

## 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 25th February Anniversary Sunday 11am and 6:15pm

In our morning service, Dave Criddle will be preaching looking at the theme of God's kingdom coming and His will being done (our text for the year). His particular focus will be on what this means for a church as a community of God's people.

As well as being one of Graham and Jo's sons, Dave is the pastor with responsibility for discipleship and teaching at Gold Hill Baptist Church.

In our evening service we will be exploring, through conversation with Dave and Graham, some of the practical implications of what Dave will have been sharing in the morning. An opportunity to worship, to reflect and to discuss.

Please join with us for both of these services as we celebrate another year of God's faithfulness to us and look forward to the year ahead.



*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 26 3:45 **Messy Church** at Dosthill

7.30pm **prayer meeting** at Dosthill

Graham's day off is Friday 2nd

Sat 3 8:30am **prayer breakfast** at Belgrave

11am - 1pm **learn to crochet** at Belgrave - It would be helpful but not essential to bring a crochet hook and some wool. Everyone is welcome. See Anne Clarke for more information.

Sun 4 11am **Sunday celebration** led by David Grainger at Belgrave

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

Mon 5 7:30pm **prayer meeting** at Dosthill

Graham's day off is Friday 9th

Sun 11 11am **all-age Church** led by Graham at Belgrave

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

For our regular weekly events, and our special events,  
please see our website: [tamworthbaptists.org.uk](http://tamworthbaptists.org.uk)

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**Contact**

**Notices:** If you have any items for next week's notice sheet please send them to **Jo Criddle**, by 7pm on Thursday  
email: [jo.cridle61@gmail.com](mailto:jo.cridle61@gmail.com) or phone 01827 280471

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

"Your kingdom come" (Luke 14:15-24 )

1. Jesus tells this parable in response to a statement made by someone. What was the heart behind this statement, and why does Jesus tell this story in response?
2. In the parable are several characters: the owner of the house, the servant, those who are invited first, the poor, crippled, blind and lame, and the final group who are invited. How much do you associate with each group? Which group do feel you would most WANT to associate with?
3. Who do you think the people who make excuses are in the story? Are there people like that today? Are we ever guilty of that kind of attitude?
4. If we are honest, are there people who we struggle with the idea of them being included in God's Kingdom and would find it easier if they weren't invited? Are there ways our actions might betray that attitude?
5. How can we, in our everyday lives, make room for people who might ordinarily feel excluded?
6. Why do you think Jesus uses the image of a banquet in the first place?
7. Who are you inviting to the banquet? What has their response been so far? And what are you going to do next?

**Night Shelter** we have now hosted our last night shelter for this winter, thank you to all who have helped in any way. There are several bags of bedding that needs to be washed. If you could take a load, get it washed, dried and folded (no ironing needed!) that would be a great help.

Our vision is that we will be a church of "whole-life disciples" who treasure every moment as an opportunity to live as fully-committed followers of Jesus Christ.

## **St Editha's Book and Fairtrade Shop - Fairtrade Fortnight**

Every year the Fairtrade Foundation has a two-week celebration of all things fairtrade in order to promote the importance of choosing fairtrade items. This year Fairtrade Fortnight begins on Monday 26th February and runs until Sunday 11th March. The theme this year is "Come On In" – the idea being that fairtrade opens doors for producers but also that we can open the door ourselves and choose to buy fairtrade products. The alternative to fairtrade is exploitation and injustice – we can choose fairness and justice when we do our shopping.

At St Editha's shop we'll be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight by inviting you to "Come on in" and try our goods. Each day we'll have samples of fairtrade foods for you to try. We will also have lots of information on the importance of fairtrade and what it means for the producers and we'll be collecting for Traidcraft Exchange's "Hidden Entrepreneur" campaign.

Jessica Harrison – Shop Manager

**Women's World Day of Prayer** is coming up on the 2nd March (always first Friday of March) and there are two services planned - one by the Tamworth branch and one by the Mease Valley branch but they will be the same service.

Women's world day of prayer is a day when churches all over the world follow the same service in their own language that has been put together by women from a particular country - this year it is Suriname.

The services are interactive, colourful and involve many people taking part. The Tamworth service is preceded by refreshments and followed by a lunch. The Mease Valley service will have refreshments and cake.

They are open to anyone to attend - not just women!

See the noticeboard for the flyer.

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is a national debt counselling charity with a network of 306 centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution to anyone in debt through its unique, in-depth, free and confidential service.

The Tamworth Centre is based at our Belgrave building, Joy Dean is the centre manager, please speak to her for more information.

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