

# News Across Tamworth Deanery

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF GLASCOTE AND STONYDELPH



- We are continuing to make arrangements for the retirement of Gary and Avril in May. There will be a special service of thanksgiving for 37 years of ministry in St George's at 2pm on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The service will be followed by tea and cakes. All members of the Deanery are warmly invited to this service as we say farewell to faithful servants of God and send them onto the next stage of their journey with our blessings for a happy and fruitful retirement.
- We will be holding short services every evening during Holy Week; everyone is welcome. Here are the details for Mon-Thurs

### **Monday at St Martin's 7pm**

Poured out (John 12.1-11)

Prayer Stations

### **Tuesday at St George's 7pm**

Followers (John 12.20-26, 35-36)

Focus on worship/praise, with short reflections

### **Wednesday at St Peter's 7pm**

Betrayed (John 13.21-32)

Reflection on words/images/music/film

### **Thursday at St Martin's 7pm**

Humbled (John 13.1-17)

Maundy Thursday service

## NEWS FROM WIGGINTON PARISH

[www.wigginton-stleonard-stjames.org.uk](http://www.wigginton-stleonard-stjames.org.uk)



- Wigginton Parish have written and produced a professionally printed prayer book that is now on sale for £7.50. Please contact us on Facebook or via the Vicarage for your copy.

- As part of Wigginton's commitment to improving well being there is a walking group 'Wigginton Wanderers' that meets on the 1st Monday of every month at 2pm from St. Leonard's Carpark, usually a walk 3 to 5 miles in the local area.
- 20th April there is a garden tidy up and tea party at St. Leonard's.
- Men's breakfast group meets 1st Saturday of every month at 9.30am at Hopwas, Red Lion Pub.
- The next Guided Meditation takes place at Spital Chapel at 11am, 4th April.
- The end of the Faith Matters Course classes take place in St. Leonard's Hall on 14th and 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm; it's not too late to come along.

There will be a Stations of the Cross display in church all week during Holy Week, from Monday morning to the early evening of Good Friday. It is a repeat of the one we used last year from Open Doors highlighting the plight of the Persecuted Church. Stories from our sisters and brothers living in the 50 worst countries in the world to be a Christian. They are stories of hope and faith despite the terrible circumstances.

### **GOOD FRIDAY MORNING – JOINT TCC SERVICE**

On the morning of Good Friday we will be holding our usual TCC/Deanery joint event as follows:

**9.30am** Meet at New Look Ventura for a Walk of Witness to St Editha's Square. There will be Prayer Stations on the way.

**10.30am** Service in St Editha's Square

Please join in with this act of witness to Tamworth if you are able.



**Please pray for:**

Holy Week and Easter services in all our churches  
 Gary and Avril as they prepare for retirement  
 All our clergy in the run up to Easter  
 The Good Friday witness  
 People to come to a living faith in God

### **Church Tent Staffordshire County Show 29th & 30th May 2024**

**AIM:** The Church Tent is at the Staffordshire County Show to be a visible presence of God in the 'marketplace.' We are there to provide hospitality, prayer, rest and space.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To provide hospitality and refreshments
- To provide a place of prayer in the marketplace
- To be available, to offer all the above across all ages and abilities without preference or discrimination.

**Volunteers needed:**

Are you available on Wednesday 29th or Thursday 30th May 2024?

Do you like to chat and drink tea/coffee/squash and eat biscuits?

Could you talk about your faith? Or listen to others as they share their faith/or no faith stories?

**Then we need your help.**

The Lichfield Diocese hosts a Marquee: aptly named the 'Church Tent' at the Stafford County Show, we are encouraging anyone with a passion for caring about Christ and sharing the love of Christ with strangers.

The Church tent, provides refreshments and a safe haven on the two show days and we in return receive fellowship and some amazing stories.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Church Tent Co-ordinator: Revd Nicola Busby (Tamworth Deanery: Mease Valley Benefice) for more details.

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