



St Editha's Amington
following **Jesus** together



John said to them all: 'I baptise you with water; but there is one coming who is mightier than I am. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.'
Luke 3.16 (REV)

Sunday 16 December 2018 (Advent 3)

08:45 Holy Communion

Readings: Luke 3.7-18 and Zephaniah 3.14-end
Leader, Preacher & President: Revd Ben Green

10:30 Morning Service

Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-end
Leader & Preacher: Ray Skarratt

18:30 Carols by Candlelight – come early if you want a seat!

Lessons and carols, featuring Amington Band
Leader: Sue Joyce, Preacher: Revd Ben Green

Prayer of the Week

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

The new church family prayer cards are available at the back of church.

Noticeboard



Calling all Christingle Makers!

After the 10:30 service next week we are having a Christingle making party. We need to put together over 150 Christingles to give out at our services on Christmas Eve. If you can plan to have a slightly later than normal lunch, and help out, that would be great!

Kitchenette Appeal

If you can donate towards the cost of installing some kitchen facilities at the back of church, please use the yellow envelopes and write 'kitchenette' across the top – and if you pay tax, please fill it in so we can claim an extra 25% on your gift.

There are plans at the back of church, which have been approved by the PCC.



We raised over £300 at the Xmas Party!

Thank You!

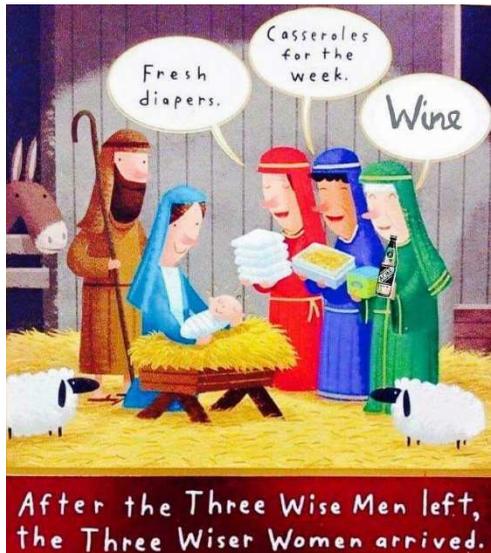
Can you help?

On Saturday 22 December from 2-3pm TCC are having a carol service with live band, outside Tamworth Town Hall.

If you'd like to volunteer as a steward, please speak to Janet Wilson or Ben.

Weekly Envelopes

The (purple) regular giving envelopes for 2019 are now available – if you want to know more please speak to Geoff and Jan.



Make Space for Prayer

Ask God to bless those who live in...

- Sunningdale, Troon, St Andrews and Juniper.

Give thanks for...

- The Christmas party: for the enjoyment it gave, the people who came and everyone who helped!
- The opportunity to sing carols at the Pretty Pigs, and those with whom we spoke afterwards.
- Amington Heath Primary School's recent Ofsted inspection – it is now rated 'good' (previously it was 'requires improvement')! Give thanks for all the teachers (particularly the head teacher Mrs Davies) who have worked so hard for this amazing result.

Pray for...

- The Prime Minister and Parliament, for wise decisions concerning Brexit and the ability to heal the divisions within the country.
- The lonely, the homeless and anyone who finds Christmas time difficult, particularly the recently bereaved.
- The tenants of TCHA, for an increase in aspiration.
- All who are unwell, especially: Janet Wyatt, Rita Harris, Pauline Woodward, Christine Gough, Don and Rosemary Baxter, Julia Pinner, Jean Austin and all on the monthly prayer list.
- The family and friends of Tony Ruff and Bernice Stansfield, and all those who mourn.

Christmas Events and Services

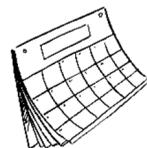
Events and services taking place this week are on the back page.

Mo 24/12	15:00 & 17:00	Rock that Manger! (Church)
	23:30	Midnight Communion (Church)
Tu 25/12	10:00	The Saviour is Born (Church)
Su 30/12	10:30	Morning Service (Church)
	18:30	Holy Communion (Church)



This Week

- Mo 17/12 13:30 Home Group (109 Sheepcote Lane – 312215)
19:00 End of Alpha Party (57 Sharpe Street – 62573)
- Tu 18/12 18:30 TCC Carols (Snowdome Foyer)
19:00 Carol Singing around Amington (meet at OSH) –
with mulled wine and nibbles afterwards
Home groups are not meeting tonight
- We 19/12 19:30 TCHA Christmas Evening (OSH)
for tenants, but members of the church are invited
- Th 20/12 09:15 Ark Christmas Party (Church – 312215)
14:00 Amington Heath Primary Christmas Service (Church)
19:00 Band Practice (Church)
- Fr 21/12 09:30 Friday Prayers (Church)
- Sa 22/12 09:00 Saturday Prayers (OSH)
19:00 PCC Party (Vicarage)
- Su 23/12 10:30 Morning Service (Church)
**After this service we will be making Christingles –
please stick around if you can help!**
18:30 No Service



Rotas

Cleaners (21/12): Revd Ben Green

Flowers (23/12): Mrs Holland

Sidespeople (23/12):

10:30 Joyce Madeley

**We desperately need more
people to help – particularly on
the cleaning rota.**

If you think you could help,
please speak to Ben or Carol
about what it involves. The more
people on the rota, the less
frequently everyone has to do it!

What happened to the man who
stole an advent calendar?

He got 25 days.



What's white and goes up?

A confused snowflake.