



Amington PARISH CHURCH
following Jesus together

WELCOME

Advent 3 | Sunday 13 December 2020

Bible Luke 2.8-14 'Joy' – with Sue Joyce

Online Service with Holy Communion

+ Children's Church (from 9am)

www.amington.church/next-service

Services in the church building are currently suspended

**However if you would like to use the church for private prayer,
please contact Carol Chadwick to arrange a time.**

Prayer of the Week

The prayer calendar is on the back page... don't miss it!

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.



Important Information

Daily Prayer www.amington.church/daily-prayer (every morning at 6am)

Night Prayer www.amington.church/night-prayer (every evening at 8pm)

Subscribe to our YouTube channel www.amington.church/youtube

Staffordshire County Council has identified Amington as a COVID-19 hotspot. All residents are being asked to take a test, whether we have symptoms or not. Please visit the website for more info and to book a test: www.amington.church/hotspot

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Ben's day off is currently **Monday**
The office is open most Tuesdays and Thursdays



= new or updated

Christmas Services & Events



Services in the church building – we were going to hold some services in the church building at Christmas. However the news that Amington is a COVID hotspot prompted further discussion in the leadership team: as a result we have decided the risk is too high to hold services in the church building, or sing carols on The Green (which many have asked for). I am sure many of you will be disappointed – as am I! – but we need to set a good example, and not put people at unnecessary risk.

Doorstep Carols 6pm Wednesday 16 December



www.doorstepcarols.co.uk (for info & to download words)

Like Clap for Carers... but with Carol singing! Local radio stations (including BBC WM and BBC Sounds) will be broadcasting live carols for people around the country to join in on our doorsteps (or in our gardens I suppose!).

Carol Service 6.30pm Sunday 20 December

Our Carols by Candlelight service is a highlight of the year for many. This year it will be broadcast via our YouTube channel, starting at 6.30pm. **Unlike our other online services, we will all be watching together; so if you're late you'll miss the beginning, just like a normal service!** The recording will be available in full afterwards – online and as a DVD



for those without internet access – please call the church office for a copy. **Immediately after the service we will have a Zoom chat – have mulled wine and mince pies ready!** – details will be shared during the service.

Make Your Own Christingle from 3pm Christmas Eve



This year we will be making our own Christingles during the service! We will provide a kit containing everything but the fruit – (the kit will contain a laminated picture of an orange, just in case). **This is not just for children** – we are planning to have enough kits for grown-ups too, so don't be shy about asking for a kit for yourself. To request a kit please call the office or fill in the form on our website: www.amington.church/christingle.

Help! If you can help make Christingle kits please contact the church office.

Noticeboard

Reverse Advent Calendar

Instead of taking things out, why not put things in! This year you have two options – please support one, or both...

TCHA



Please collect:

cutlery, kitchen utensils (wooden spoons, spatulas), mugs, bowls, dinner plates, side plates, towels, tea towels.

Other essential items (e.g. toiletries) are always welcome as well.

Foodbank



Please collect any food **except** (i.e. please **don't** bring!): pasta, rice, dry spaghetti, UHT milk.



Please place items in the boxes and leave (under cover!) by the back door of the vicarage. The last day for accepting donations will be 23 December.

Christmas Lunch

This year the Tamworth Christian Churches Christmas Day lunch is 'meals on wheels'.

If you or someone you know would like a meal, please contact Ben, or Vic & Wendy Van Den Bergh on (01827) 65926.

Church Building Closed

Because we are in Tier 3, the PCC has decided not to reopen the church building for services. However it can be opened for private prayer – please contact Carol to arrange a time.

What's happening instead?

We continue to produce the following resources, which are available by email or by post:

- The weekly news sheet (with the church family prayer calendar on the back page)
- Daily Prayer (with a Proverb or two and the prayer calendar)

The future

Although we don't know how long this situation will last, as soon as it is permitted (and safe) we will open the church building for services again.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for:

- † All those recently bereaved, especially the family and friends of the late Lorraine Bell, Elka Dodd, and Ernest Jelphs.
- † TCHA staff and tenants.
- † Rough sleepers, and all those who are isolated – especially given the new lockdown restrictions.
- † Medical staff and emergency workers, who are putting themselves in harm's way to keep the rest of us safe and well.
- † Political leaders, for wise decisions – especially as cases rise.

Prayer Calendar

Even if you don't know someone you can still ask God to bless them by name!

SUN	13/12	Kath Hastilow, Pauline Sawle, Michael Ackroyd	Marriages & Family Life
MON	14/12	Peter & Jane Sheppard, John & Cathy Ward	Tamworth Christian Churches (TCC)
TUE	15/12	Young Family (Blithe, Mo, Quincy, Richard)	Church Wardens (Carol & John)
WED	16/12	Muriel Smith, Albert Pegg, Simon Garratt	Leaders of Church Groups
THU	17/12	Hazel Lawson, Olive Carter, Julia Pinner	Overseas Mission Partners
FRI	18/12	Taylor Family (Alex, Chris, Holly, John, Ruby)	Place of Welcome
SAT	19/12	Irene Davies, Rita Harris, Alan & Joyce Page	Local Councillors
SUN	20/12	Janet Wilson, Catriona Paton, Joyce Moore	Baptism Candidates & Families