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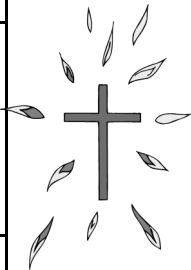


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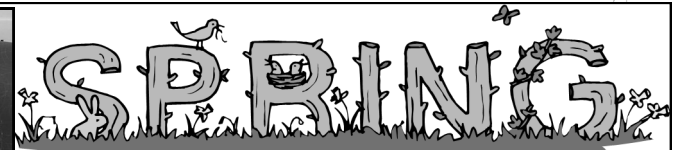
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Tanya White



Spring Greetings to everyone and welcome to our Link magazine

I hope that everyone is keeping well.

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This month:

- Please use our whole Link Magazine as a "Prayer Diary"
- Vicar David thanks us for our different contributions & encourages us to continue playing our part, he also tells us of the Archbishop of Canterbury planning to visit our Parish on Sunday, 26th May 2024 (pages 4-6)
 - St Luke's Coffee Morning (page 14)
 - Scarecrow Trail : "Occupations through the Ages",

from 4th March to 13th April 2024 (page 19)

➤ Remember our Little Larder at St Luke's supporting our community in these difficult times

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From the Vicar

*Vicar David writes....
£324bn a year? Thank you!!*

Thank you!

Vicar
Revd David Treharne

I have now been Vicar of Tidenham for well over 11 years and during all this time a Link Parish Magazine in some form has appeared as if by magic, as Mr Benn used to say! 'Thank you' to Tanya and all who contribute to this fantastic magazine!

The same goes for so many other things in our communities. As if by magic, things happen! Church buildings and community spaces are opened and closed, cleaned, prepared and used for social good whilst volunteers and groups provide activities, services, events and vital pastoral care and support. ***New research estimates volunteering is worth a staggering £324 billion a year in England and Wales!*** Wow! In addition, many people with paid jobs in our communities go over and above their hours in their duties to meet need. Thank you!

Challenges ahead

YET we can't ignore the challenges ahead of us in the UK: increased anxiety and individualism, substance misuse (particularly alcohol), breakdown of relationships, bullying and violence, the growing gap between rich and poor, depleting confidence in institutions, competing values and culture wars and resulting dualism... all alongside issues of health & wellbeing, education, the economy and environment etc... leave us with very hard questions to ask and answer about how communities and society will function in a wholesome way for good in the future. In a General Election year there is a lot for our politicians to grapple with and a lot for us to pray about!

Everyone playing their part

What I have personally learned over 30+ years working in various communities is that society/community does not work by magic, but by individuals, households, neighbourhoods and their component parts coming together despite differences and personal priorities, to play their



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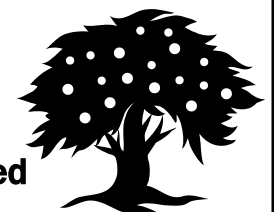
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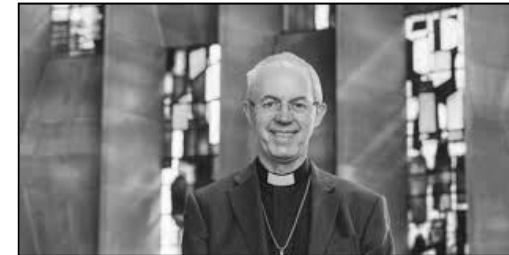
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part in community life. When this happens something 'mysterious' can happen as the whole is then greater than the sum of the parts! For me this is God getting involved and us getting involved with God... as to some extent we get involved in living the way we were created to live... in relationship and in community!

So... whilst there is much that concerns me about society and where it is going, I just want to pause to recognise all that is good and wholesome and worthy of celebration in our communities, and say a big thank you to, and for, the people who are a part of that!

The Archbishop of Canterbury



On the subject of celebrating all that God is doing in our communities I am delighted to announce that the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend Justin Welby, will be coming to the Parish of Tidenham on the morning of Sunday, 26th May 2024. His visit to us is part of his visit to the Diocese of Gloucester over that Bank Holiday Weekend.

The final details of his visit to us are still to be finalised. However, what I do know at this stage is that the morning will be an opportunity for us to build on the thank you's above and celebrate what God is doing in both the church and community here in the Parish of Tidenham! We will do our best to try and open up the Sunday morning gathering to as many people as possible, but purely because of logistics, there may be some restrictions with numbers.

I hope people will feel excited about this visit and this gathering together!

God bless

David,
your vicar

Vicar of Tidenham and
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Lent 2024 in the Parish of Tidenham
'Worship in the Wilderness: Journeying with Jesus'



In this Year of Worship and season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (14th February), we are once again invited on a journey.

We are picking up our worship theme and linking it with the wilderness, the place and a journey Jesus faced for 40 days and 40 nights, but also a place and a journey we will encounter in our lives.

What might we learn in the wilderness?

The Lent Course will take place at **St Luke's Church, Tutshill on TUESDAY evenings**, 7.15pm coffee/tea for a 7.30pm start and finishing at 9pm.

A different person will lead each week and there will be opportunities to learn and share together.

1. **Session 1: Spirit led.** Tuesday, 20th February
2. **Session 2: Sorrowful (Lament).** Tuesday, 27th February
3. **Session 3: Simplicity.** Tuesday, 5th March
4. **Session 4: Truth Speaking.** Tuesday, 12th March
5. **Session 5: Sacrificial.** Tuesday, 19th March

The Parish Life Groups are invited to engage with this and material will also be available on the Parish Website and Facebook Group.

May we have a renewing and worship-full Lent. As we journey Lent may we learn and relearn to live life together in the flow of God's amazing love.

God bless *David*



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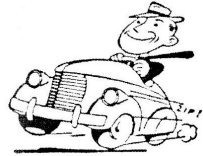
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Nia Price, a representative from TIC+ (Teens in Crisis) joined us at St Luke's in February for a family service and a brief update about the work of the youth mental health charity.



Nia Price
at St Luke's Church,
4th February 2024

They are pleased to announce that TIC+ are going to be helping even more young people in Gloucestershire as they extend the age range from 21 to 25 years. It means the charity will now be able to give more young adults the help they need with their mental health. Last year, over 3,800 children and young people were helped by TIC+

Judith Bell, clinical director at TIC+ said: "We understand the challenges that young adults face today and the impact that these challenges can have on their mental health. The decision to expand the age range has been made after careful consideration of the needs of young adults and the demand for free mental health support. As a charity, we don't want young adults to suffer in silence due to financial constraints, are so proud to be providing the same free support that we have been successfully offering the younger demographic to those up to the age of 25."

Specific issues that young adults are facing include relationship challenges, financial pressures, anxiety and depression – problems that have all been heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To find out more about TIC+'s work or to find help for yourself or someone you know, contact us at www.ticplus.org.uk or call 01594 372777



2024 is our Parish Year of Worship.... here are some quotes

"If God were small enough to be understood, He would not be big enough to be worshipped."
Evelyn Underhill

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."
A.W. Tozer

"You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run."
Augustine of Hippo

"Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep, but lift up your voice with strength."
John Wesley

"Worship has been misunderstood as something that arises from a feeling which 'comes upon you,' but it is vital that we understand that it is rooted in a conscious act of the will, to serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ."
Graham Kendrick

"The worship of the golden calf of old has found a new and heartless image in the cult of money and the dictatorship of an economy which is faceless and lacking any truly human goal."
Pope Francis

"Put it this way: if your idea of God, if your idea of the salvation offered in Christ, is vague or remote, your idea of worship will be fuzzy and ill-formed."
N.T. Wright

"The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service."
Billy Graham

"Cause every task of your day to be a sacred ministry to the Lord. However mundane your duties, for you they are a sacrament."
Richard Foster

"A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."
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SEDBURY SPACE News

2024 is bringing some challenges and opportunities for Sedbury Space, none more so than the need to live up to the aim of making our community hub a place where all are welcome.

On Thursday recently, I attended a meeting held by the army regarding the placement of Afghan families granted settled status in temporary accommodation at Beachley barracks. It was an eye-opening presentation, and showed just how much we take for granted in the UK: that is the basic right of a safe home. The challenge these families face is massive, and we in our community can play our part in trying to make their stay in Beachley as positive and welcoming as we can.

A smile and a friendly hello can make all the difference. Here at Sedbury Space the collection point for the Forest baby bank is being filled and much is being redistributed to the families in Beachley. Donations are always welcome, and if Sedbury space isn't open, donations can also be left in the porch at St Luke's in Tutshill.

Our volunteers continue to keep on doing awesome work, and new volunteers are always welcome to help with refreshments, supporting our groups, cleaning, and poster designs.

We are also working with the police and TwoRivers Housing Association to provide regular drop ins for help and advice about the issues which matter to the community.



Plenty of work to do. Happy new year to all.

Karen



Bullet Point News

✚ 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

Our churchyards are very special spaces for remembering departed loved ones. Therefore out of respect for **all** mourners please remember that grave-areas **should conform** to the churchyard regulations. This allows for peaceful use and trouble-free maintenance throughout the churchyard. The Parochial Church Council kindly asks that no extraneous additions (stones, plastic flowers, ornaments and statuary, plants, trees, vases, kerb-edging, etc.) are placed in or around graves. **The planting of trees is a particular issue which may cause damage to other graves and prevent a grave space being reopened in the future.** Thank you.

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TIDENHAM BELLS



Around 1703 Tidenham church was noted as having a ring of three bells, but by the end of the eighteenth century this had increased to six. Since then, most have been recast or replaced. The oldest bell is No. 5, which was recast by William Evans of Chepstow in 1763; the Tenor was originally cast by Evan Evans, also of Chepstow, in 1710, but recast in 1881; and No. 4 was cast in 1783. The other three are nineteenth century.

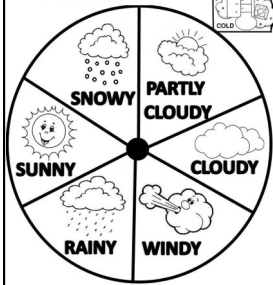
All six are variously inscribed with information such as the foundry where each bell was (re)cast and/or the names of the churchwardens in office at the time – all set out in a frame on the ringing room wall. The bells are hung in order of size, ranging from the Treble (No. 1, just over 4 cwt) to the Tenor (No. 6, over 9 cwt) – so, seriously heavy metal!

At Tidenham we have a band of friendly ringers who would be more than happy to welcome anyone interested in coming along to find out more about bellringing. Maybe make it a (slightly belated) New Year resolution? We practice weekly on Tuesday evenings, 7.30–9.00pm.

For more information, ring Cate Phillips – 01291 624260



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Tanya's Link
Spring Prize Challenge

In this Wordsearch we are considering some of our many different sorts of **WEATHER** that our **BAROMETER** and **ATMOSPHERE** may indicate as the year unfolds. There are 39 different conditions to find from **SNOW** to **THAW** from **CALM** to **STORM**. Once you have completed gathering the 39 examples, the remaining letters in order will spell out the answer to the puzzle, please send this to me:
Tanya White, at Rockymead, Coleford Road, Tutshill, NP16 7BU
e-mail: tanya.rockymead@gmail.com to be in with a chance winning the prize!

ATMOSPHERE	DUST	LIGHTNING
BAROMETER	FAIR	MIST
BLIZZARD	FLOOD	OZONE
BREEZE	FOG	RAINBOW
CALM	FORECAST	SNOW
CLIMATE	FREEZING	STORM
CLOUDBURST	FROST	SUNNY
COLD	GALE	THAW
DEW	GUST	THUNDER
DRIFT	HAIL	WARM
DRIZZLE	HEAT	WATER
DROUGHT	HURRICANE	WET
DRY	ICICLE	WIND

4kg of independence and resilience

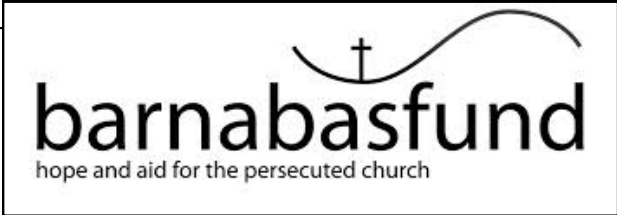
What Zimbabwean Christian farmers have named the “wonder seed maize” is a traditional open-pollinated variety – which breeds true. Our project partners grow many hectares of this maize every year. The crop is not eaten but dried and packed into 4kg bags, which are distributed free to the poorest Christian families for them to sow on their land. Each family who receives a 4kg pack of open-pollinated seeds will never have to buy maize seed again.

The project has “reduced the burden they were carrying on their shoulders”, said some past recipients. The crop for 2024 is already in the ground and growing. But our project partners rent the fields, and the young plants need fertiliser, water and other inputs. This is where Barnabas steps in to the picture. Your gifts can help with those costs.



Harvests of hope – over 13,000 packs of seeds were grown and distributed in 2023. Each 4kg pack enabled a family to sow their land and grow maize to feed themselves for a whole year. It also gave them a sustainable way to keep growing maize and feeding themselves for years to come. With God’s help and yours, even more seed packs will be produced in 2024 to help even more poor Christian families

At £2.75 a 4kg pack of open-pollinated variety (OPV) maize seed will enable a Christian farmer to plant a crop of maize that will feed a family of six for a year as well as providing seed to sow for the next year.



Christian News
Our Faith in Today's World



The "wonder seed maize".
That's what Christian subsistence farmers in Zimbabwe are calling the maize seed that Barnabas is funding for them. What's so special about the seed?

Simply that it breeds true. So a farmer can save some seed from her maize crop and sow it the next year. And repeat the process the following year. And again the year after that.

One gift of this maize seed can feed a family forever.

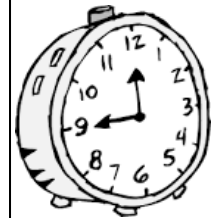
A terrible burden to be lifted

About 70% of Zimbabweans grow their own food on a small plot of land. Often they can grow only enough for the family's needs. If there isn't much extra to sell, the family doesn't have much money. But every year they have to find some money to buy new seed to sow. This is a terrible burden. It prevents subsistence farmers from being self-sufficient. Recently the burden has got even heavier, as seed prices have risen extremely high. It can lead to hunger and dependence on food aid.



Christian farmers in Zimbabwe receiving their 4kg bags of open-pollinated seed, bearing the words "Jesus' gift to you". God willing, they will never have to buy seed again.

The burden is caused by the fact that most of the maize grown in Zimbabwe are hybrid varieties. It's no use saving seed from the harvest of a hybrid variety: the seeds will not grow into plants like the parent plant they came from. Hybrid varieties do not breed true.



In our Winter Link magazine Wordsearch we were **CELEBRATING New Year.**

There were 39 words to locate and well done if you managed to succeed and discovered **"FIRST FOOTING"**

I feel encouraged as this time I received 5 correct entries again .

The winner, this time, was Mike Cave of Tutshill.

Well done!



Parish Easter coffee morning

18th March 2024

10.00am - 12.00noon

This has been moved due to the last Monday of March falling in Holy Week.

We would love you to support us and we will have an Easter Theme

We will invite you to make an Easter Garden or an Easter decoration

Prizes for the Best ones

We hope that you can make this event, please support these community gatherings, If we don't use it we lose them completely.

COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME GOOD CONVERSATION AND FUN (don't feel you have to do an Easter decoration)

RAFFLE PRIZES; COFFEE/TEA, CAKE AND BISCUITS PROVIDED

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

Also, please come along to
Coffee Mornings on
29th April 2024 and 27th May 2024
10.00pm - 12 noon



NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT

TIDENHAM PARISH COMMUNITY VEHICLE

The electric minibus should be in situ, parked at Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall in March.

There is an electric power outlet there, and there is a volunteer to organise the admin.

An example of its use is at such community activities as Sedbury Space, the Parish Lunch or the Rising Sun Community Café.

People who are further away, or at the moment live locally, but require a lift to get to the event should be able to be picked up by one driver, not say, half a dozen.

Similarly, away activities, organised by, say, Sedbury Space, will be able to use this vehicle, rather than hire a mini van.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT DROP IN

My Drop In at The Rising Sun Community Pub, is now scheduled for every 2nd Wednesday, 12-12.45 – this is to tie in with the winter hours, and align it across the year.

This is confirmed from the 13th March, having had a trial run in January.

LOCAL COMMUNITY CAFES, DROP INS

For my next posting I'll try to show a list of most of the coffee mornings held within the 6 parishes that I regularly cover.

RICHARD SKINNER

COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT,

Email: richard.skinner@fdean.gov.uk

Tel no 07927 051328

or leave message: 01594 812447 or 01594 812339 "

Spring season of renewal, growth, and hope.
Spring is the time of plans and projects.
The first spring flowers are typically lilacs,
irises, lilies, tulips, daffodils,
and dandelions.





tidenham historical group



Evening meetings from September to April are held monthly on the last Tuesday at 7.30 in Sedbury Village Hall, King Alfreds Road, Sedbury NP16 7AQ. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Liz on 01291 621694, Carol on 01291 623736, or e-mail tidenhamhistorygroup@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY EVENING MEETINGS 2024

Tuesday
26th March
7.30pm

“Chepstow bridge: an internationally significant bridge” by John Burrows.

Tuesday
30th April
7.30pm

“The centenary of Dean Close St. John’s on the Hill : A history of the school and its site” by Christine Leighton, the school Archivist.

This session will be preceded by a very brief AGM



SUMMER EVENTS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FINALISED AND DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE MEETINGS ABOVE.

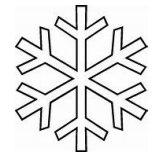
Can you help? The group is very keen to continue to build up its collection of historic photographs of the area. If you have any old postcards or photographs of events or places that you would be willing to share please contact us on the details above or bring them to a meeting



We’ve had a chilly but adventurous start to the new year, with puddle jumping, ice hunting, tree climbing and a variety of messy play opportunities.



Our children have been starting to plant for Spring, creating amazing structures inside and outside and even made their own warm snow.



We can’t wait to search for signs of spring in the coming weeks, as well as making new friends and getting ready for special occasions including Easter!





News from our Parish Schools



Tutshill School – 01291 622593

Tutshill School are very grateful and thankful to parents for their donations and support for Mike and Mandy Scott’s journey to take a long wheelbase transit van full of aid to Ukraine. They will be delivering to a depot run by "HelpUkraine" in a town called Chelm in Poland, just a few miles from the Ukrainian border. From there, dedicated volunteers will take the aid onwards to Kiev, and finally on to the towns and villages near the frontline for distribution among those who need it most. Please think of them as they journey. Thank you. For further information, please visit Mike and Mandy’s website which can be found at <https://www.ukraine-or-bust.org/>



Dean Close St John’s School 01291 622045

Communication is one of our core skills. We know that our young people will need to be

successful communicators, whatever their chosen career. We teach them the skills to be understood in writing and speaking. While technology will be able to do much of the work in the future, great communicators will be highly sought after: our children will be able to interview well; make effective presentations; present information succinctly and motivate a team. To help our children succeed, our children take part in the St John’s Communication Award every year. Although speaking in front of others can be daunting, practicing regularly and knowing how to do it well gives our children a real inner confidence. They are also excited to see their own speaking skills developing year on year.



CHASE GARDENING CLUB

The speaker at our November meeting was Julie Ritchie of Hoo House Nursery, located between Cheltenham and Tewkesbury. Her subject, well illustrated with slides and supported with a helpful list of varieties, was entitled “Winter into Spring” and provided an encouraging reminder that the weather will improve eventually. Julie had brought plants for sale and as usual these went down well with members.

At the end of November some members attended a wreath-making session at Wye Valley Flowers in St. Briavels. Despite the freezing conditions, a good time was had and some lovely wreaths were produced. Many thanks to Jo Thompson and her associates for their patience with those of us who are not natural craftswomen!

In December the meeting combined a talk by Dede Liss on “Gardening for Wildlife” with our Christmas social to which all members contributed delicious food. Mulled wine and soft drinks were served by the Committee, there was a quiz designed to get brains working and an excellent raffle including two wonderful hampers. Many thanks to all for their contributions.

The Club took part in the Tidenham Church Christmas Tree Festival in December. Entries had to illustrate carols and our choice was “In the Bleak Midwinter”, masterminded by Mary Kerr as usual but thanks are also due to Pat Knight and Denise Tozer who dealt with the installation in Mary’s absence.



There is no meeting of the Club in January. The speaker’s subject in February is “The Dry Garden”; in March “Dahlias” and in April “Easydendrons and plants new to the market”. Hopefully all speakers intend bringing plants for sale.

Everyone is welcome. Meetings are held at Chase School in Rosemary Lane on the third Friday of every month at 2.30pm. For further information, please contact Bob Elliott on 01291 625659 or Bill Kerr on 01291 621100.



Chase WI

We look back on a busy and fun Summer 2023 for our WI, Winter is now passing us and Spring is approaching. Last Summer we took part in several different activities, from walking with the Gloucestershire Federation of WI's, across Gloucestershire, visiting Rockfield studios in Monmouth and organising a super garden party for all our members, friends, and families. We fortunately chose a good day in a very rainy August and this was a great success (see photos), this helping to boost our fund-raising efforts for 2023.



There have been some very interesting speakers at our meetings, from Flora and Fauna of the Forest of Dean to learning about the amazing Charlie Chaplin. Our monthly Craft club has been reinstated, this had stopped due to Covid and we are in the process of making decorations for our Christmas tree in Tidenham church in December.



As well as our regular monthly meetings we also hold a coffee morning each month at Café on the Hill for a get together for members and friends. We looked forward to our Christmas party to be held at Abbey Mill in Tintern in December and a group of members have organised a varied and

interesting programme for 2024. At our AGM we are planning on holding a nearly new sale for members to enjoy, and hopefully "bag a bargain."

Our membership is very stable but if anyone would like to join us, they will be very welcome. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at Chase Hall at 2.15pm



Wyedean

School and Sixth Form Centre
Aspire together, achieve together
adfecere pariter, perfecere pariter

Wyedean School – 01291 636180

As the newly appointed Chair of Trustees at Wyedean, I have a commitment to continue to uphold the values and standards that are the foundation of Wyedean. Together, as a board we will continue to help create an environment that nurtures the academic and personal growth of every student. I currently have a child at the school, with more to join in the coming years and have worked in Educational Governance for many years. This is in addition to other roles in education, before crossing over and becoming a Trustee.

This experience has provided me with a clear insight to the challenges that all schools are facing in the current climate and the opportunities that Wyedean offers our students.

I am looking forward to working with the Board and staff at the school to help drive forward the school's Ethos of 'Aspire Together, Achieve Together' and working the Wyedean Way to ensure the school's vision is achieved for our students, preparing them for, and equipping them with the skills required for, a future that is constantly evolving.

I would also like to thank Andy Lord, our previous Chair for his dedication and significant contributions over the last decade. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted directly by email at reesa@wyedeanschool.com.

We are also looking for new Trustees to join our Board and work alongside its currently serving members, if you would like more information on this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ashley Syms-Rees, Chair of Trustees



Offa's Mead
Academy
To make our best better

Offa's Mead - 01291 622932

We are a vibrant Primary Academy, proud to serve the Sedbury, Beachley and Chepstow communities. Our children are encouraged to participate fully in school life and to be responsible for contributing to an ethos where every member feels valued, respected and has a sense of purpose.



Sedbury Space Snippet

From Lee Durbin

As I walk about town I notice we have a lot of coffee shops and cafes. In my youth I loved a good cafe. There was a wonderful one in Leicester called Newmans. Several times a week I would meet friends there and discuss the issues of the day. On my way out I would say a firm "Thanks" to the staff who would respond in kind. A friend who was not a regular tried this pleasantry once, to be met with a stony silence. Oh the joy. It was my very own Cheers.

But now as I pass some very fine establishments, I am mostly struck by the thought, "I've got coffee at home, why bother? Why waste the money?" And I tend to walk on by.

Virtually all the work we do at Sedbury Space tells me I've got this wrong. The Memory Cafe, the One Stop Cafe, the Walkers group after walk drinks, the Christmas and Sunday lunches.

Yea, I think I've definitely got it wrong. Anyone for coffee?



Folk Club

**St Luke's Church
Saturday, 9th March 2024**

No April Folk Club

**Next one is
Saturday, 11th May**

**6 - 8.30pm
(doors open 5.30pm)**

**Coffee & Tea provided
But please bring any**

further Refreshments...

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



TUTSHILL W.I.



Back in 2004 a group of local mums who had bonded over the Toddler Group, but whose children had outgrown it, found they were missing their regular meet-ups and decided to set up a group to maintain their connections. There was clearly a wider need for something of the sort, as a first open meeting in the Rising Sun at

Woodcroft attracted around 60 ladies! It was decided that the framework offered by the Women's Institute would provide a good basis for the new group, and so Tutshill W.I. was born. (This is not to be confused with Tidenham Chase W.I., who were already in existence and are still going strong.)

Our March meeting will therefore celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

We like to think we are firmly anchored in the community. You will find members helping to maintain the bus shelter Book Swap, as well as distributing Christmas wreaths as Random Acts of Kindness or hanging festive pompoms on a tree on the Rec. And we take part in the Tidenham Christmas Tree Festival and Tutshill Scarecrow Trail. In addition, there is an affiliated Crafters Group that meets most Thursday mornings in Café on the Hill and produces the artworks displayed on the bus shelter; there is also a Book Group that meets monthly.

Meetings are usually, though not always, on the third Monday of the month, beginning at 8.00pm, in Tutshill Memorial Hall. However, they may take place elsewhere depending on the speaker/activity of the evening. Recent excursions have included a guided walk around Lancout Nature Reserve and a visit to Wye Valley Meadery, and for April we are planning a visit to Teri Chance Boutiques at Lydney; whereas January saw us in the Hall doing our best with Street Dance and February's speaker, Ruth Chivers, will be talking about gardens – the topics we engage with are nothing if not varied!

You may attend up to three meetings without paying a subscription – sort of 'Try before You Buy' – so you can come and see what you think before committing yourself. If you would like to know more, take a look at our Facebook page, or contact our Secretary, Pat Cannon: secretarytutshillwi@gmail.com / 07795 424694.



This was taken at the concert given by the Chepstow Recorder Group and the Chaterlain Singers at St Luke's on 16th December 2023. It was a free concert but raised £490 from generous donations. This was shared equally between the church and the food bank.

Spring is when deciduous trees leaf out, animals migrate, birds return from Africa or South America, flowers bloom, old plants die back (or are cut down) to make room for new growth.

spring includes:
St Patrick's Day,
Easter,
Passover,
April Fool's Day,
Mother's Day...

During this time of preparation, people transition from winter to summer activities, such as cleaning, organizing and repairing. People start to forget about winter and prepare for the summer.

Honeybees are more likely to swarm during the spring. They swarm as a way to start new colonies from successful ones. Surprisingly, swarming

Spring Fact Gatherings...

honeybees are very docile and the most friendly they will ever be all year.



Children, Youth and Families' Missioner - Emma Durbin

Firstly, Thank you to everyone who supported David, Nikki and myself over the Christmas period. With all that took place in Tidenham Parish, eg school services, Toddler parties, Christingles plus 'normal' services, we really could not have done it without your support, so thank you!!!!

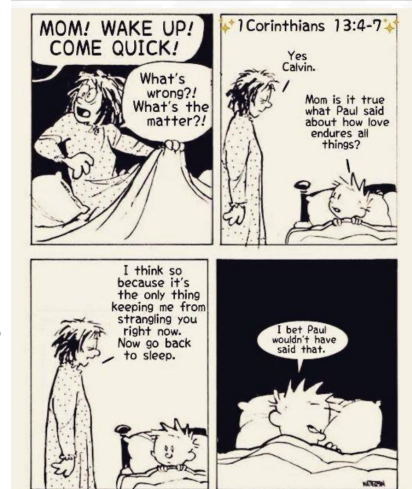
Secondly, please do continue to pray for all of the folk in this parish, especially parents with young ones. I know we hear it on the news but we are seeing firsthand the devastating impact of reduced services, cost of living etc on family's lives and that's on top of dealing with the normal stuff like sleepless nights.

Thirdly, Easter is approaching with pace and with it lighter and longer days. Flowers are gingerly peeping through the grass, bird song is increasing and the **Scarecrow trail** is busily being planned. This year's theme is "**OCCUPATIONS THROUGH THE AGES**" and it will take place from Sunday 24th March - Saturday 13th April. Trail sheets will be available, as always from Lifestyle Express. Please do invite all and sundry to take part in this wonderful community event.

Lastly, as Calvin so wonderfully puts it "Is it really true what Paul said about how love endures all things?"

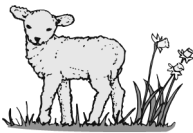
1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 ' Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, boast, nor is it proud. Love does not dishonour others, is not self seeking. Love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **LOVE ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES'**God is love. If you're a wayward child like me in a wayward world, isn't this heartening! He might feel like strangling us but never will!!!

Contact me by email Emmad.cyfm@gmail.com





The Parish Lunch ...



April lunch is 2nd Thursday but this is usually 1st Thursday of the month

Thursday, 7th March 2024

Easter Lunch

Thursday, 11th April 2024

Thursday, 2nd May 2024

Parish Lunch

12.15pm

Woodcroft Centre

For info and lifts phone George or Beryl on 01291 625551



It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Annie stayed home from church with her mother.



When the rest of the family returned home, they were carrying palm fronds. :

Annie asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he rode by on a colt," her father explained.

"Wouldn't you know it," Annie fussed,

"the one Sunday I'm sick and

Jesus shows up and offers pony rides!"



News from Heather Johnstone

Heather here shares photographs from her recent Mara Day celebrations within the Diocese of Mara. All schools, organisations and projects within the diocese had stalls showcasing what they do and celebrating their skills and expertise. All parishes attended too and there

were approximately 30 or 40 choirs who performed throughout the day and into the evening. The celebration lasted four days and culminated in a huge Sunday service at the cathedral. It is a very joyous affair rejoicing over everything Mara, and we were delighted that several of the attendees visited Rehema Café for a refreshing juice or a snack.



Some of the Rehema team at Mara Day



Instead of Heather's usual Tuesday afternoon prayer meeting at her house, recently all had a very poignant but joyous get-together at the home of retired Bishop Hilkih and Martha Omino. Most of the Rehema team joined in and a fabulous afternoon of prayer, worship, and celebration took

place. Great news! Thanks to our friends at UK Christian charity Go Make a Difference in Tanzania Rehema products will be available in your neighbourhood this season. They will be selling our fabulous goodies online with Etsy: <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/GoMADinTanzania>. Please have a look at what is on offer. Who knows, what you might find among our lovely handmade gifts at an affordable price. All monies raised go directly to the Rehema Project and support the most marginalised women in the Mara region.



Happy 30th Anniversary!

This year celebrates 30 years of the Fairtrade mark. The campaign to make trade fair is not going away, but is growing. Sales of Fairtrade produce are growing, awareness of it and the need for it are growing. So this we can celebrate.

We can also celebrate that Chepstow has been a recognised Fairtrade Town since 2006 - so 18 years!
Tidenham have been recognised Fairtrade Churches since 2015, so 9 years!

In February each year there has been a time to focus on Fairtrade called Fairtrade Fortnight. This year the Fortnight has moved to September and there will be national celebrations.

In Chepstow, we are looking at possible ways locally to celebrate our involvement with championing Fairtrade. As well as local businesses, we are working with local schools to celebrate in the town and surrounding area. Children know that buying Fairtrade enables farmers to support their families, and get training and resources to farm sustainably which helps to look after the environment.

Let us all celebrate the success so far in making trade fair, and help care for this world by buying Fairtrade where and when we can.

What will you try next? Fairtrade sugar in your drinks, Fairtrade chocolate or Fairtrade nuts for your snacks, Fairtrade cottonwool pads in your bathroom....?

**To find out more. speak to Julia Parsons, Cate Phillips,
Tanya White or Marilyn Henderson**



CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY MUSICAL DIRECTOR: GRAHAM BULL

CCS is affiliated to Ty Cerdd – Music Centre Wales and Making Music. Registered Charity no. 1127098

CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING PROGRAMME 2024

SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH 2024

G. Rossini –Petite Messe Solennelle with

J Brahms - How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

JS Bach - Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

G Faure – Cantique de Jean Racine

St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow, 7.30pm

Tickets (£15.00, u/18s, students, FREE) available from Chepstow Bookshop, choir members, contact (01291) 623310, further details from website (see below).

Chepstow Choral Society proudly presents its Annual Spring Concert, featuring soloists from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama (RWCMD) with a wonderful Programme of choral music of classical items from the choral repertoire.

CCS warmly welcomes all new singing members. We have no audition policy, but reserve the right to place new members where vocally appropriate. Tenors and basses are especially welcome! For details, please see our website (www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk) or phone

01291 623310, and follow us on Facebook and X (formerly

Twitter) @Chepstow Choral.

Thank You –M Duerden (Asst MD.).



10. Sedbury Space Memory Cafe

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023

First of all, I'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the intrepid volunteers who fought their way through the very congested lanes to come and set up the Christmas Trees!

Unfortunately, due to the road closure, the launch of the festival during the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was not possible but thankfully the road was re-opened before the first day of the festival.

There were over 150 visitors to the festival and there were many lovely comments about how wonderful the trees looked. Another huge thank you to everyone who helped make the decorations and to those who hosted the tree viewing sessions.

There were 41 entries to the quiz. Congratulations to Non, Kathryn and Heather for correctly identifying 15 of the 16 carols. Thank you to everyone who had a go at the quiz.



11. Martin Singers

This year there was a new tree: **The Memory Tree.** We invited people to record a message or the name of someone special on a star then hang it on the tree. There were lots of stars on the tree by the end of the festival.

The money raised from the festival was £250 which is fantastic.

Thank you to everyone for your contribution to the festival.

Friends of St Mary and St Peter's Church



Memory Tree



Scavenger hunt

Get out and about, perhaps at a park or lake near you, and challenge the kids to spot everything on the list below. Feel free to add more!

- A ladybird
- A caterpillar
- A butterfly
- A woodlouse
- A bird
- A person wearing a hat
- A person wearing something of a certain colour
- A person wearing trainers
- A small dog
- A big dog
- An ice cream van
- A funny-shaped leaf
- A funny-shaped pebble
- A purple petal (don't pick any, just point)
- A daisy
- A daffodil
- A curvy twig

- A brown leaf
- A signpost
- Something to sit on

Indoor picnic

Rainy day? Put up a tent in the living room, or create a den with blankets and cushions, and have your own indoor picnic. This is also a great opportunity to teach children about budgeting: give them a certain amount of money (e.g. £5) and challenge them to buy all the picnic items you need without going over budget.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity working with over 800 affiliated churches to deliver debt help, budgeting guidance, support to find work, life skills education and more. Visit capuk.org to find out more.

What kind of stories does the Easter Bunny like best?



The ones with hoppy endings



*Cheap, cheap!
Six free Easter
activities for
children*

David Price

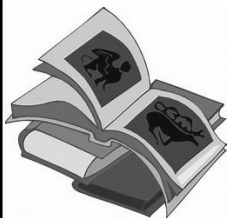
(07539 477286)

If you're searching for ways to keep the kids occupied over the Easter holidays and keen to keep costs down, take a look at our five free (or cheap) suggestions. Please share any other ideas with us on social media – just search Christians Against Poverty UK.

A world of stories

Visit your local library and see what events they have going on over the Easter holidays. You might want to challenge the kids to dress up as their favourite story character too – a perfect opportunity to prepare for World Book Day on 7 March (or get a

second use out of the costume!)



Hunt Zog

From Forestry England, Zog trails can be found in locations across the UK – a fun and inexpensive day out with a ready-made activity pack and lots of photo opportunities. Find your nearest trail at forestryengland.uk/zog.

Perfect pebbles

Go for a walk with the kids and collect a selection of pebbles (ideally ones that are big enough to paint or draw on). Design and paint them when you get home, then use them for an Easter egg-style hunt, or to create a beautiful display.~

Fun at church

Many churches organise fun activities and events for children around Easter. Many also run regular mums and tots groups, kids clubs and youth groups all year round. Check out our church's website or notice board to find out more. Remember our Scarecrow Trail with the theme of **"Occupations through the Ages"** from Sunday, 24th March to Saturday, 13th April 2024.

Christmas Tree Festival 2023

	GROUP	Carol
1	Bellringers	Ding Dong Merrily on High
2	Chase Gardening Club	In the Bleak Midwinter
3	Chase Church	It came upon a Midnight Clear
4	Chase WI	Good King Wenceslas
5	Bishton Belles	We three Kings
6	1st Sedbury & Tidenham Scouts	Carol of the Bells
7	1st Sedbury & Tidenham Beavers	12 Days of Christmas
8	Splash!	While Shepherds watched
9	Sedbury Space	O Little Town of Bethlehem
10	Sedbury Space Memory Café	Silent Night
11	Martin Singers	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
12	Tidenham Church	The Holly and the Ivy
13	Tidenham Historical Society	Little Donkey
14	Tutshill School	It was on a Starry Night
15	Vauxhall Practice	Away in a Manger
16	Tutshill WI	I Saw Three Ships
	Memory Tree	23



Woodcroft
Christian
Centre

Winter update 2024

Its time again to give you a quick update on life at the centre.

Well we definitely have had a variety of weather conditions keeping us on our toes throughout January, from gale force winds & torrential rain, freezing temperatures, to winter sun, its a job to know how to plan our days, although we are very grateful that the snow didn't/hasn't hit us. Thankfully throughout the different storms we have been very fortunate and only lost a few ridge tiles on the leaders chalet, (which we were able to repair fairly straightforwardly), and a few branches that needed clearing. Life at the centre certainly isn't boring. Let's see what February's weather has in store!

What's been happening at the centre since September 2023 ?

- Marquee washed and put away
 - Bonfire Night 2023
- New Facia Board on Main Building
 - New Updated CCTV
- Luncheon Club Christmas Special
- Diary getting well booked up for 2024



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
- **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

Please do speak to someone in the church if you are unsure about any of the above groups. If none of the groups above work for you then there will also be the opportunity to explore the Christian faith in readiness for baptism and/or confirmation plus we'll probably watch some further episodes on the Chosen... a series on the life of Jesus.



Found in another church's notices:

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar



Highlights from PCC meetings in November & December 2023

PCC members: -

- welcomed the news that
 - > the Bishop of Gloucester The Right Revd Rachel Treweek is conducting a confirmation service at Tutshill church on Sunday 5 May *and that*
 - > the Archbishop of Canterbury The Most Revd Justin Welby is visiting Tidenham parish on Sunday 26 May
- welcomed the increased number of Christmas services across the parish for schools, nursery and local organisations
- endorsed the continuation of the Wellbeing Project beyond the end of its current 3-year term – September 2024. This enables grant applications to be made.
- approved the production of 4 issues of the Link magazine for 2024, including revised advertising and subscription rates
- agreed the slightly revised church hire document, with increased hire charges due to the significant increased cost of utilities from January 2024
- approved the local fees for 2024, which cover weddings and funerals
- agreed the revised parish share for 2024, which is now over £6,000 per month
- agreed to create two new restricted funds in order to ring-fence donations designated specifically for Tutshill and Chase churches
- approved a fully revised Employee Handbook, a revised General Fund Reserves policy and a revised Charity Giving policy
- reviewed a number of other policies to make the workings of the PCC more transparent – Finance, Church Evacuation and Health & Safety.
- noted that Chubb had successfully carried out the annual inspection of their fire equipment in our 3 churches on 23 November
- noted that the Forest South Deanery Plan had not been discussed at Deanery Synod



Why do all repairs always seem to involve working off scaffolding?

Put it this way: its a good job Gareth isn't scared of heights, September/October's challenge seemed to be tackling the much needed replacement of the fascia board at the front of the Main Building, some of which was non existent. All the green old flaky paint was scraped off and the boards were sanded back and replaced where needed.

The architrave/coving at the top was given the same treatment, all though, this was a bit more delicate and painstaking and required a lot of perseverance and patience. One of our very talented neighbours, Bob Teed, then cleverly crafted replacement sections, as this isn't something you can just pick off the shelf in B & Q. This was all then painted with fresh new coats of Grey Paint, and finally to provide extra protection we covered the flat part of the board with Grey Plastic Fascia, matching the Soffit boards we already have in place. There is just a small section round the corner to complete in the spring along with painting the front door to match.

Bonfire Night 2023

Being totally honest this event fills mine and Gareth's heart with dread. The stress and pressure of getting it right, makes us question is it ever worth it? But then on the other hand when 500 people turn up and all seem to have a great time, you think, well yeah it is.

We held the event on Saturday 4th November, the weather as always calmed and brightened just in time, almost like someone's got it all under control, as if we ever doubted.

As already mentioned this is a highly stressful event to run due to getting all the logistics just right, and everything in place to cover all eventualities. To help relieve some of the pressure we are extremely grateful to our team of volunteers, (Trustees, management team members, family, friends and our lovely community). Without these people we could not put on this event. They take on a wide range of roles, from Stewarding, car-parking, serving food, supervising the fire, First Aid, to letting fire works off. (Just to note that all people involved with the fireworks have all had the appropriate training).

The community all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event, and the sound of chatting and laughter sent a buzz around the village, just proving what a success this evening is. Thanks too all who donated financially it really does help cover the costs.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

Rafferty Ravenscroft Barttelot

Saturday, 20th January 2024
St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham



Funerals & Burials

Iris BALDWIN (74)

Friday, 1st December 2023
St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham
Ashes at St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

Allan Clive WHITE (83)

Thursday, 14th December 2023
Funeral, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Neil HARPER (88)

Wednesday, 13th December 2023
Funeral, Forest of Dean Crematorium

Margaret Joyce SMITH (87)

Tuesday, 19th December 2023
Ashes at St Michael & All Angels Tidenham Chase

Margaret Patricia PHILLIPS (79)

Thursday, 11th January 2024
St Luke's Church, Tutshill & Langstone Crematorium

Michael Steven WOODHOUSE (76)

Tuesday, 30th January 2024
Funeral at Langstone Crematorium

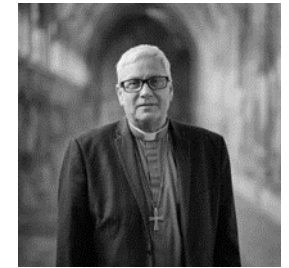
Doreen QUICK (88)

Friday, 16th February 2024
Funeral at Langstone Crematorium

Further register entries will appear in Summer 2024 edition of the Link



Bishop Robert will work closely with the Lead Bishop for Safeguarding, Joanne Grenfell, and the National Director for Safeguarding, Alexander Kubeyinje, to continue to develop the Church's safeguarding practices. He will also work closely with Bishop Julie Conalty, Deputy Lead Bishop who has a focus on survivor engagement.



Along with being a member of the NSSG, Bishop Robert will also sit on the National Safeguarding Panel, attend the House of Bishops and be a member of the Theology of Safeguarding Group and the Safeguarding Programme Board.

Read more:

gloucester.anglican.org/new-deputy-lead-safeguarding-bishop-appointed

Events and training

Make a potted plant for

Mothering Sunday
Gloucester Cathedral
Learning Hub, 2. St Mary's
Street, GL1 2QR
9 March, from 10.30am

Come along to the Cathedral for a family activity day to decorate and plant up a pot, then make a card for someone special for Mothering Sunday.
gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/make-a-planted-pot-and-card-for-mothers-day

Youth worship night Trinity Cheltenham, Winchcombe Street, Cheltenham GL52 2NW 1 March, 7pm to 9.30pm

A collaborative youth ministry project dedicated to gathering young people from across the area of Cheltenham to worship Jesus. During the night, whether it's their first time or not, we'll help young people worship, connect with the Bible and journey into deeper faith.
gloucester.anglican.org/youth-worship-night/

A night at the opera by candlelight Gloucester Cathedral 1 March, 7.30pm London

Concertante presents an evening at the opera with an array of opera arias and overtures, performing works from Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, and Mozart.
[gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/a-night-at-the-opera-1-march-](https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/a-night-at-the-opera-1-march-24)



From our Diocese: An Easter message from Bishop Rachel

In January, I unintentionally sparked media interest in my criticism of major stores putting Easter eggs on the shelves during the days of Christmas. Yet as retailers lurch from mince pies to Easter eggs, I do of course want to encourage people to live and share the connection between Christmas and Easter.



As we journey towards the suffering of the cross and beyond to the joy of the empty tomb, I wonder how well we encourage people to join the dots, not simply in a story with sequential chapters but as a mystery to be entered into as we live the laughter and tears of life.

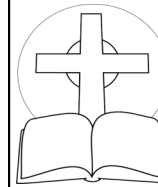
Christmas, Good Friday and Easter reveal the truth that the light of Jesus Christ cannot be overcome by the darkness, and that the love and life of God is stronger than even death itself.

Strangely, the retailers don't seem to encourage us to look beyond Easter to Ascension Day and Pentecost, yet amid the celebration and pain of life these next dates are vital landmarks as we seek to live life in all its fulness as offered us in Jesus Christ, sharing the resurrection hope of Easter through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us and around us.

May our hearts be expectant and hope filled as we walk the coming days.

Bishop Robert appointed as a Deputy Lead Safeguarding Bishop

Bishop Robert's appointment as a Deputy Lead Bishop for Safeguarding for the Church of England will focus on liaison with diocesan bishops on behalf of the National Safeguarding Steering Group (NSSG).



The Resurrection of Jesus (John 20)

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' **3** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7** and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; **9** for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; **12** and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. **13** They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' **14** When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' **16** Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' **18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



*A new day has dawned and
the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ
Vicar David*

Come!
Celebrate Easter together:



Palm Sunday 24 March

10.30am procession, led by Breeze the donkey,
from Tutshill Memorial Hall to St Luke's for
11.00am Worship and extra time with Breeze

Wednesday 27 March

7.00pm 'Journeying through Grief to Hope'
Service for the Bereaved
St Michael & All Angels' Tidenham Chase

Maundy Thursday 28 March

7.30pm Holy Communion & The Watch
St Luke's Tutshill



Good Friday 29 March

10.00am Family Service, St Luke's Tutshill
2.00pm Good Friday Devotions, St Luke's Tutshill

Holy Saturday 30 March

9.00pm Easter Vigil
St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

Easter Sunday 31 March

9.00am Holy Communion
St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

11.00am Family Communion
St Luke's, Tutshill

6.00pm BCP Holy Communion
St Michael & All Angels
Tidenham Chase

