



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 26th November

11am **morning worship** led by Cath Vernon at Belgrave
Reading: Matthew 25:14–30

6.15pm **evening service** led by David Grainger at Belgrave
Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16 & Matthew 25:31-46

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to 'T' position and let someone know if you have any problems.*

For your diary (and for your prayers please):

Mon 27 3:45pm **Messy Church** at Dosthill

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

Graham's day off is Tuesday 28th

Wed 29 **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.

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

Sat 2 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

Mon 4 7:30pm **prayer meeting** at Dosthill

Graham's day off is Thursday 7th

Sun 10 11am **parade and nativity** led by Graham at Belgrave

6:15pm **evening worship** 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

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:

Parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

1. "A talent" was a large sum of money. Each of the servants in the parable was given talents according to his ability to prosper the master's business. We do not have large sums of money so how does God equip us to work for and prosper His kingdom today?
2. Can you identify with the man who only received one talent? What would/wouldn't you do differently?
3. Thinking about the consequences in verses 28-30 would this change your actions?
4. God gives us all gifts and abilities are you using yours and if not why not?

Sheep & goats (Ezekiel 34:11-16 & Matthew 25:31-46)

4. Are you a sheep or a goat? How do you know?
5. 'The more we learn to discern Christ challenging us through the poor, the more prepared we shall be to face him on the day of judgement.' Discuss.
6. Identify some of the ways we try to put this into practice in our lives and in the life and work of our Church.

Congratulations to Leigh and Sue on the safe arrival of grandson, Luke Isaac Yaw Danchie. Please pray for Rachel as she recovers from the C-section and for dad Isaac and sister Ivy as they celebrate the arrival of a new member of the family.

Our third "**exploring spiritual gifts**" evening is at 7:30pm tomorrow 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.

TCC Carols - an open air carol service with a difference on Saturday 16th December from 2-3pm in St Editha's Square in Tamworth town centre, with live band. Come and be part of this inter-church event and witness. Wrap up warm!

Carol Singing - we have two opportunities to sing carols to the public - on Monday December 18th outside Asda at Ventura Park from 6-7pm and outside the SnowDome on Wednesday December 20th from 6-7pm (free hot chocolate provided!). Please join us at one or both of these evenings.

St Editha's Book and Fairtrade Shop Christmas Stock



Christmas has arrived at St Editha's shop with our full range of Christmas stock now available. As well as Christmas cards and many gift items we have a wide variety of handcrafted nativity sets and tree decorations. New this year is a range of pillar candles; made in Indonesia these come in a variety of colours and sizes and are all made with sustainably sourced palm wax and are free from paraffin. There are also a large variety of candleholders, which are great for the darker nights.

Our special promotion of children's Christmas books is also now available and is on a 3 for the price of 2 offer. Books include craft and activity books – these are great for keeping children busy in the days running up to Christmas, small, low priced books – great for church give-a-ways, gift books, story collections, books told from a different point of view, e.g. by an animal or angel. There are also books of Christmas poems and jigsaws. There is something for everyone!

Jessica Harrison – Shop Manager