



**Amington** PARISH CHURCH  
*following Jesus together*

**WELCOME**

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## Epiphany 1 | Sunday 10 January 2021

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**National C of E Service – link available here:**

[www.amington.church/next-service](http://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**

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## Christmas Services Catch-Up

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**All our services are still online here: [www.amington.church/christmas](http://www.amington.church/christmas)**

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## Prayer of the Week

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

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



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## Important Information

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**'God's eyes are open, and his ears are attentive to our prayers'**

2 Chronicles 7.16

**Daily Prayer** [www.amington.church/daily-prayer](http://www.amington.church/daily-prayer) (every morning at 6am)

**Night Prayer** [www.amington.church/night-prayer](http://www.amington.church/night-prayer) (every evening at 8pm)

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## Noticeboard

### Church Family Quiz

The quiz night is back!

We won't be fundraising this time... but **the Cornerstone Cup** will be up for grabs...

**7.30pm on Saturday 30 January** – via our YouTube channel as usual, live from the vicarage.

We play in household teams – but if you want to join forces with another household using video chat / old-fashioned telephone, please do!

There will be a special round on... well, you'll just have to join in to find out...

### Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Foodbank and TCHA during Advent. The boxes were full to overflowing each week!

If you'd like to carry on collecting, both need support throughout the year – you will need to deliver things directly to them rather than the vicarage though.

### Church Building Closed

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 prayer calendar)

### The future

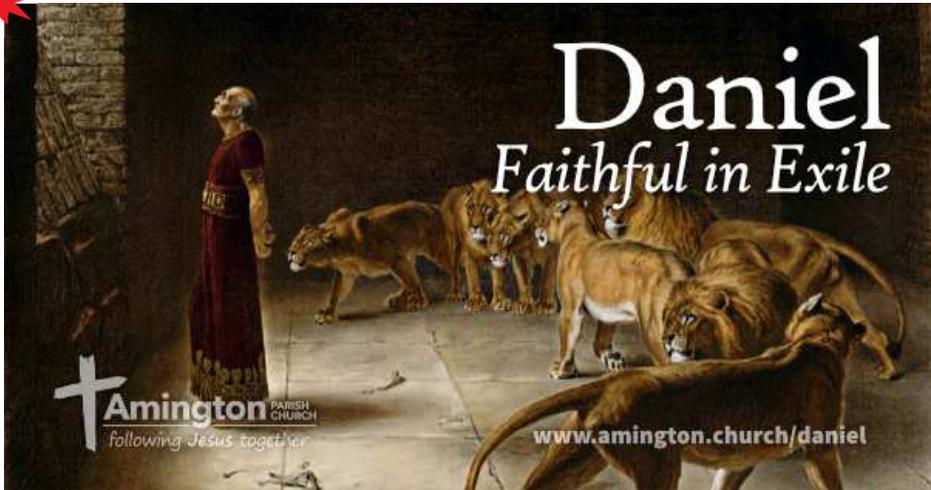
Although we don't know how long this situation will last, as soon as it is permitted (and safe) we will open the church building for services again.

*Our Church Family  
by Children's Church*





New teaching series starting on Sunday 17 January 2021...



**Daniel's situation was shocking – how could God allow his land to be conquered, his people exiled, his temple defiled?**

But what is more shocking than the defeat of God's people, is the way God called Daniel to live in Babylon, and gave him gifts far beyond his training, so he could work to the benefit of God's enemies.

Let that sink in for a minute. We tend to look down on collaborators, and praise resistance fighters – and yet Daniel was a collaborator *par excellence*; he even ended up as one of their chief officials!

So the question for Daniel and his fellow exiles was this: 'How can we live in an alien and hostile culture, without selling out?'

Daniel did that by constantly acknowledging God and giving him the glory, not allowing himself to be assimilated, refusing to engage in idolatry, and by praying every day, never forgetting his home, or his God.

The dreams – disturbing as they are – reveal and lift the veil on normally hidden spiritual realities. They both warn and encourage God's people, that worldly kingdoms 'are God's will for now, but not forever'. The Ancient of Days *is* sovereign (even though it might feel like he isn't), and one day the Son of Man *will* usher in God's perfect and everlasting rule.

**Until then, with Daniel, we are called to serve God faithfully and patiently in exile. Can we do that without selling out?**

# For Your Prayers

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## Please pray for:

- † All those recently bereaved, especially the family and friends of the late Ernest Jelphs, and Connor & Jaxon Heenan.
- † TCHA staff and tenants.
- † Rough sleepers, and all those who are isolated – especially through the cold winter months.
- † 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

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

<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/01</b>	Ann Birbeck, Robert Birbeck, Helen Thompson	TCHA Tenants & Staff, Starfish
<b>MON</b>	<b>11/01</b>	Wayne, Claire & Jude Pinner- Rosenbach	Church Musicians
<b>TUE</b>	<b>12/01</b>	Robins Family (Daniel, Joanna, Rachel, Steve)	PCC & Standing Committee
<b>WED</b>	<b>13/01</b>	Kath Hastilow, Pauline Sawle, Michael Ackroyd	Marriages & Family Life
<b>THU</b>	<b>14/01</b>	Peter & Jane Sheppard, John & Cathy Ward	Tamworth Christian Churches (TCC)
<b>FRI</b>	<b>15/01</b>	Young Family (Blithe, Mo, Quincy, Richard)	Church Wardens (Carol & John)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>16/01</b>	Muriel Smith, Albert Pegg, Simon Garratt	Leaders of Church Groups
<b>SUN</b>	<b>17/01</b>	Hazel Lawson, Olive Carter, Julia Pinner	Overseas Mission Partners