

# **Sunday 7th December 2025**

Welcome to our advent service today. Whether you are joining us at the **Tove Valley Centre** or **Weston Baptist Chapel** we hope you enjoy your time with us. If you are a visitor, please fill in a Connect Card – just ask one of the Welcome Team members.



#### **Advent and Christmas at TVBF**

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Date	Time	Event	Further details		
Thursday, 4 December	7.15 for 7.30pm	Members' meeting	TVC. Please bring a reusable cup for tea or coffee.		
Sunday, 7 December	10.30am	Sunday service with communion	Advent 2: Peace. An offering will be taken for the Fellowship Fund.		
	3.00- 5.00pm	Messy Church	TVC. Advent-themed service. Book for the meal at <a href="tvbf.co.uk/messychurch">tvbf.co.uk/messychurch</a>		
Sunday, 14 December	10.30am	Sunday service	Weston: Advent 3: Joy TVC: Nativity service		
	1.00pm	Fellowship Christmas lunch	Fully booked. If you can no longer use your place, please tell Su Brazell.		
	3.00pm	Carols at The Plough	Join us after lunch to sing carols in The Plough on Watling Street.		
Sunday, 21 December	10.30am	Sunday service Traditional carol service.			
	7.00pm	Christmas carol concert	TVC. Including performance pieces from our Christmas choir.		
Thursday, 25 December	10.00am	Christmas Day service	A brief service at TVC.		
Sunday, 28 December	10.30am	Sunday service A service of reflection at the end of the year.			

### **Home Groups**

If you are interested in joining a midweek Home Group, please email <a href="mailto:info@tvbf.co.uk">info@tvbf.co.uk</a> or call the church office, and we will help you find a good fit.





#### **Regular activities**

Mondays, 7.00-8.00pm Youth small group at TVC

Tuesdays, 10.00am-noon Coffee Stop at Weston Chapel

Thursdays, 2.00-4.00pm Art club at Weston. £5 per session, including all painting

materials. Contact: <a href="mailto:emifa@btinternet.com">emifa@btinternet.com</a>

Fridays, 1.30-3.00pm TVC Afternoon tea. Contact: <a href="https://example.com/heatherjames147@btinternet.com">heatherjames147@btinternet.com</a>

Fridays, 6.30-7.45pm Youth Club for ages 7-12 Contact: <a href="mailto:youth@tvbf.co.uk">youth@tvbf.co.uk</a>
Fridays, 8.00-9.30pm Youth Club for ages 12-18 Contact: <a href="mailto:youth@tvbf.co.uk">youth@tvbf.co.uk</a>

Sundays, 9.15-10.15am Pre-service prayer. TVC. Meeting room 2

#### **Prayer needs**

Throughout the year we are praying for those in our church by name, a few each week. Please pray for each of them as the Lord leads you.

**This week, pray for:** Jim and Rosemary Fischer, Nina Fischer, Ian Gill and Terry and Jenny Gillard.

- Michelle's mum is back in hospital and having more tests. Please pray that all tests will be done quickly and her potassium levels will recover.
- Becki Simpson has a significant operation on 4 December, and would gratefully appreciate prayer: that anxiety doesn't get the better of her and she will feel God's peace over her and the staff throughout.
- John and Anne Pendry send their grateful thanks for your prayers for John. He is now home from hospital, but still awaiting his MRI.
- Mark Senior is recovering well at home and improving daily. Please pray for a full recovery.
- Please continue to pray for God's peace, comfort and healing for others in and connected to our fellowship, including: Sylvia Baxter, Johnny Burridge, Neville Campbell-Hall, Sophia Daniel, Steve Gatehouse, Val Gilsenan, Arthur Hughes and Tony Limb. Pray too for Rachel Maxwell and the family, following John's death.

If you have a prayer need, or would like to receive regular prayer updates by email, please contact <a href="mailto:prayer@tvbf.co.uk">prayer@tvbf.co.uk</a>.

#### **Christmas at TVBF**

Our flyers advertising our Christmas services and events are now available. Please take as many as you need to give to neighbours and friends.

### Messy Church – Advent

We're looking forward to our next Messy Church, on **Sunday, 7 December, at 3.00-5.00pm**. As usual there will be a meal as well as activities, worship and learning. Please register at tybf.co.uk/messychurch for catering purposes.



Also, please note that from January, Messy Church will be on the **third Sunday of the month**, not the first. Join us again on 18 January 2026.

## Communion service this Sunday – 7 December

Due to the Nativity service and other Christmas events coming up, we will take communion at TVC this Sunday, 7 December. All who consider themselves Christians are welcome to participate.

We will also take up a free will offering for the Fellowship Fund, which is designated for helping those in our fellowship who are in need. If you are part of the church and have a need, please don't hesitate to contact the elders.

#### Fellowship Christmas lunch – fully booked

The Christmas Lunch on 14 December is now fully booked, and there are no more spaces available. If you've booked a space that you can no longer use, please let Su know so that it can be offered to someone else. Thank you <a href="mailto:su.brazell@outlook.com">su.brazell@outlook.com</a>

## **Everyone Everywhere – 7 February**

Everyone Everywhere is a Baptist Union mission to encourage personal evangelism and small communities in ordinary situations. They are hosting a conference on **Saturday, 7 February 10.00am-3.30pm** at Stony Stratford Community Church and a number of us will be attending. The conference is free but you need to book.

Learn more and book in at: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/BUEveryone">bit.ly/BUEveryone</a> Then let Stuart know so he can coordinate transport for those who need it <a href="mailto:info@tvbf.co.uk">info@tvbf.co.uk</a>

## Give as you Live Online

Are you shopping online for Christmas, trips or just normal shopping? You can raise funds for TVBF as you shop at no extra cost to you.

Simply go to giveasyoulive.com, and register your charity as **Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship**. Browse the list of shops, travel and entertainment sites listed, and see if the one you are looking for is included. Click through from the link to the usual website, and the company will donate a percentage of your purchase costs to TVBF.

### Prayer for our mission partners

#### Vicky Bolton - YWAM

In January, Vicky will be moving from The King's Lodge in Nuneaton, where she has lived for many years, to the YWAM base in Harpenden. This will be a big change for her. Please pray for her as this move approaches:

- As I enter a new season of the prophetic I would be able to increase in intimacy with God, obedience and fear of the Lord. I would find key people who will sharpen me as I move to Harpenden
- The short term: That a creative solution from the Lord would be found before
  January and that I would be able to have a private bedroom. (And kitchen
  would be such a blessing)
- The very long term: That I would follow step by step on the journey into my long term future home and everything he has for me.
- That I would meet key people he wants in my life for such a time as this and that I will grow and rise up into all he wants me to.

#### **Key contacts**

If you want more information, or would like someone to talk to or pray with, please contact any of the following people.

Stuart Conway, pastor	01327 577 019	pastor@tvbf.co.uk
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Joe Cleaver, church secretary	01327 204 801	secretary@tvbf.co.uk
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Paul Suter, treasurer	07497 029 724	treasurer@tvbf.co.uk
Rosemary Gulliver, contact for Weston	01295 760 720	weston@tvbf.co.uk
For issues with our building or grounds		fabric@tvbf.co.uk
For pastoral care needs		pastoralcare@tvbf.co.uk

#### **Sunday service resources**

If you are unable to join us in person on Sundays, the service from Towcester is streamed on YouTube at 10.30am: <a href="mailto:youtube.com/@tvbf/streams">youtube.com/@tvbf/streams</a> Our latest message video and resources are available to download from: <a href="mailto:tvbf.co.uk/message">tvbf.co.uk/message</a>



Any queries please contact Dave Middling: <a href="mailto:comms@tvbf.co.uk">comms@tvbf.co.uk</a>