

Welcome to Tamworth Baptist Church

If this is your first visit here we offer you a very warm welcome.

Please make yourself known to us, and join us for a cuppa
and a chat after the service.

Also please do pick up a leaflet that gives more details of all our
activities and contact details etc.

Sunday 19th November

11am **morning worship** led by Graham & Richard Criddle at Belgrave
Reading: Matthew 24:1-3; 36-51

6.15pm **evening service** led by Graham at Belgrave
Reading: Matthew 7:21-27 & 25:1-13

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Hearing loop systems are installed at both our buildings. Please switch hearing aids to 'T' position and let someone know if you have any problems.

For your diary (and for your prayers please):

Mon 20 7:30pm **prayer meeting** at Dosthill

Graham has a week off from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th inclusive. Please contact one of the deacons if you need anything during that time.

Sun 26 11am **morning worship** led by Cath Vernon at Belgrave

6:15pm **evening worship** led by David Grainger at Belgrave

Mon 27 3:34pm **Messy Church** at Dosthill

7:30pm **exploring spiritual gifts (3)** at Belgrave (so no prayer meeting)

Graham's day off is Tuesday 28th

Thur 30 7:30pm **annual general meeting** at Belgrave - all are welcome to attend but only Church members may vote

Sat 2nd 8:30am **prayer breakfast** at Belgrave

This is the start of our Saturdays hosting the **Starfish night shelter**.

Sun 3 11am **morning service** led by Rachel Sage & Graham at Belgrave

6:15pm **evening communion** led by Graham at Belgrave

Christmas Lunch - we are having a Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December at 12 noon at Belgrave. If you would like to come, and even better, to bring a friend, please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard to get tickets.

For our regular weekly events, and our special events,
please see our website: tamworthbaptists.org.uk

Girls Brigade Christmas Fayre

Please come and join the fun on Wednesday 29th November.

Cakes, Beverages, nail painting, arts, crafts, fun.

Organised by the Brigaders. Further info from Sue Silcock.

Notices: If you have any items for next week's notice sheet please send them to **Jo Criddle**, by 7pm on Thursday
email: jo.criddle61@gmail.com or phone 01827 280471

Questions to help you think about today's teaching - to discuss in housegroups, or use at home:

The return of Jesus Matthew 24:1-3; 36-51

1. When was the last time you thought about Jesus' return?
2. What things make it hard to "watch" and "be ready" for it? (v42-44)
3. Looking at v36-41, what one thing is most helpful to you to remind you to "watch" and "be ready"?
4. If you knew for sure that Jesus would come back on Dec 25th this year (you don't!), is there one thing about your life that would change, or something you would do now? Do you think that should happen anyway?
5. Is there one practical thing you want to do through advent to help yourself (and others in the church) "watch" and "be ready"?

Parable of ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-18)

6. Five of the women were described as foolish, while five were described as wise. What do you think these terms mean in this story? Does Matthew 7:24-27 help our understanding?
7. What fundamental mistakes had the "foolish" women made? How do we avoid making similar mistakes?
8. Do you feel prepared to meet with Jesus when he returns? If not, what are you going to do about it?

Today is the final day for nominations to be voted on at the AGM, so if you want to nominate someone for a post please speak with them and submit the nomination today.

Our third "**exploring spiritual gifts**" evening is at 7:30pm on Monday 27th November at Belgrave. Please come along and join us - to gain a deeper understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and what He does in our lives. And even if you didn't get to the first one, its not too late to join in - it would be good to see you.

Night Shelter - UPDATE

We are hosting a night shelter for the homeless at the Belgrave building on Saturday nights through December, January & February. Guests will be with us from 7pm on Saturday to 8am on Sunday. Other churches are doing other nights.

We still need more volunteers to:

- Set up beds etc
- Entertain guests during the evening
- Staff the night shift
- Provide breakfast and packed lunch
- Pack away beds and bedding (perhaps at 10am on Sundays?)

We don't expect people to do all 13 weeks - but we won't stop you! If you volunteered last year, no references are needed, but please let us know what you are able to do and when.

People who are part of a church just need their minister's agreement.

Others will need to provide two references on the form.

You can volunteer for another center if another night is better for you.

We also need:

- pillows (6)
- single duvet covers (7)
- pillow cases (7)
- single bottom sheets (8)

Please let us know asap if you can provide any of these

TRAINING - if you have volunteered or are thinking about doing so, there are training sessions running over the next 10 days. Please try to get to one to find out more.

Thank you to those who attended yesterday evening.

More information is on the letter available in the foyer, or have a chat with Martin Horner, Jo Criddle or Graham.

Please take a volunteer form if you can help and get it back to one of us.

Nicene creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.