

Post of Team Vicar in The Parish of Glascoate and Stonydelph

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Parish Profile 2026



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THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD

A word of welcome to the Diocese of Lichfield

Cradled at the intersection of the Midlands and the North, and the interface between England and Wales, the Diocese of Lichfield is the ancient centre of Christianity in what was the Kingdom of Mercia.

St Chad, Lichfield's first Bishop, journeyed around Mercia with heavenly hope and the good news of Christ's resurrection. He believed that there was 'a new opening for the gospel' in Mercia. Many people became followers of Jesus.

Accounts of the apostles' journeys, as they travelled in the power of the Spirit, with little other than the stories of Christ's life, crucifixion and resurrection, were Chad's only companions. His plan to walk Mercia was as daring in its simplicity and boldness as God trusting the gospel first to the shepherds and then to just twelve apostles.

Chad set out believing that he would bear fruit, and that the kingdom of God would grow. Bede describes Chad as 'humble, devout, zealous and apostolic'.

Today, in our much more complex world, I recognise a similar opening for the Gospel in these parts and I invite you to join with me in seizing this opportunity to follow Christ in the humble, devout, zealous and apostolic footsteps of St Chad.

Over the centuries, we have become immersed in Chad's legacy - as we are immersed in Christ at baptism. Chad's church of ordinary Mercian people became a growing community of Christian faith through the example of Chad's pilgrim life and ministry pointing to Jesus. This must have encouraged him in his arduous and sacrificial journey for the sake of the gospel. To truly follow Christ in Chad's footsteps today, we must be committed to this life and ministry. **This is zealous.**

Chad's legacy of a vibrant community of faith leads us today to charge our clergy with nurturing, outside weekly worship, confident knowledge of the faith handed down to us. Such faith is characterised by a readiness in each member of our worshipping communities to speak about what Jesus Christ means in their lives and how they are being shaped by him. Doing this, we will recognise and rejoice in the gifts of all those, lay and ordained, who contribute to the life and ministry of our churches. **This is apostolic.**

Our clergy should take responsibility for their own flourishing and effectiveness, supported by the wellbeing and learning programmes in development and through prioritising participation in peer support and review. Chad would have been spurred on seeing God's unfolding plan in Mercia, just as the flourishing of the gifts of all God's people can contribute to our clergy's human flourishing and effectiveness as ministers. **This is humble.**

Together, as the Body of Christ in this place, reflecting Chad's legacy in giving priority to purposeful evangelism, creative engagement with local communities, and to becoming more diverse and growing

younger, our trajectory is given full expression in our diocesan strategy, 'Seeking the Kingdom'. It is a manifesto for what I invite us by God's grace to achieve as a diocese.

If we are to truly follow in Chad's footsteps together, we will go forward with his devotion to prayer. So doing, we will go believing that God will be faithful and will build his kingdom. **This is devout.**

Our journey together begins with our vision prayer:

As we follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad, we pray that the two million people in our diocese encounter a church that is confident in the gospel, knows and loves its communities, and is excited to find you, O God already at work in your world. We pray for a church that reflects the richness and variety of those communities. We pray for a church that partners with others in seeking the common good, working for justice as a people of hope.

+ Michael

Joining God's Mission: Seeking the Kingdom Together



Thank you for taking the time to explore this parish profile. Across the Diocese of Lichfield and the Wolverhampton Episcopal Area, we are committed to the vision of Seeking the Kingdom — a call to grow in faith, share hope, and serve our communities with confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To this end, we have committed ourselves to prayerful dependence on God, collaborative ministry, and courageous mission. With a shared desire to deepen discipleship and vocation, prioritise evangelism, nurture younger generations, grow in diversity, and engage every community in Christ's love, we are marching forward in confident hope, trusting God to renew and revive his Church among us.

We are seeking leaders to join us in this joyful work: pastors rooted in Scripture, attentive to their communities, and eager to foster vibrant, outward-looking churches.

I warmly invite you to read this profile prayerfully, listening for where God may be calling you to serve. May the Holy Spirit guide your discernment, and may you recognise the opportunities for faithful witness and kingdom growth that await you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



The Rt Revd Dr Tim Wambunya
Bishop of Wolverhampton



Welcome to the Parish of Glasgote and Stonydelph

Joined together in Christ to reach those who do not know Christ

Introduction

Glasgote and Stonydelph is a parish of approximately 25,000 people that lies to the east of Tamworth in Staffordshire. It comprises of three areas – Glasgote, Glasgote Heath and Stonydelph. Each area is served by a District Church.

The area represents 32 percent of Tamworth's 79,000 people. Our Parish is 20 miles north-east of Birmingham, 35 miles from Nottingham and only 10 miles from Lichfield Cathedral.

Tamworth

Whilst Tamworth is seen as a market town, it actually has all the characteristics of a small city with the benefits and problems that this brings.

Tamworth grew rapidly in the post war years as it soaked up overspill from the West Midlands conurbation to the southwest and the population grew significantly in the 1970s and 1980s.

The town, and its surrounding areas, has developed greatly in the last 40 years and now has modern shopping areas, offers a variety of leisure-time pursuits, including our famous Snowdome, and has regular free family events based around its Norman Castle and extensive grounds. The large, and still developing, Ventura Park Shopping Centre is within easy reach of the

Parish offering all the high street names such as M&S, Primark, Next and many more.



Tamworth Castle and Pleasure Grounds are a focal point for community events

Traditionally the town's major employers were found in light engineering, coal mining and associated industries. In common with much of Britain these have declined and the town has experienced unemployment problems. However, these have been substantially reduced and we have seen an improvement in employment.

Most employment today is found in distribution and service industries with some light industry and engineering surviving. The growth in distribution centres is largely due to the closeness to Tamworth of the M42 and M6.

Parish Mission Statement

“Joined together in Christ to reach those who do not know Christ.”

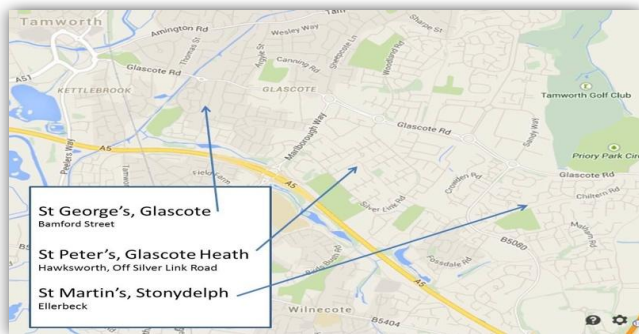
Our Parish

Our Parish comprises three areas of Tamworth – Glascote, Glascote Heath and Stonydelph; each area is served by its own District Church under the day-to-day leadership of their respective clergy, District Church Councils and Leadership Teams. Stonydelph is a shared Methodist church (see explanation in Appendix 3).

The Parish has the highest attendance of all the Parishes in the Deanery.

Our churches operate independently and we are distinct in our Mission Action Plans and have diverse congregations. We enjoy a close, fruitful and supportive relationship. PCC meetings are always good-humored and encouraging.

The clergy of the Parish have developed a strong collaborative team ethic built around mutual accountability and trust.



Rural Dean's Statement

Rural Dean: The Reverend Debra Dyson
BENEFICE OF Glascote, churches of St Peter Glascote
Heath and St Martin's – in –
the-Delph Stonydelph.
DEANERY OF TAMWORTH

St Peter's and St Martin's are situated in areas of deprivation. They work closely in and with their communities, forging relationships and focusing on the context of their communities. Their knowledge and experience enhance the deanery's awareness of our area. The church members are faithful in supporting deanery meetings and events, always willing too, to

host services and events.

As with the deanery, the church communities work closely, as does the whole deanery, with Tamworth Christian Churches. Traditionally Tamworth engages in more activities ecumenically than solely deanery. Our close relationships with Methodist, Elim, Baptist, and independent churches are fully supported by all of the Glascote Parish churches. Hosting meetings and joint services, taking part in carol singing at various venues, the Good Friday Walk of Witness and service in town centre, these are just a few examples always enthusiastically supported by a core from St Peter's and St Martin's. The latter is itself a joint operation between Anglican and Methodist and this works, and support from both has been valuable during the vacancy with generous Methodist input.

Their genuine desire to proclaim the gospel's good news to their communities and their faithfulness in doing so, in thoughtful ways, which are relevant to their context. The solid relationships between the people who serve and worship in the churches. Their hard work.

Obviously neither church is financially comfortable. Both have special designation for Parish Share and they have little money to spend on outreach and service, but this does not stop them from finding every way they can to pursue their ideals. A lot of work and responsibility falls on a particular group of people in each church, but no more so than anywhere else.

Building wise St Martin's needs proper repairs to a roof which has always been faulty and leads to bad flooding of worship area, although rest of the building is fine. Financial solidity and the encouragement of officers and church members who are carrying the load of responsibilities for the church whilst also trying to make sure they still care for their community and proclaim the gospel.

I have known both churches and the people there for 14 years and that has informed my statements in this document. I have worked with them and seen their faithfulness over all of the years I have been in Tamworth deanery. They know their communities and their areas. They are two very different church communities and areas but can worship together well at joint services. They have used their buildings as well as can be over the years and still do so.

Prayerful and emotionally intelligent, able to deal with differences and relate well to all. Enthusiastic in outreach and mission with knowledge/experience of ministry in economically challenged areas. A team player, working well with the Team Rector at St George's Glascote and the people there as well as the people of Stonydelph and Glascote Heath, who encourages the flourishing of others. Label would be 'Evangelical'

The Parish on a Page

An overview

Parish:	One
Population:	25,000
Churches:	Three
District Councils:	Three
PCC:	One (formed by representatives of the three district councils)
Clergy:	St Peter's, Glascote Heath Team Vicar: Current Vacancy Rev Hugh Baker - Permission to Officiate (PTO - retired) Sunday services start at 10.45am

St Martin in the Delph, Stonydelph (LEP with the Methodist church)

Team vicar: **Current vacancy**
Methodist Circuit Superintendent: Rev. Joanna Thornton
(based in Lichfield)
Sunday services start at 10.00am

St George's, Glascote

Team Rector: Position Vacant
Rev Mike Le Worthy Permission to Officiate
(PTO - retired)
The team is supported by 4 lay readers.
Sunday services start at 10.00 am
Wednesday Communion starts at 9.30 am

Buildings: Three churches
The buildings at St Martin in the Delph and St Peter's also function as community centres.
St George's has a traditional church hall.

Churchyards: St Martin's doesn't have a Church yard, but it does have a well-kept Memorial Garden.

	St Peter's
Average Weekly Attendance	30
Common Fund 2025	£20483
Total Electoral Roll Membership	50
Electoral Roll Outside of Parish	14

	St Martin in the Delph
Average Weekly Attendance	15
Parish Share 2020	£11357
Total Electoral Roll Membership	24
Electoral Roll Outside of Parish	6



Knowing who we are

Our strengths

Parish Strengths

- A diverse Parish eager to share the Gospel
- A cohesive and focused PCC
- An understanding that community action is a significant calling of the Parish
- Members of each congregation feel comfortable and welcome at each of the churches
- Team clergy staff meetings provide encouragement, fellowship and support
- Three distinct District Church Councils and Leadership Teams effectively manage the affairs and ministry of each church reporting to the PCC

Church Strengths

- We are churches that engage with the Holy Spirit
- We work well as a team
- Our churches are strong prayerful places, we meet mid-week for prayer and this has been the backbone of our growth
- Both churches are involved in local

community projects and both buildings are well used by the community

- Both Churches are supported by PtO ministers and a group from the leadership team who are able to preach and lead services
- Both churches are warm and welcoming and have a congregation of diverse ages
- We have committed leadership teams, DCC and PCC
- Both churches have well maintained modern buildings
- We have well established children's and youth groups
- We are churches with a good sense of humour but are able to take ourselves seriously when necessary
- We are small but welcoming churches who work well as a team
- We have well established fellowship groups, who love to study the Bible and offer fellowship to each other
- Both churches have good links with local schools



Knowing who we are

Our opportunities and challenges

Parish Opportunities/Challenges

- We are looking for creative ways to develop the ecumenical relationship we have within the Parish and the wider Christian community of Tamworth
- We want to develop imaginative ways of presenting the gospel to the entire population of the Parish
- There's an opportunity to benefit from a coordinated approach to develop ministry and improve communication throughout the Parish
- We present our accounts as one Parish to the Charities Commission, but each church manages their own finances and holds their own accounts
- All three churches are actively looking at ways to increase income

St Peter's Opportunities/Challenges

- We have the opportunity to grow the Church and Congregation
- We do lots but we need to evangelise more in the community
- We are open to new ideas and methods but need the confidence to push them forward
- We need more people to 'do' - we want

to be able to look for ways to encourage every member ministry

- Our Finances are growing and we are able to meet our common fund payments

St Martin in the Delph Opportunities/Challenges

- We are a community led congregation, willing to take on new ideas - we need more people to carry on our projects
- We work with two good schools in the area - we want to build on these links
- We want to widen our community footprint
- We want to build our faith, strengthen our commitment to God
- We want to draw people to us, bring in more young families, and open our doors even wider
- We want to be financially secure

What type of person are we looking for?

Inspirational and imaginative leadership

As Our Vicar

...we would like you to...

- Be a good listener who values each person and who will encourage, help to develop our gifts, and challenge us to reach outwards
- Be able to preach and teach in ways that connect the doctrines of the Bible and the church to the current issues facing our congregations and society today
- Be a team leader who can work strategically and has experience of managing change and of facilitating growth and development
- Have an all member ministry with the ability to grow the younger generation
- Be outward looking, leading us in mission and evangelism.
- Be someone with a pastoral and prayerful heart for the whole community relating well to people of all ages and backgrounds

...it would be helpful, not essential, for you to...

- Be someone who will be pro-active in the community, support the local community and be visible in all aspects of the community be vibrant and creative.
- Be someone with a joyful and infectious faith
- Ensure that a high standard of worship, teaching and pastoral care is provided
- Focus on discerning, developing and encouraging ministries
- Train and encourage others and be willing to delegate

We offer

... as a Parish...

- Support for your own personal development and wellbeing
- A welcoming and caring church family
- A supportive clergy Team within the Parish, the Deanery and Tamworth Christian Churches
- A vibrant laity that are skilled and enthusiastic

...as St Peter's and St Martin in the Delph

- Lively and established congregations of all ages with many wanting to grow in their faith and demonstrate their faith to others
- An experienced group of people who can lead, preach and teach

Attendance Statistics		
(1st January 2024- 31st December 2024)		
	St Peter's	St Martin in the Delph
Numbers on Electoral Roll	50	37
Numbers from Parish:	36	28
Numbers from outside Parish:	14	9
Approximate age of regular attendance:	All ages	All ages
Average Sunday Attendance (17 years and over)	43	25
Average Sunday Attendance (under 16)	20	4

Pastoral Offices		
Baptisms	8	4
Weddings:	0	0
Funerals:	19	4 – not in church
Christmas Communicants	70	6
Easter Communicants	42	29

Finance St Peter's

The congregation gives all funds to St. Peter's freely. We do not hold fund raising events, other than Gift Days for Charity Emergency Appeals, which are suggested by and donated to by the Congregation. The Church has firmly held to the principle of promoting personal giving on a tithed basis for a number of years.

In 1995, it was decided that a new Church should be built to provide a permanent presence and community building base to serve the whole community. In 2002 the building began with a financial package of nearly a million pounds covered by grants and the giving of the local congregation. The building was completed in the autumn of 2003 and the final bills paid and all debts cleared by the beginning of 2005.

The Common Fund, which had been given a special assessment to recognise the pioneer nature of the church and building project, has been rising steadily over the last few years and now has almost reached the true figure for the church. In that time the church community has been rising to the challenge and covering the increased call on its resources whilst also ensuring that a tithe is given away to local and overseas mission agencies and good causes. The DCC pays the Diocese the Share with a graduated monthly standing order.

Church Giving

The Church is committed to tithing 10% of its income to Mission both Overseas and Home, as well as to other local charities and organisations.

Finance St Martin in the Delph

Even though we have a small congregation it is a generous one, in time and money.

St Martin in the Delph, relies on the Community Centre Hall hire to help pay their Common Fund. Historically we have paid both Church of England and the Methodist Parish Share due to our joint status. In the past few years, we have paid our full Common Fund and been able to make a donation to the Methodist Circuit.

Our Church giving has declined as our congregation numbers have reduced to an average of 15 each Sunday, but we have seen an upward turn during the past few months, where our attendance has reached 20 – 23. We like to give locally whenever possible, Foodbank and St Giles Hospice has benefited this year, together with Children's Society and Methodist Homes.

Appendix 1

The Parish and its location



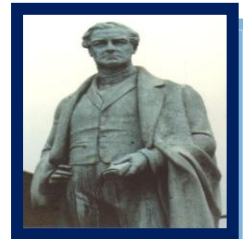
Tamworth originated from early Saxon Settlement where the rivers Tame and Anker converge, and in the days of King Offa was the ancient capital of Mercia. There is a splendid Norman Castle with a mediaeval banqueting hall and many other interesting features, situated in the town centre overlooking the rivers Tame and Anker.

The Parish and Collegiate Church of St. Editha, the largest Parish Church in Staffordshire dominates the town centre. This superb church founded in 943, has a unique double spiral staircase in the tower and William Morris stained glass windows.

In Market Street, close to the castle, stands the Old Town Hall with its Tuscan columns. Thomas Guy, then MP, built this in 1701 for the town before founding Guys Hospital in London. Outside the Town Hall is a statue of another famous son of Tamworth, Robert Peel MP of Drayton Manor. It was from the Town Hall that the repeal of the infamous Corn Laws was announced as the Tamworth Manifesto.

Tamworth is a thriving historic market town with a population of 79,000. It has become an attractive centre for commercial and leisure activities; among its attractions are a 10 screen cinema, bowling alley and the Snowdome.

Less than a mile from its town centre is Ventura Park where major outlets including Boots, Asda, Sainsbury's, Marks and Spencer, numerous DIY and clothing outlets can be found. Doctors, Health Centres and Hospitals are also within easy reach. Rail links are excellent as Tamworth boasts a dual level station with North-South and East-West lines.



The Parish of Glascote & Stonydelph begins about a mile from the town centre. Most of the village of Glascote's population worked in the mining industry or the Victorian pottery works of Gibbs and Canning. The village church of St George was consecrated as a curacy in 1880 and extended in 1996.

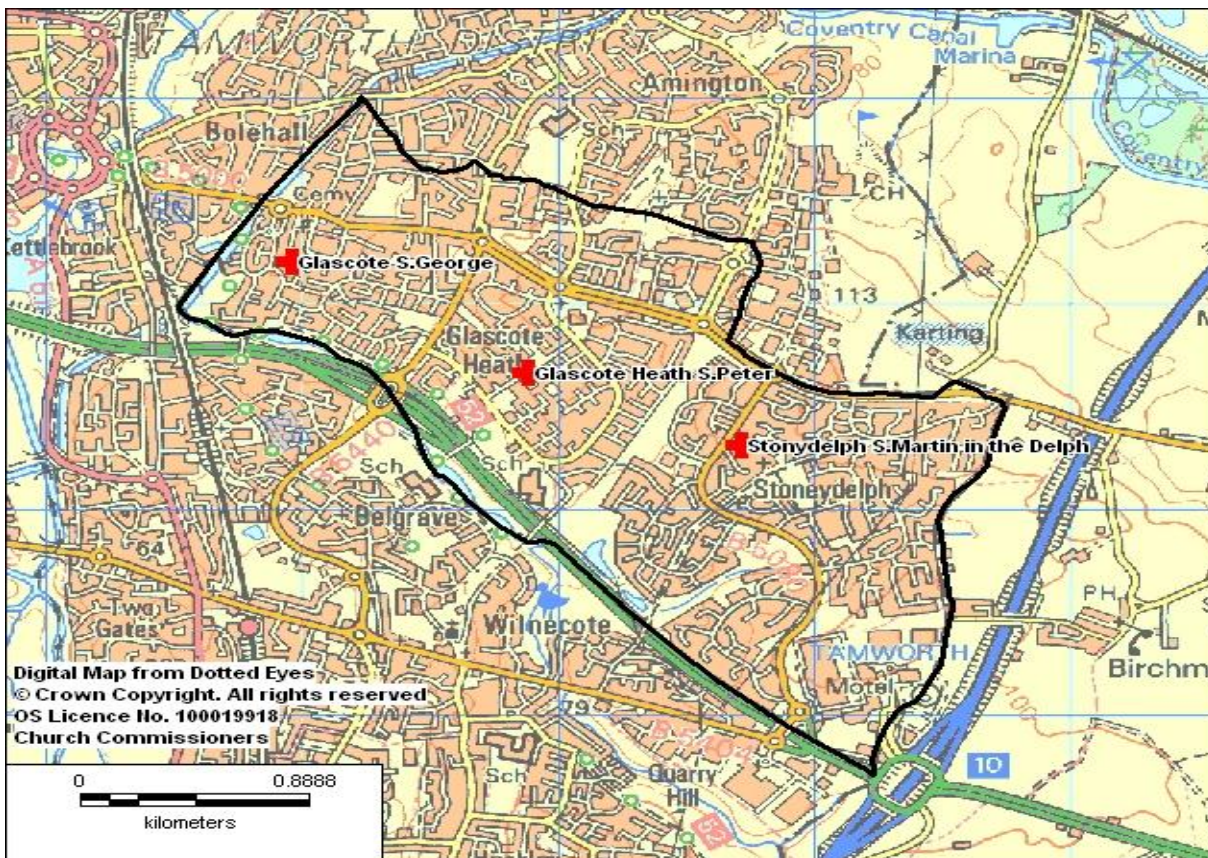
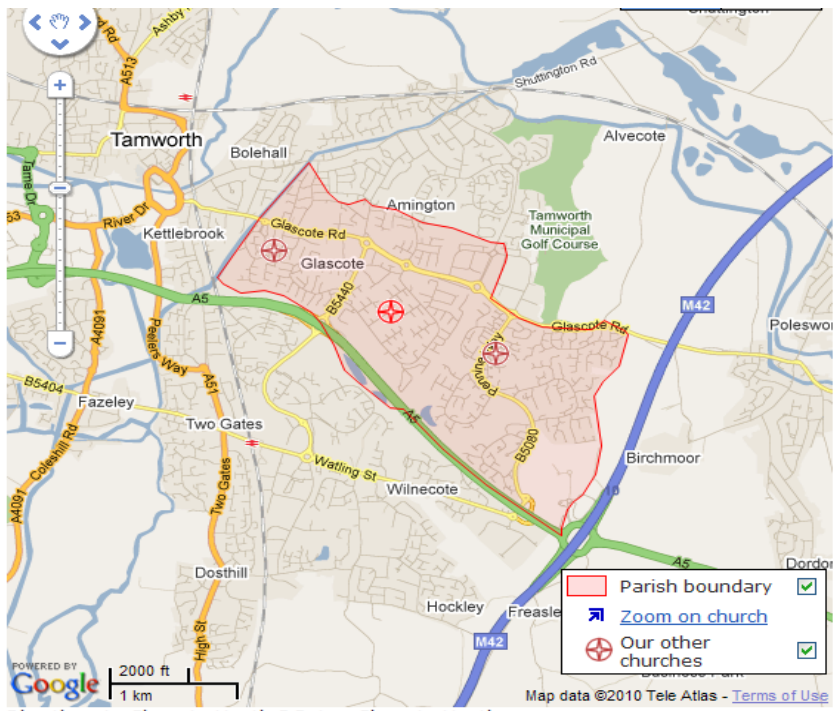
A mile further on are the estates of Glascote Heath and Stonydelph, built as overspill from Birmingham. St Martin in the Delph Church & Centre opened in 1990 serving Stonydelph, whilst St Peter's Church & Community Centre opened in 2003 and serves Glascote Heath. Both are positioned at the heart of the community, near to the local health and children centres, local shops, post office, library and schools.

The Diocese of Lichfield

The Diocese of Lichfield is part of the Church of England in the North West Midlands. Its roots are traced back to Ad.656 when the Mercia diocese was formed. It's one of the largest in the Church of England. The Diocese has 560 churches and 420 Parishes in Staffordshire, northern Shropshire, Wolverhampton, Walsall, and half of Sandwell. Our Diocese is headed up by the 99th Bishop of Lichfield Rt. Rev Michael Ipgrave and is served by 300 full time paid clergy and a larger number of volunteer non-stipendiary clergy and lay ministers.

The Diocese is divided into 3 Episcopal Areas with Tamworth being in the Wolverhampton area with the Area Bishop overseeing our churches.

Parish Maps – from ‘A Church Near You’



Appendix 2

The Vicarages

We are in the enviable position where we are able to offer a choice of Vicarages



The Vicarage in Briar was bought and extended in 1992. It is a good four bed roomed family home comprising of a lounge, dining room and large kitchen on the ground floor with a good sized study by the front door and downstairs toilet and shower room. The second floor has four bedrooms and a bathroom. There is a small family garden at the rear and a large garage with storage and a good-sized shed. There are drives to the front and rear of the property. Briar is situated within St Peter's boundaries but is easily accessed from St Martin in the Delph too.



The Vicarage in Melmerby was Built in 1983. It is situated in the middle of a well-established estate in a well-kept Cul de sac. It has four good sized double bedrooms, all with walk in wardrobes and the master bedroom has an ensuite. Downstairs has a very big lounge with patio windows, good sized dining room leading onto kitchen with separate utility room. It has a big study, with patio windows again leading onto the garden and a downstairs toilet with shower.

There is a wrap around garden with mature plum and apple trees, all enclosed. There is a garage separate from the house at the rear. There is a long 2/3 car drive beside the house.

Melmerby is situated within St Martin's Boundaries but is easily accessed from St Peters too.

Appendix 3



An introduction to St Peter's

'Loving God: Serving the Community'

Church & Centre History

The church has had a presence on the Glascote Heath estate since it was built in the 1970s, but the church only formally came into existence during the mid-80s. The growth of church activities continued in a variety of ways both as a group of worshipping believers, and in meeting local community needs often in partnership with other agencies. The vision for a purpose built community church building was finally realised in 1995 when initial plans were drawn up and a local site considered.

Following funding being secured from a variety of sources including the Community Fund (The Lottery), The Church of England, Tamworth Borough Council, Church Urban Fund, Single Regeneration Budget, Glascote Heath Forum Community Chest and the church congregation the building project began in 2002 on the acquired site at the top of Hawksworth, off Silver Link Road.

The Foundation Stone Ceremony in March 2003 took place officiated by the Bishop of Lichfield The Rt Revd Keith Sutton, who describing his joy at laying the Foundation Stone said 'To have this symbol, you can even see it from the A5, is what our Lord once said, A city set on a hill cannot be hid'. The Church's opening service was held on 30 November 2003 with a Parish Confirmation Service led by the Bishop of Wolverhampton The Rt Revd Michael Bourke



St Peter's Church and Community Centre is the youngest building in the Deanery and we have just celebrated 21 years in it. This specifically built, multi-purpose, modern facility was designed to serve the people of Glascote Heath, a significant area of poverty and deprivation in Staffordshire. The land it stands on belongs to Tamworth Borough Council, but the deeds of the building are held by Lichfield Diocese. The building has been treated with enormous respect by the community and suffered only minimal damage.



About Glascote Heath The district has an urban population of 8300 with 2500 domestic properties. It is very unlikely that any considerable developments will be built due to the shortage of land available.

The Team (Ministry, Oversight & Vision)

Our Ministry Team consists of the Vicar (currently vacant) and the Rev Hugh Baker (PtO -retired).

Mission Statement:

Loving God: Serving the Community

Vision: We aim to make St. Peter's a place

- Where people feel welcomed and valued
- Where people can praise God
- Where we can trust one another
- Where all ages can grow in God

Mission Action Plan

Discipleship

What we are offering now

- Preaching on discipleship through the sermon series and the lectionary
- Lent course
- Weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays
- School assemblies
- Confirmation Course for adults and teenagers
- Prayer ministry at the end of each service

What we hope to do in the coming year

- Continue with the above
- Run a small centre group

What we hope to offer in the years ahead

- Same as above

Vocation

- We will look to further extend the number of people taking an active part in the services
- We will try and help people identify the gifts God has given them and provide opportunities to use them

Evangelism

What we are offering now

- School assemblies at Oakhill , Glascote Academy and Hanbury's Farm
- Messy Easter for Yr3 and 4 children from Oakhill Primary school
- Christmas cards to every house in the area (3300) telling of services and what happens in the week
- Deliver the Good news newspapers
- Supply and give out the UCB booklets
- Place of welcome
- Aslan's Youth Club
- Mothering Sunday, Easter Services, Remembrance Services, Memorial service and Carols on the Green
-

What we hope to offer in the coming year

- All of the above

What we hope to offer in the years ahead

- All of the above

Safeguarding

The PCC and DCCs have adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding>

All Safeguarding policies are regularly reviewed.

Each DCC Safeguarding Officer manages their own church's DBS checks, training requirements and safeguarding issues. There is a dedicated agenda item at DCC meetings. Each church has a List of DBS checked volunteers and a Media consent form.

All centre hirers must have their own safeguarding Policy and provide suitable risk assessments.

The Team (Centre Management)

The Church Centre Is managed by Alice Couchman, she has a community background and worships with us. She was a district councilor for the Glascote Heath Ward. We have a bank of dedicated volunteers.

St Peter's DCC oversees the interdependent strands of Community and Church, whilst the Centre is overseen by an independent management committee. We reach out to the community to share and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ.

Hospitality is a hallmark of the Centre's work.

Church and Community Activities

We believe prayer is a vital resource in our ministry. Each Wednesday evening a group of committed people (averaging 15, still growing) meet for prayer; this has been the backbone of our growth and we have seen many prayers answered. We have a much used and well-developed church prayer chain. We also have an established and trained Prayer Ministry Team who offers individual prayers at the end of each service.

Although our primary focus is to the needs of our local community, we try hard not to be narrow minded and ensure that we look outwards to be a local church that can change nations, at home and abroad, through various small projects.

For our local community we are developing regular community events. We have received grants and

sponsorship from the Church Urban Fund, Roasters of Tamworth, Staffordshire County Council, Diocesan Participatory Budgeting, Lottery community fund and Tamworth Borough Council to support our summer holiday club and running of the Centre.



We have very good connections with our two primary schools and a school for children with special needs called Two Rivers. Rev Pat, Rev Hugh and Elizabeth regularly take assemblies in both the primary schools and on occasions schools use our building for special services and assemblies with the parents present. We also have seasonal Messy church activities. Two Rivers have used the centre for work placements for its older pupils and we would like this to be reestablished. They occasionally run a coffee shop and beauty treatments within the centre to give the students experience outside of school.

We also have a good working relationship with the "Sacred Heart" Roman Catholic Church situated about half a mile away.

We run exercise classes to fit all tastes through Everyone Health.

We are a 'Place of welcome' which attracts many people from the community.



We run two craft groups - St. Peter's crafters and Acorn crafters both of which are evangelistic opportunities.



Staffordshire County Council tried for many years to reach the young people of Glascote Heath but have now closed their youth service. However our own children's group, Aslan's Gang which meets weekly during term-time, has been running for over 30 years and attracts up to 60 children aged four and upwards. Rev Pat and Dave Faultless had led this ministry with a team of 13 helpers and leaders (see Children and youth section).



Our Christian Community

Our congregation has many reasons to rejoice as they meet each Sunday morning. Several people are involved in services by leading and/or preaching along with reading, intercessions and leading Sunday school. There is a team that provides a creative worship experience for all ages and this has been very successful, effective and popular. Holy Communion alternates with Morning Praise and all age family service is held on the first Sunday of the month. Our main worship uses backing tracks. All of our services are put together using Easy Worship this contains a mixture of liturgy, videos and worship songs stored on the computer, There is a good range of preaching styles and the congregation is growing in enthusiasm for this ministry. We join with our sister churches for a joint service.

Several members were the first in the Diocese to do the Bishop's certificate Living Faith and have benefited greatly from the Prosperous Soul" course as well as The happiness course, two Lent courses and Alpha. It has been encouraging to see members attend courses when low self-esteem has often caused them to shy away from further learning.



Leadership Team as at start of 2026

Our Leadership Team

St Peter's is led by a Leadership Team which has responsibility for the overall vision and direction of the church, with a District Church Council to oversee the practical aspects of church life.

We have established Service Leaders and Preachers Team who meet regularly with the Incumbent to plan our themes and services.

Our service planning is managed well and the leader of each particular service is responsible for following a template to ensure that everyone knows what is happening, well in advance, including the people managing the multi-media systems.

For our All Age services we have a team that meets to arrange the content of these services as this service can often take more planning time than others due to the level of interaction and the nature of the content.

We also have a substantial Rota that ensures we have a variety of people involved in all of our services and in the running of our Church.

Community Life

Centre Activities

The Centre offers modern worship and community facilities and activities take place every day to meet a variety of community needs. The larger spaces or smaller meeting rooms are utilised by individuals and groups including local and national agencies. The Centre Management Committee includes users, local council, Diocesan (at present we are awaiting a representative from the diocese) and church representatives.

Social Events

The church congregation have enjoyed opportunities to meet and socialise together often including families, friends and other community members. Social events incorporating meals are enjoyed particularly at Christmas, Harvest or breakfast along with garden parties and picnics.



Children & Youth

Aslan's Gang was started thirty years ago to present a mixture of Christian teaching, fun, craft and active games for any child aged between 5 and 16. The club meets every Friday night during school term time and is run by volunteers. The average weekly attendance is in the sixties and we also hold a party at Christmas for around seventy children and include any Sunday School children who don't attend Aslan's.



There are some wonderfully creative leaders who design the craft work and teachings. The majority of young people who attend Aslan's are not from Church or Sunday worship families so the group is a good way of reaching out to these children. We raise money for the group by having a tuck shop, an autumn fair and donations.

Holiday Club has been successfully running every morning during the first week of the summer holidays in its current format for twenty five years with around 40 children attending. The whole centre is transformed for the week into a themed club, a holiday camp, a space ship, a farm, a radio station or even a pirate ship. Whatever the theme for the week the aim is to have fun. The club is run by as many volunteers as we can muster and consists of messy team games, Christian teaching, art, crafts, dancing, singing and general mayhem!





An introduction to St Martin In The Delph

'to know Jesus and to make Him known'

Church & Centre History

The Church has always had a presence in Stonydelph since the estate was built in the 1970s. It had a very community-oriented start, by holding its services in the local community centre, and using people's homes for social gatherings, youth meetings and general get-togethers. It had such a good community following involving many different groups that it was only natural that a Church & Community Centre should be planted. St Martin in the Delph was finally dedicated in 1990. It is a purpose-built Church and Community Centre, incorporating a children's nursery. It is a two-tier building with an upstairs sports hall and dedicated Nursery room. Downstairs incorporates the main Worship Area, Chapel, meeting hall, meeting rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, coffee shop, toilets and office. It has a welcoming reception area and a well-maintained Garden of Remembrance at the rear. We have just celebrated our 35 year anniversary making us one of the youngest churches in the Deanery.



breaking the ground



looking towards the altar



from the altar



the Memorial Garden

About Stonydelph The district has an urban population of 8100 with 2500 domestic properties. A new housing estate was built within our boundaries in the last few years and there are two local schools also

Local Ecumenical Project

St Martin in the Delph is a Local Ecumenical Project (LEP) working with both the Church of England and the Methodist Church to serve the community of Stonydelph.

The Methodist Superintendent, Rev Joanna Thornton, writes:

St Martin's is part of the Tamworth and Lichfield Methodist Circuit, and over the years we have enjoyed a positive working relationship with our Anglican friends and colleagues in the Parish. We would seek to work in collaboration with a new incumbent, and would hope to continue offering whatever support is appropriate, including providing Methodist preachers for services (normally one Sunday per month, but during the interregnum we are covering two Sundays per month). There is usually a quarterly Methodist Communion service. Depending on available resources, the Circuit would be keen to offer input into missional and outreach activities at St Martin's.

The new minister at St Martin's will be very welcome to take part in our monthly Circuit staff meetings when available. These are times of mutual support and encouragement as well as forward planning. Although there is no expectation that the incumbent would preach or lead worship in our other Circuit churches, the opportunity would be there if circumstances allow.

For further information please visit

www.tamworthandlichfieldmethodist.org.uk

Mission Statement:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

Vision: We aim to make St. Martin in the Delph a place

- Where people feel welcomed and valued
- Where people can praise God
- Where we can trust one another
- Where all ages can grow in God

Mission Action Plan

Discipleship

What we are offering now

- Preaching on discipleship through the sermon series and the lectionary

- Weekly prayer meetings
- Fellowship groups

What we hope to do in the coming year

- Continue with the above.
- Expand the small groups.
- Grow our Sunday congregation one by one.

What we hope to offer in the years ahead

- continue as before with larger numbers
- Hope to grow our children's ministry
- Reinstate Make Lunch
- Reinstate Holiday Club

Vocation

- We will try and help people identify the gifts God has given them and provide opportunities to use them

Evangelism

What we are offering now

- School assemblies at Stoneydelph Primary Academy
- Christmas cards telling of services and what happens in the week
- Weekly Newsletter
- Knit and Natter
- Place of welcome
- Mothering Sunday, Easter Services, Memorial & Remembrance Services
- Pastoral Support
- Community café run by Two Rivers School
- Monthly film club

What we hope to offer in the coming year

- Reinstate Messy Harvest, Advent and Easter for the children of Stoneydelph School

What we hope to offer in the years ahead

- All of the above and whatever we are led to

Our challenge is to provide a sustainable Church—“a hidden gem” - which is God centred and generates enough income to enrich and develop our community. We want to be able to carry on all the initiatives we have started in order to grow within the Stonydelph community.



'To know Jesus and to make Him known'

Our clergy, Leadership Team, District Church Council and members of St. Martin in the Delph will carry out our Christian Mission in Stonydelph and in the wider national and international community through the following initiatives:

1. **Sunday services.** These will involve many people and will include a variety of service formats including Holy Communion, Morning Praise, All Age Worship and whilst in interregnum a monthly Video download, following a particular topic. At present it is Pete Greig on prayer, next year it will be J John on the 10 Commandments, this is led inhouse, all other services are led alternatively by C of E and Methodist Ministers/Readers.
2. **Fellowship Groups.** These now meet weekly at our Church Centre enabling anyone to join. Our members will be encouraged to be part of the Fellowship Group structure and irregular, and non-Sunday worshippers will be welcomed.
3. **Prayer meetings.** Midweek prayer meetings are part of the life of the Church, and we are committed to maintaining these meetings.
4. **Local Schools:** We have regular contact with our local school, through our Methodist Minister Rev Jo Thornton
5. **Other Church groups.** Place of Welcome, Knit and Natter, and Flower Arrangers are encouraged to meet in a loving and united atmosphere, creating a sense of fellowship.
6. **Community outreach.** Our Coffee Shop, Make Lunch, Place of Welcome, Knit and Natter will contribute to our Mission in the local community.
7. **International Mission.** The Church supports Christian Aid and The Children's Society.
8. **Financial tithes.** As a Church we give to Charities and local organisations when we are financially able, our main concern is paying the full amount on our Common Fund and Donation to Methodist Circuit.

The Team (Centre Management) As we are a Church and Community Centre we have always had a paid Administrator, unfortunately due to illness we no longer have one. Church Warden Leigh, who used to hold the position of Administrator has stepped in and is now filling the role. We will revisit the decision in the new year.

We also have a paid company to do our cleaning and a small bank of dedicated volunteers.

St Martin in the Delph's DCC oversees all aspects of the Church and Centre. It consists of Two Wardens, two Deputy Wardens and two committee members, they are all Faithful and Committed God and their Church.

We also have a Leadership Team, but earlier this year together with our then incumbent, we decided to join them both together for discussion purposes, and as we are a small congregation mostly the same people were on both groups.

Church and Community Activities The Centre offers modern worship and community facilities with activities taking place every day to meet a variety of community needs. The larger spaces or smaller meeting rooms are utilised by individuals and groups including local and national agencies. We reach out to the community to share and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ. Hospitality is a hallmark of the centre's work. The Centre is well used by the community, we have a term time Toddler Group, the organiser is hoping to use our purpose Nursery area, which is now vacant to start her own nursery, she is working closely with Ofsted. We have two dance groups and a karate school which use our premises five nights a week plus Saturday morning. We work closely with Tamworth Community CIC who use our hall and kitchen for cookery lessons for those in sheltered accommodation, they also hold activity days. We are a Polling Station, and a Children's party venue. Two Rivers our local Special Needs School has started a Community Café using our kitchen and café area on a Friday, this is a new venture and has become very popular. We are in the process of working with a Care Group who would like to use our rooms during the day for social activities for their clients.

We currently have two holistic fellowship groups who meet regularly at the centre, as well as a Pastoral Worker paid by the

Methodist Circuit, both making sure that our members are well cared for pastorally. Regular prayer mornings meet in our small chapel area, currently on Tuesday mornings, and there are a small number of very dedicated members who arrange flowers and provide refreshments after our Sunday service.



Our oldest initiative is Make Lunch Stonydelph which is a group we run in order to help alleviate holiday hunger and social isolation. The team provide activities and a hot meal for families in need during the school holidays and this has been running successfully since October 2018. During Covid we provided food/care parcels to families along with a craft activity for the children. To help with this we have received various grants from Tamworth Borough Council, The Community Foundation for Staffordshire and the National Emergencies Trust special coronavirus grant, Transforming Lives for Good (parent charity for national Make Lunch clubs) as well as food donations from the Tamworth Pantry, Asda and Tesco though Fare share, Harvest donations from Three Peaks Primary Academy and our own congregation and also money from tithing within the whole parish. Unfortunately we have had to suspend this activity until our new Minister arrives due to less volunteers and work load of our Wardens



Make Lunch Sessions



One parcel delivery

We are a designated 'place of welcome' which attracts people from the community when we are able to hold it from our coffee shop.



knitted angels



Harvest

Another success is our knitted Christmas angels project. For a few years, members of the congregation spend months knitting these ready to give away over the Christmas period to spread the love and hope of Christmas within the local community. They are placed secretly around the local area for people to discover and keep, each with a little tag saying where they were from

Our Christian Community

Our services are informal and varied; they include monthly All Age Worship, Morning Praise, Communion Services 'Café Church' with a video download and open discussion. Our sung worship has been led by a music group in the past but currently we use downloaded music.

- **Small groups** are a key part of Church life, encouraging and growing the faith of Church members and drawing in new people.
- **Every member ministry** – providing opportunities for all to be involved in Sunday services and weekly activities.
- Enthusiasm for **children's ministry** and community outreach such as **Make Lunch**
- Community focused through use of the building by **many community groups**

Our Leadership

St Martin's is led by a Leadership Team which has responsibility for the overall vision and direction of the church, with a District Church Council to oversee the practical aspects of church life. They meet regularly with the Incumbent to plan our themes and services. We also have an annual Joint ecumenical meeting chaired by CLASP, with our Rural and deputy Dean and Methodist Superintendent in attendance, these are so helpful especially during an interregnum.

The leader of each particular service is responsible for ensuring that everyone knows what is happening, well in advance, including the people managing the music.

We have a small rota that is managed to ensure that we have a variety of people involved in all of our services and in the running of our Church.

Social Events

The church congregation have enjoyed opportunities to meet and socialise together often including families, friends and other community members. Social events incorporating meals are enjoyed particularly at Harvest and Christmas, with occasional servings of breakfast to encourage volunteers, and some quizzes and musical events. We also have an annual barbeque and a Christmas decorating breakfast.



Quiz Night Social



Decorating Christmas tree



Knit and Natter



Celebrating 35 years of St Martin in the Delph Church

Children & Youth



SmartKids is the name of our Sunday School and it has been run in a variety of ways over the years and with many different volunteers. Currently the number of young children attending services is low and therefore we now offer a craft at the back of the church during services – this is linked to the reading/theme of the service and the children are welcomed up to the front to share what they have been doing towards the end of the service.

In the past we have run Messy Church activities and a Summer Holiday club, all well attended by our local community.

Confirmation Service



Tamworth Confirmation service held at St Peter's October 2025
With Methodist Superintendent Rev Joanna Thornton and the Bishop of Wolverhampton Rev Dr Timothy Wambunya.

Appendix 5



An introduction to St George's *'Christ centered. Community focused'*

St George's was built during the late nineteenth century to serve the population of Glascote, which was then a mining village. During the second part of the twentieth century there was a significant expansion in housing, largely Birmingham overspill. Now our district has a dense urban population of 8,300 living in around 2,500 homes with some green space. The parish of Glascote and Stonydelph was formed in the late twentieth century.

There are 3 local primary and a secondary school within walking distance of the Church, and the Church has good connections with the primary schools. The Church Building and The Church Hall. In 1997 we completed an extension to the Grade II Listed Building. The church can now flexibly accommodate up to 250 people seated on individual chairs.

The layout can be restrictive for how we would like to use the building. A separate Chancel with a restored Altar. This area is also used for the Wednesday service, regular small groups and DCC meetings. We have a recently installed sound system and a multi-media projection system.



Our church hall (built in 1992) is across the road from the church. The Hall hosts our successful Pre-School every term-time weekday. Our Services are at 10am on Sundays and 9.30am on Wednesdays. We have a substantial rota run by our Administrator, ensuring many different church members are included. Additionally on the first Sunday each month our 10am All Age services are especially planned and led by a small team who ensure high levels of interaction with eager young and old volunteers. Our District Church Council oversees the fabric and practical aspects of church life.

We Have a desire to place Jesus in the centre of our lives

- Grow in faith
- Make a difference in our community
- Grow in numbers and diversity
- Build relationships with each other
- Serve our community with passion in Jesus' name

We would describe our 'style' as Low Evangelical.

Pre-School

St George's Preschool was established in 1992 by church members and currently holds a Good rating from Ofsted. The Preschool is popular within the local community but also attracts children from the wider community within Tamworth. The emphasis at St. George's Preschool is on 'Learning through Play'. Whilst our children are playing, they are learning too, through activities that match their capabilities, enthusiasm and own interests.

Safeguarding

The PCC and DCCs have adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy:

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/> and the Safeguarding Social Media and Online Activities Policy. All Safeguarding policies are regularly reviewed and while not complacent our Safeguarding processes have worked well.

Mission Action Plan

Our MAP, a work in progress to which we would welcome your input, shows our vision to being a Christ Centred and Community Focused church. Our aims are to:

- Deepen our personal commitment to Jesus
- Desire to place Jesus in the centre of our lives
- Grow in faith
- Build relationships with each other
- Make a difference in our community
- Serve our community with passion in Jesus' name
- Grow in numbers and diversity

St George's is evangelical-charismatic in tradition. It has a diverse and lively congregation with a heart for prayer and outreach. Music is provided by a music group, and we have recently had an entirely new Sound and Audio-Visual System installed. We are currently in interregnum services being led by a PtO retired minister and four Lay Readers. We believe firmly in every-member ministry. Members of the congregation lead prayers and do Bible Readings at our services and our worship is enhanced by members who provide flower arrangements and who create banners. In recent months we have produced online services, reflections, Bible Studies and fun events. We have a dedicated pastoral team and a prayer ministry team as well as Home Groups. We pay our Common fund monthly by direct debit and give a tithe of our income to a number of charities.

We have been proactive in developing discipleship in the members of the congregation. Our most recent weekend away was led by Cris Rogers with several months of follow-up activities. Home Groups provide opportunities for Bible Study and prayer as well as providing pastoral support and opportunities for social interaction. Sermon series on specific topics are useful for teaching and learning and there are occasional meetings in church to work through the implications of our teaching programmes. Our young people have their own Youth Home Group to enable them to interact with each other and think through key issues, and our children's group meets on Sunday mornings when permitted.

In terms of Vocation, we encourage people to think seriously of what God may be calling them to do and to be. Members of the congregation have completed the diocesan Pathways course. A number of our teenagers completed a Young Leadership training course which they

thoroughly enjoyed. Members are called into a variety of leadership roles in the church and in the local community. In the past, several members have gone forward for full time ministry. We recognise that evangelism is at the heart of the calling of all of us, and we engage in community outreach activities in order to build relationships with those who live around us. We offer, free of charge, monthly Community Breakfasts, an annual cream tea and a free barbecue with children's activities and live Christian music on Halloween. All of these are much appreciated and well attended. We regularly offer Alpha courses which are open to anyone. We also have a major involvement in the local Food bank . At Christmas we delivered a home-knitted angel to all the pupils at our three local primary schools and to each resident of the care homes we care for.

All are welcome here. We seek to be obedient to Christ and to honour God in all we do.



District Church Council



Appendix 6

Schools

The Town is well provided with schools, the Secondary and Primary that mainly serve the local area are listed below:

Oakhill Community Primary School,
Hawksworth,
Glascote Heath,
Tamworth,
Staffs. B77 2HH.
Tel: 01827 213960

Email:
headteacher@oakhill.staffs.sch.uk

Glascote Heath Academy

Silver Link Road,
Glascote Heath,
Tamworth,
Staffs. B77 2EA
Tel: 01827 213210

Email:
headteacher@glascoteheath.staffs.sch.uk

Stoneydelph Primary Academy

Crowden Road
Wilnecote,
Tamworth,
Staffs. B77 4LS
Tel: 01827 896666

Email:
headteacher@stoneydelph.staffs.sch.uk

Three Peaks Primary Academy

Fossdale Road,
Wilnecote,
Tamworth,
Staffs. B77 4HN
Tel: 01827 896424

email:richard.penn-bourton@threepeaksacademy.org.uk

Landau Forte Academy, Tamworth

Highfield Avenue
Amington
Tamworth
Staffs B77 3JB
Tel: 01827 301800

Email: post@lfacademytamworth.org.uk

**Lift Tamworth,
Belgrave**

Birds Bush Road
Tamworth
Staffs B77 2ND

Tel: 01827 285596

Web: www.tamworthenterprisecollege.co.uk

South Staffordshire College

Croft Street,
Tamworth,
B79 8AE

Tel: 0300 456 2424

Website:www.tlc.ac.uk

**Secondary Special school
Post 16 Vocational Centre**

Which forms one Site of the federated Two Rivers special school and houses over 145 pupils aged 11-18 years with learning difficulties.

Torc Campus Vocational Centre

Silver Link Road
Glascote Heath
Tamworth
Staffordshire B77 2EA

Tel: 01827 426124

Email:office@torc-campusvc.staffs.sch.uk

Lower School Site

Two Rivers Primary School
Amington
Tamworth
Staffordshire
B77 4EN

Tel: 01827 426123

Fax: 01827 475 746

email:office@tworiversprimary.staffs.sch.uk

Hospitals

Sir Robert Peel Hospital

Mile Oak

Tamworth

Tel: 01283 566333

Fax: 01827 263803

NO A&E Dept. - Minor Injuries only

Good Hope Hospital

Rectory Road

Sutton Coldfield

Tel: (0121) 474 2000

Other A&E Department

Burton Hospitals NHS Trust

Queens Hospital

Belvedere Road:

Burton-upon-Trent

Tel: (01283) 566333