress are:

- Try to be more active. Being active can help you to burn off nervous energy and clear your thoughts.
- Make a list of things you

have to do. Often stress can be caused by a feeling that we have an overwhelming number of tasks to complete or problems that we need to deal with. Making a list and dealing with each problem one by one, instead of worrying about them all and trying to tackle them all at once, can help to reduce stress. You'll often feel less stressed once you have ticked two or three small tasks off your list.

- Have some "me time" each week. Preferably a couple of times a week, take some time away from everything just for yourself.
- Talk to someone. Speaking to someone you trust can help find a solution or, at least, make you feel that you're not on your own.
- Aim to get enough sleep. Getting a good night's sleep recharges you for the day ahead and can help you to feel stronger and better able to cope. There is some really helpful advice online,



Children, Youth and Families' Missioner - Emma Durbin

Amidst the awful news of a broken climate, a broken government and a broken NHS, let's remember those in our communities and the world who are looking to heal and restore.

It has been my privilege over the summer to work with Emily Timmins, the Tidenham Parish Youth-worker, whose vision to offer young people (especially those most vulnerable) opportunity and hope, is really inspiring.

Together we have been working on an itinerary of Free Summer Activities for families and teenagers in the Parish.

We are also excited and encouraged to be supporting a group of mums that are organising a fete in Sedbury to raise money to send families on a day trip.

Then there's two of the teen's from St Luke's that have given up 3 weeks of their holiday to work with street children in Brazil (you can hear all about their adventures on 4th September, 11am, St. Luke's).

Then there's SARA, Sedbury Space, Tidenham Churches Wellbeing project, Foodbanks, etc, etc, all being run by folk who are willing to give of themselves to make a difference.

So just take a moment, take a deep breath and remember, there's also a lot of Good News!!!

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

Cartoon from Dom White



Five side football



PARISH CELEBRATION FOR A PLATINUM JUBILEE AND HELP FOR A HUMANITARIAN DISASTER

16th-17th July 2022

Tidenham Parish made their contribution to the Jubilee year by arranging a Festival for the whole Parish over the weekend of July 16th and 17th. Any monies raised from the whole event were donated to the Christian Aid Ukraine Appeal – so far, nearly £550 has been donated, with more donations still coming in.

The Festival gave an opportunity to recognise the Jubilee itself, but also to “have a celebration to raise money for a catastrophic humanitarian disaster”. It also allowed us to pay a tribute to the outstanding work done by Anne Martin, who very sadly died in April, towards St Mary and St Peter’s Church, Tidenham during past years, and particularly for her Christmas Tree and Flower Festivals. Thanks also for people throughout the Parish who contributed some amazing flower arrangements, imaginatively constructed, most of which recognised the unique Platinum Jubilee, but also included one display for Ukraine with yellow and blue flowers and ribbons. There were other displays featuring the Commonwealth and a superb “board” display of Tidenham Parish with photographs, news clippings and historical information, done by Richard and Carol Clammer.

The afternoon also gave the constant stream of visitors over four hours of continuous music – ranging from popular classical piano solos, with an Andrew Lloyd-Webber selection, Scottish jigs and dances (violin and drums!), some harp music, English songs, Rogers & Hammerstein songs, organ pieces, some beautiful music for mandolins and harpsichord (trio) – as well as several young performers ranging from ages seven to fourteen who played keyboard solos with enthusiasm!

The aim of providing music involving local musicians was fulfilled –and all of this was enhanced by tea and drinks, and thanks go to those who so kindly made some wonderful cakes – and the volunteer helpers without which the day would not have happened.

On Sunday, a Parish Breakfast took place, with games and activity at St Luke’s Church field – originally planned as a Parish Picnic, but readjusted due to the very hot weather conditions. This was followed by the Family Service there. On Sunday evening, Chase Church enjoyed a Songs and Hymns of Praise outdoors in the Chase Churchyard, amongst the wild flowers and wild orchids with the birds joining in the singing – and a better-than-normal attendance!

Thanks to everyone who played any part in this successful weekend. It was also wonderful for the Parish to emerge with an event after the past two difficult years.

Marje Duerden



News from Heather Johnstone Church Mission Society

I am South African by birth and British by naturalisation. In 2011, after almost 30 years of working in banking, account management and HR management, I was made redundant from my senior role in a business risk consultancy in London. I felt called to do something completely different, something that made a difference, and after praying about it I went to Tanzania on a short-term mission trip. I was introduced to Rehema and couldn’t help but become involved. This experience further cemented my call; I firmly believe that God called me to short-term mission to give me a taste of life in long-term mission. After training with Church Mission Society I returned to Musoma and I’m delighted that I’m able to share the love of Christ with the Rehema ladies long-term.

Rehema has three income generating enterprises to provide assistance to women in desperate need – a local Tanzanian food outlet, a cafe selling dishes with a more international flavour and a workshop, with an accompanying craft shop. Women are employed to work in the food outlet, the cafe or to create handmade products for the shop. They are trained in different skills to help them to become self-sufficient and care for their families.

The Rehema Project benefits women and children in crisis – who don’t have food, clothing or shelter and who are susceptible to all sorts of illnesses because of malnutrition. Many of them struggle with the effects of HIV or AIDS and sometimes have suffered from abuse, rape, theft and mistreatment; they are trapped in poverty, with little hope. As Christians we are compelled, through Christ’s love, to show love, compassion and mercy. It is my privilege to manage the different elements of Rehema and to share life with the amazing staff





Our World and the Climate

Psalm 24 v1 'The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and all who live on it are his.'

Psalm 23v1-2 'The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength.'

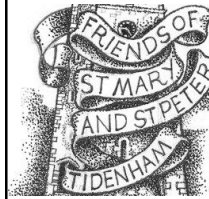
These verses remind us that God has blessed us with a beautiful world for our sustenance and refreshment. Sadly the world is struggling so we need to tend it as God requested of us in Genesis 2 v15 'Then the Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it.' How do we do that? We can look after our own local environment – whether we have a garden or not. We can buy local produce to enable local producers to care for our local environment. We can buy sustainable produce enabling all producers to care for our world.

How is Fairtrade tackling the Climate Crisis?

1. Fighting for Change: Fairtrade farmers and workers are leading the campaign for climate justice. At COP26, they challenged world leaders with a simple but powerful message: Be fair with your climate promise.
2. Choosing Fairtrade: Choosing Fairtrade products means more power and more money in the hands of the farmers and workers meaning they have more resources to take on the climate crisis.
3. Eco-friendly Fairtrade Standards: Environmental protection is ingrained in our standards, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and safeguarding forests and biodiversity.
4. Sharing knowledge: Fairtrade Producer Networks across the world run projects and encourage grass-roots knowledge exchange on sustainable farming techniques.

This Autumn we are faced with many growing bills but we can all take steps to tend our world. Think local and fair when you buy your food, toiletries, cleaning products and gifts. Set a budget for gifts and choose something sustainable, even if it is a smaller gift than previously given, as it comes with an extra gift of helping our world for a better future. Choose local and Fairtrade to make a difference.

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



The Friends of Tidenham Church

The Friends were pleased to be able to support the PCC's Jubilee celebrations held in the parish over the weekend of 16th/17th June 2022.

With flower arrangements and refreshments, Tidenham Church was a place to sit and enjoy the afternoon of music in a pleasantly cool and beautiful environment. A huge thank you to all those who created the wonderful flower arrangements and to Linda Harrison for her co-ordination.



Work continues behind the scenes towards the reordering of the Church. Currently the Friends are exploring the possibility of putting some facilities into a building close to the church which have the benefit of reducing the work required inside and consequent impact to the church whilst still developing a flexible space in the North Aisle for wider community use.

Rather as we did with the car park land, currently we are waiting for a response from the planners to this proposal before negotiating the purchase of the building.

Membership renewal notices have recently gone out and should you be new to the Parish or would like more information about the Friends and how to join, please contact:

Sarah-Jane Gilchrist

at secretary.friends@icloud.com or on 01291 627966



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www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk

CCS is affiliated to Ty Cerdd-Music Centre Wales and Making Music – The National Federation of Music Societies

CCS NEW SEASON 2022/2023

**First Rehearsal – WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER, 7.30pm
CHEPSTOW LEISURE CENTRE Arts Hall**

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



Christmas is Coming

What, Christmas already, I hear you say?
The year cannot have passed so soon.
But yes, time is racing and Autumn is here.
So collect your Traidcraft catalogue and prepare.



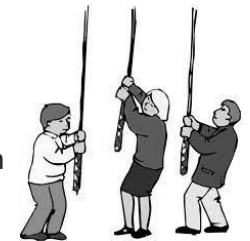
There are lots of ideas of tasty treats
and some beautiful gifts for us to give.
So plan ahead early to catch all the stock
To save from resorting to giving just socks.

The socks though are fun and 'specially designed
to bring comfort to feet and care for our world.
So whatever you like there is something for all
No time to delay, for your catalogue call.

Ask Julia (01291 446300) or Cate (01291 624260) for a new season Traidcraft catalogue, they will be out later in September

Bell Ringing

Tidenham bell ringers are actively seeking new recruits. Why not come and give it a try? We practise regularly at St Mary & St Peter's Church on Tuesday evenings 7.30–9.00pm



All abilities welcome to join us - lapsed ringers and newcomers alike.. For further information, please contact Cate Phillips: 01291 624260.



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

*"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.
"Only the Ten Commandments" answered the lady.*



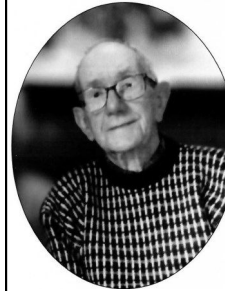
Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him.

"You don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear. "Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!"

Horried, the little boy obeyed.

After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mummy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?"

"Oh, no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty. It just taint yours, and it taint mine," she replied. "It's God's."



Some words from Derek Hudd's

Eulogy - 27 June 2022

There are no secrets to the love Derek and Hazel had for each other. Hazel describes him as a devoted husband and brother, kind, easygoing, cheerful and a realist. Whatever life threw at him he accepted and cheerfully got on with it.

Derek had a number of serious likes, past & present:

1. A motor bike lover, he took Hazel onboard for many happy hours burning rubber
2. The jobs he had over a long working career
3. His love for painting (canvas not walls)
4. Rich Tea biscuits and cake

Most of Derek's jobs lasted for many years. The key factor was that for the most part he was self taught: undertaking skills that in his age would require an apprenticeship and college.

At Red and White he maintained its fleet of transport being a mechanic on the Leyland engines. When he moved to the ferry across the river Severn he brought with him his expertise on the Leyland engines, but with progress he faced the end of the ferry service. When the building of the Severn Bridge was nearing completion he was offered a job working on the bridge.

He later moved to his favourite job. Derek joined Fairfield Mabey: first on general duties but he was later selected to be the chauffeur to the MD. Derek's favourite story was the time he drove the MD and other directors to a meeting in London: the MD asked if he could see Derek's room to see if it was suitable. Not only was it suitable, the MD said it was better than his! Derek stayed with the company for 25 years.

Derek was a gifted painter (see his self-portrait). Perhaps there will be an exhibition of his many works. He had many sporting skills, in his day he enjoyed Table Tennis; Clay Pigeon Shooting; and playing the mouth organ, although not all at the same time!



Hazel had known Derek from age 14 when they travelled on the same school bus to and from Monmouth. They finally got together around the age of 21 and were together for 66 blessed years.



Some words from Anne Martin's

Eulogy - 26 May 2022

Anne was born in Abertillery on 25 November 1943. She was due on Christmas Day but was born a month early, and arriving early for appointments was something she continued throughout her life! ...

Anne studied teaching at Redland Teacher Training College in Bristol. She met Roger Annis, affectionately known as Roger 1, and they married in 1965. Anne did her teaching practice at Henleaze Junior school in Bristol, entirely unaware that, many years later, her three grandchildren would attend the school as pupils. She taught in Hanham Abbots school until Caitlin was born in 1971... After Anne's first marriage ended she settled in Chepstow (1979) where she taught at Pembroke Road Junior School, rapidly earning the respect of the staff.

There followed a period as Deputy Head in Raglan until she was appointed Deputy Head of the new Dell School in Chepstow where she taught year 6 until she retired. She was a wonderful teacher, creative and inspiring children to sing, play and love music... She gained the nickname of 'Muscles Martin' after being asked to cover a football lesson, having no idea of the rules and telling the children to 'just score lots of goals'!

She met Roger 2 in 1980 and they quickly realised that they had much in common – including a love of singing, caravanning, eating and drinking! As a dog “hater”, she had never been comfortable around dogs of any size, breed or colour and it was a shock – both to her and to Caitlin – that Roger came with Kirsty, a golden Retriever! Their hesitation and fear was quickly dispersed and it took less than 10 minutes for Kirsty to have them both on the floor playing and stroking her!! Anne’s experience with Kirsty was reinforced when Kirsty’s death was followed by having two male puppies – a flat coat retriever – Digger - and a golden retriever, Seamus. These were wonderful friends for almost 12 years - but Anne vowed never to have another after the sad demise of her beloved Seamus.

On arrival in Chepstow, she had asked whether there was a mixed voice choir in the town. When advised by the Leisure Centre Manager that there was not, he offered to pay for the advertisement if she would run it! She was surprised that almost 60 people turned up to sing having



Life Groups

Parish Life Group Meetings meeting weekly
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
- **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
- **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

For info and lifts
phone
George or Beryl
on 01291 625551

Thursday, 1st September 2022.
Thursday, 6th October 2022 &
Thursday, 3rd November 2022

12.15pm
Woodcroft Centre





Highlights from PCC meetings in May & July 2022

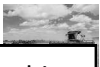
PCC Members: -

- Heard presentations from both Emma Durbin our Youth Children and Families Missioner and Revd Nicki Bullivant our Wellbeing Chaplain, on their work over the past 6 months.
- Approved Emma Durbin's Summer Outreach plans
- Welcomed Paul Coombs' election and Marilyn Henderson and Peter Jones' re-election to the PCC at the annual church meeting held on Sunday 08 May
- Agreed with Revd David's proposal to restart communion in both kinds [i.e. taking communion wine from the common cup] from Pentecost Sunday 05 June.
- Agreed to propose Nataline Bennett-Coleman as a Foundation Governor for the new Forest Edge Federation of Tutshill CoE Primary School with Woolaston Primary School. This was subsequently approved by the Bishop of Gloucester
- Approved the updated Parish Safeguarding Policies, which are now posted on the notice boards of our three churches
- Congratulated the Scarecrow Trail Committee and volunteers who made this year's Easter event the success it was. £127 was donated to SARA and £127 was donated to Teens in Crisis as requested by the committee, the remainder going into the church buildings fund
- Agreed to renew our churches' Fairtrade status
- Noted the latest list of parish appointments, including Iain Gardiner as PCC Secretary for the next 12 months
- Shared their good news stories – *a standing item!*
- Agreed to restart the monthly coffee mornings at Tutshill church from Monday 27 June and the monthly parish lunches at Woodcroft Christian Centre from Thursday 06 June
- Discussed parish plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations across our parish on 16 and 17 July
- Agreed to support two of our young people on a 3-week mission to Brazil along with members of Bream church in late July



Question: Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn?

Answer: Because he always has a great fall!



responded that "they liked singing in the bath" !! Very soon after this, a concert was jointly given with the band of the Welsh Guards in the Leisure Centre. The band up on the stage were greatly amused when she showed notices to the choir on the floor of the Drama Hall stating "smile " and "we're nearly famous"! This nucleus later grew into the Chepstow Choral Society and showed Anne's ability to inspire, relax and encourage all who joined her in her many projects.

Food was an important feature of Anne's life; cooking it, eating it, and critically, sharing it with family and friends... Some of us have enjoyed her hospitality – and may still be showing the signs of eating seconds! One of her projects after retirement was "Comfort Food" – a catering business which produced copious amounts of delicious food...

She was later invited onto the local FOD Council where she was rapidly given a place on the Planning Committee. She was elected Leader of the District Council where she served with open door to Council Officers and public alike until narrowly losing her seat in an election... She was always keen to support church in any way, and responded to David's request to take on chair of the newly appointed Friends of St Mary & St Peter's Church and ensure that it was brought into the 21st century. She supervised purchasing land for the car park, it's construction, installing water and plans for toilets, catering facilities and amendments to the church layout to facilitate it's wider use

Anne & Roger took their beloved caravan to many beautiful parts of Britain...They towed to France, Austria, Germany and Italy, and then enjoyed four European River cruises in recent years.. On Roger's retirement they bought a small house in Normandy and lived and loved the French life offered in "Le Petit Clos" where she so unexpectedly died peacefully. Anne's professional achievements and work in the community were impressive, but central to her life was her family. Music was a crucial part of Anne's life – through which she met Roger – she sang and was key to Roger's madrigal group, the Martin Singers. She played the organ for several years in both St Luke's and St Mary's and has been a stalwart in the church choirs over the years. Her firm alto line will be sorely missed - - as will her laughter - which was always close to bubbling out at the wrong moment!! Anne was a one-off! Her sense of loyalty, fairness and consideration of others has touched all of us. . She will always be in the memory of those who loved her.



From the Registers

Funerals & Burials

Rosemary Elizabeth TREVELYAN (78)

Thursday, 5th May 2022

St Luke's Church, Tutshill followed by Forest of Dean Crematorium

John Clive JONES (84)

Wednesday, 25th May 2022

St Michael & All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase

Anne Deidre Martin

Thursday, 26th May 2022

St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham

Maureen Anne STENT (83)

Monday, 20th June 2022

St Luke's Church, Tutshill followed by Forest of Dean Crematorium



Holy Baptism

Lily Hazel Enfield

Sunday, 29th May 2022

St Luke's, Tutshill

Olivia Jane Burton & Harry James Burton

Sunday, 17th July 2022

St Luke's, Tutshill

Dylan Frankié Davies

Sunday, 24th July 2022

St Luke's, Tutshill

Charlie Gwynne Cassell

Saturday, 13th August 2022

St Michael & All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase



#Liedentity – students open up about body image

As part of her #Liedentity campaign, the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Revd Rachel Treweek, recently spent time in The Cotswold School and met with students to talk about body image and how social media makes them feel.

For young people, social media is not just a tool, it's a lifestyle, and for many, their obsession with it is a daily struggle.

The Liedentity campaign raises awareness of body image anxiety in young people and shares the message that who you are is more than how you look.

Disturbingly, but not surprisingly, the most recent Good Childhood Report highlighted that more children were unhappy with their appearance than any other aspect of life.

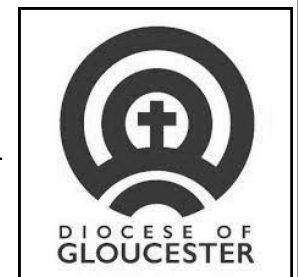
Students at The Cotswold School shared with us that comparing themselves to others online is a real problem. One student said, "We see these perfect Instagram images and it gives you the feeling of being left out and of not being good enough." Another said, "I know it's bad for me, but I'm obsessed with it."

Bishop Rachel said, "Rooted in my Christian faith, my desire is that every one of us knows how special we are and that our value comes from who we are on the inside. But that is hard, especially for young people who are seeking their identities from the mostly false world of social media.

"That is why I visit schools and talk about these issues, in the hope that we can change the message that who we are is all about how we look, and that there is no perfect body image, we are all unique.

"Recently, I was at an event in the House of Lords at which I signed Luke Evans MP's body image pledge, which is pushing brands and advertisers not to digitally alter images of bodies. We also need to keep pushing the Government to ensure tech companies are held accountable for the safety of their users and protect children from harmful content."

Watch a short video of Bishop Rachel's visit to The Cotswold School: gloucester.anglican.org/liedentity-bishop-rachel-visits-the-cotswold-school/





Some faces in Tidenham Parish



Vicar
Revd David Treharne



Revd Nicki
Bullivant
Curate



Iain Gardiner
PCC Secretary



Nicholette Flatman
Churchwarden



Prof Brian Duerden
Churchwarden



Fiona Gardiner
Lay Reader



James Parsons
Lay Reader &
Deanery Synod



Paul Coombs
PCC Treasurer



**From the Registers
Funerals & Burials**



Derek HUDD (91)

Monday, 27th June 2022

Forest of Dean Crematorium followed by
Service at St Luke's Church, Tutshill

Mary Elizabeth BRYANT

Wednesday, 6th July 2022

Burial of Ashes, St Michael & All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase

Holy Matrimony



Deborah Sharon JAMES

&

James Peter MABBUTT

Wednesday, 1st June 2022

1.30pm at St Luke's, Tutshill

Charlotte Amy LORD

&

Robert Lee HODGES

Saturday, 18th June 2022

1.00pm at St Luke's, Tutshill

Rebecca Louise BIGGINS

&

Andrew Thomas TORBET

Saturday, 2nd July 2022

1.30pm at St Luke's, Tutshill

Lucy Clare BATTEN

&

Christopher Scott WILLIAMS

Saturday, 27th August 2022

St Luke's, Tutshill

*Further register entries will
appear in the next 2022 edition of the Link*



Tidenham Parish Prayer Diary

"where the river flows everything will live"

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 August Emma, her team & their families Families, babies, children & teens they work with St Luke's congregation Day Nurseries Good parenting	29 August Vicar David on sabbatical & family Church cleaners, flower arrangers, refreshment providers Riding Centre Forgiveness	30 August Pastoral & Visiting Teams Ability to meet the Parish's financial Commitments Local WI's Generosity	31 August Readers Fiona & James & families Deanery Synod Tutshill School Peace	01 September Sedbury Space: Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) Police & street wardens Accountability	02 September Life Groups Churchwardens & PCC Members Local farms Care of environment	03 September Associate Priests Rev Brother Tom, Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Vicar David & family Disabled people their care and facilities Justice
04 September Emma, her team & their families Families, babies, children & teens they work with Chase congregation Local WIs Commitment	05 September Vicar David on sabbatical to recover from Long Covid & family Deanery Synod U3A Good Housing	06 September Pastoral & Visiting teams Castleford Nursing Home Stay & Play Generosity	07 September Readers Fiona & James & families Funeral Ministry Funeral Directors Excellent care of bereaved & dying	08 September Sedbury Space: Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki. (Wellbeing Chaplain) Parish & District Councillors Peace	09 September Life Groups Vicar David back to work tomorrow hopefully recovered from Long Covid	10 September Associate Priests Rev Brother Tom, Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Folk Club Foodbanks & all helping to meet our needs Good nutrition
11 September Emma: team & families Families, babies, children & teens they work with Tidenham Congregation People seeking dental care Free Dental care NHS Dentists	12 September Vicar David & family All considering Baptism, confirmation or other vocations Public cycle paths and footpaths Healthy diet	13 September Pastoral & Visiting Teams PCC Members for tonight's PCC Meeting Post Offices & banks Freedom	14 September Readers Fiona, James & families Mission partners, Heather (Tanzania) & Rhona (Uganda) Vulnerable people Discernment	15 September Sedbury Space Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki. (Wellbeing Chaplain) Protection from illness Worship	16 September Bishop Rachel, Bishop Robert and their teams Future of our Benefice and Deanery Good neighbours Mercy	17 September Associate Priests: Rev Brother Tom, Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Churchwardens & PPC members For all in debt Compassion
18 September Vicar David & family Our online & in church services—all who take part & those who publish them Hospitals we use Freedom	19 September Vicar David & family PCC Finance Team All whose hospital appointments, diagnoses & treatment have been postponed Hope	20 September Life groups PCC elected Governing Body for new "Federation of Wye & Forest Edge" Our schools Education	21 September Readers Fiona, James & families Chase congregation All facing extreme emotional & financial problems Healing	22 September Sedbury Space: Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) Home Communion Libraries we use Family	23 September Life Groups Rev David Rees, Reader Mandy & Parishes of St Briavels, Brockweir, Hewelsfield Rising Sun Pub Socialising	24 September Tidenham Friends Associate Priests: Rev Brother Tom, Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Churchwardens & PPC Local farms Humour
25 September Emma, team & families Families, babies, children & teens they work with Special Parochial Church Meeting Beachley Camp Joy	26 September Vicar David & family Church cleaners, flower arrangers, refreshment providers. Our mental health Forgiveness	27 September Pastoral & Visiting Teams Archbishop Welby, Archbishop Cottrell Pope Francis U3A Generosity	28 September Readers Fiona, James & families Churchwardens & PCC members Local Businesses Peace	29 September PCC elected Governors for Tutshill & Woolaston schools to share Governing body Stay & Play Accountability	30 September Life Groups Churches Together Local farms Good interfaith & ecumenical relationships	01 October Annabelle (Admin) Musicians, choirs, bell ringers, all singers & instrumentalists Beachley Camp Music



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October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 September Emma, team & families Families they work with Special Parochial Church Meeting Beachley Camp Joy	26 September Vicar David & family Church cleaners, flower arrangers, refreshment providers Our mental health Forgiveness	27 September Pastoral & Visiting Teams Archbishop Welby Archbishop Cottrell Pope Francis U3A Generosity	28 September Readers Fiona, James + families. Churchwardens & PCC members Local Businesses Peace	29 September PCC elected Governors for Tutshill & Woolaston schools to share Governing body Stay & Play Accountability	30 September Life Groups Churches Together Local farms Good interfaith & ecumenical relationships	01 October Annabelle (Admin) Musicians, choirs, bell ringers, all singers & instrumentalists Beachley Camp Music
02 October Emma, her team & their families The babies, children & youth they work with Tidenham Congregation All lonely, ill & housebound people Pleasure	03 October Vicar David & family Associate Priests Brother Tom & family Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Future of empty shops Keeping fit	04 October Pastoral Assistants & visiting teams Churchwardens & PCC members Local Pubs Hope and Joy	05 October Readers Fiona, James & families PCC Meeting St John's School & Little Trees Nursery Volunteering	06 October Sedbury Space Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) All in poverty Healing	07 October Bishops Rachel & Robert & their teams Future of our Benefice and Deanery Life Groups Parish & District Counselors Education	08 October Rev David Rees, Reader Mandy & Parishes of St Briavels, Brockweir & Hewelsfield Folk Club Freedom from Corona virus Cohesion
09 October Emma: team & families Families, babies, children & teens they work with St Luke's congregation Offa's Mead Academy All Age Learning	10 October Vicar David & family All considering Baptism, Confirmation, weddings or vocations Public cycle paths Healthy diet	11 October Pastoral & Visiting Teams Churchwardens & PCC members Chase Gardening Club Generosity	12 October Readers Fiona, James & families Vulnerable people Discernment	13 October Sedbury Space Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) School Assemblies Local shops Togetherness	14 October PCC elected Governors for Tutshill & Woolaston schools to share Governing body & meetings Schools Joy	15 October Associate Priests Rev. Brother Tom Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Churchwardens & PCC Buildings Team All people struggling Worship & Joy
16 October Vicar David & family Our online & in Church services—all who take part & those who publish them Tutshill School Love	17 October Vicar David & family PCC finance team All whose hospital appointments, diagnoses and treatment have been postponed Hope	18 October Pastoral & visiting teams PCC Members Toddler groups Hope	19 October Readers Fiona, James & families Sedbury Village Hall & Clubs All facing extreme problems Healing	20 October Sedbury Space Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) Home communions Riding Centre Family	21 October Life Groups Sheltered Housing Residents of Silley's Close, Hanover Court, Buttington Bungalows Rising Sun Pub Socialising	22 October Tidenham Friends Associate Priests Rev. Brother Tom Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Local post offices and banks Discipleship
23 October Emma, her team & their families Families, babies, children & teens they work with Chase congregation Wydean School Good parenting	24 October Vicar David & family Mission Partners: Heather (Tanzania) & Rhona (Uganda) Those in poverty Generosity	25 October Pastoral & Visiting Teams Ability to meet the Parish's financial Commitments Local History Group Generosity	26 October Readers Fiona, James & families Funeral ministry & Funeral Directors Excellent bereavement & end of life care	27 October Churchwardens & PCC Sedbury space: Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) Housebound, ill & lonely people Good listeners	28 October Life Groups. Churchwardens & PCC Members Local farms Care of environment	29 October Vicar David & family Associate Priests Rev. Brother Tom Rev Tudor & Rev Anna Wellness Justice



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November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 October Emma, her team & their families All who they work with Vicar David & family Emergency services & SARA Giving & stewardship	31 October Vicar David & family CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Police & Street Wardens Freedom from pain	01 November Pastoral & Visiting Team Churchwardens & PCC Unemployed people Accountability	02 November Readers Fiona, James & families Vicar David & family Castleford Care Home Carers	03 November Sedbury Space Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) & the many volunteers All on housing lists Forgiveness	04 November Annabelle (Administrator) Parish communications Tanya Link magazine editor Leisure facilities we use Loyalty	05 November Musicians, choirs, Bellringers, all Instrumentalists & singers Libraries Music
06 November Today's Church Services & those involved in them Emma, her team & the babies, children & youth they work with Tutshill congregation St John's School Family	07 November Vicar David & family Brother Tom & family Our Social Workers Doctors, District Nurses & all Carers Riverside Nursery	08 November Pastoral Assistants & visiting teams Emma, her team & their families Families, babies, children & teens they work with Stay & Play Hope and Joy	09 November Readers Fiona, James & families Vicar David & family Diving Centre future Sports Fields & Children's playgrounds	10 November PCC elected Governors for Tutshill & Woolaston schools to share Governing body & meetings Post Offices Good Dental Care	11 November Archbishop Welby Archbishop Cottrell Pope Francis Vicar David & family Parish & District Counselors Education	12 November Rev. David Rees Reader Mandy & Parishes of St Briavels, Brockweir & Hewelsfield Freedom from Corona virus Cohesion
13 November Remembrance Sunday Our Online & in Church services - that it will be a meaningful & comforting service to many Chase Congregation All Age Learning	14 November Vicar David & family All considering Baptism, Confirmation, weddings or other vocations U3A Joy	15 November Pastoral & Visiting Teams Woodcroft Centre Emergency Services including SARA Generosity	16 November Readers Fiona, James & families Vicar David & family Vulnerable people Discernment	17 November Sedbury Space Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) Offa's Mead Academy Worship	18 November Bishops Rachel & Robert and their teams Future of our Benefice and Deanery Good neighbours Mercy	19 November All our children & young people Churchwardens & PCC members All lonely, ill & housebound people Worship
20 November Vicar David & family Our online services - all who take part & those who publish them Tidenham Congregation Wyedean School	21 November Vicar David & family PCC finance team All whose hospital appointments, diagnoses and treatment have been postponed Hope	22 November Pastoral & Visiting Team Churchwardens & PCC members Hanleys Farm & all their activities Delight	23 November Readers Fiona, James & families All facing extreme emotional and financial problems Healing	24 November Sedbury Space Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) Home communions Banks Family	25 November Life groups Churchwardens & PCC members Foodbanks & organisations which help people lacking essentials Benevolence	26 November Tidenham Friends Fundraising for Church maintenance & reordering. Local post offices and banks Discipleship
27 November Advent 1 Emma, her team & their families Families, babies, children & teens they work with 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 WIs Generosity	30 November Readers Fiona, James & families Funeral ministry Funeral Directors Excellent bereavement & end of life care	01 December Sedbury space: Susan (Manager) & Rev Nicki (Wellbeing Chaplain) Police, Street Wardens Accountability	02 December Life Groups Churchwardens & PCC members Local farms Care of environment	03 December Vicar David & family Woodcroft Centre Disabled people, care & facilities Justice