



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 November

11am **Sunday celebration**

led by Rachel Sage & Graham - Reading: John 21:15-23

6.15pm **evening celebration** led by Graham

Reading: John 15:1-27

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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 prayers - all at Belgrave unless otherwise noted:

Mon 26 7:00pm **Alpha week 11 (final week)**

Graham's day off is Tuesday 27th

Thur 29 7:30pm **Church AGM** - all are welcome but only members may vote.
Please speak with one of the leaders if you want to know more.

Sat 1 **Boys Brigade Anchor boys Christmas fun day**
8:30am **Prayer Breakfast**

Sun 2 11am **Sunday celebration** led by Graham
6:15pm **communion celebration** led by Graham

Mon 3 there is a **ladies carol service at St Pauls** in the evening (perhaps 8pm?). If you would like to go, have a word with Esme who might be able to co-ordinate lifts

Graham's day off is Friday 7th

Sun 9 11am **nativity and all-age church** led by Graham
6:15pm **evening celebration** led by Graham

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

Tamworth Churches Carol Events

Carol Singing

- * Thursday 13th December in The Fox Inn, Lichfield Road, 7.30-8.30pm
- * Tuesday 18th December in the SnowDome Foyer, 6.30-7.30pm
- * Thursday 20th December outside Asda, 6.30-7.30pm (dress warmly – followed by a hot drink)

TCC Carols

- * An outdoor carol service with live band, Saturday 22nd December, 2.00-3.00pm, Tamworth Town Hall

December Prayer Diary: apologies but we won't be able to produce a prayer diary for December. But please do take time to pray for our church family, for opportunities to share with people the wonderful story of Jesus, for the special Christmas events we are planning, for people to meet with Jesus in a powerful and life-changing way.

Christmas cards

We invite all members of the fellowship to send just ONE Christmas card to everyone at Tamworth Baptist church and give a donation to our Christmas Charity for 2018 which is "Spurgeon's Child Care" in lieu of buying cards. You can give the donation to David Thompson or put it in the offering in an envelope marked "Spurgeon's Child Care". The cards addressed to the whole fellowship will be displayed in the foyer. If you also want to send cards to individuals within the church, please hand them to them personally as we will not be operating the card table this year.

CAP Christmas hampers

Joy is putting together some Christmas hampers for her clients. It would be great if people could donate items to add. Eg chocolates, nice toiletries, treats that they could never buy, cakes, mince pies, school, candles, even maybe crackers. Please watch the sell by dates on any food.

Dosthill building: we have appointed a surveyor to advise on selling the building at Dosthill, and he is also marketing it for us. We expect marketing information to start going out this week (or shortly afterwards) including a sales board on the building, adverts in the local papers etc. Please pray for wisdom and God's leading as we work through this process.

WiFi network: We have recently upgraded the WiFi network at Belgrave and it should now be available throughout the building. If you want to access it please use the Network "xxxxxxxxxxxxx" with the password "xxxxxxxxxxxxx". Please speak with Graham if you have any problems.

Night Shelter: we are doing quite well for volunteers, but could do with someone else to help transport the beds and bags please. This involves picking the beds and bags up from church on a Sunday morning, loading into a vehicle and taking to St Johns church and offloading them at St Johns. If you can help or want more info then please speak to Martin.

Discipleship - thinking a bit more

We're coming to the end of our series on discipleship so here are two books that are well worth reading.



The Radical Disciple by John Stott

talks about “wholehearted Christian living”. Here Stott calls on believers in Jesus to submit themselves to the authority of Jesus in all aspects of their lives focussing on eight different things that will mean:

- Not-conforming to the world around us
- Becoming more like Jesus
- Becoming mature Christians
- Caring for God’s creation
- Living simple lives
- Balancing different things we are called to be
- Depending on God
- Being prepared to die

In His Steps by Charles Sheldon

is a very different book. It’s a fictional story of a mysterious stranger who appears in town and pleads with people to care for the poor and the struggling in society. The stranger - in his first public appearance - speaks up during a church service and asks the question “What do you Christians mean by following the steps of Jesus?” and gives lots of examples where they could be doing so but don’t seem to be. Responding to his challenging questions, the church minister and five key people in the town commit themselves to live differently for one year - to live following the example and teaching of Jesus. It makes a tremendous impact on them, on the people around them, the places they work.

Please get hold of one (or both!), read and engage prayerfully with it.

If you find it difficult to get one, please let Graham know and he can order it for you.

And if you like the idea of being part of a “book club” where you could read a chapter of one of the books each week and then get together to discuss, please let Graham know.