

After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

² Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). ³ Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. ⁴ The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

⁵ Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard ⁶ and said:

"LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. ⁷ Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, ⁹ 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'

¹⁰ "But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. ¹¹ See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. ¹² Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

¹³ All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD.

¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

¹⁵ He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.' ¹⁶ Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you. Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you."

¹⁸ Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. ¹⁹ Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

²⁰ Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." ²¹ After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendour of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."

²² As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. ²³ The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

²⁴ When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. ²⁷ Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸ They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD with harps and lyres and trumpets.

2Chronicles 20:1-28



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Welcome to Holy Trinity. If this is your first visit to Holy Trinity, or if you have recently joined us, we'd just like to say how great it is to have you with us. We are a church full of people who are trying to live lives that reflect Jesus and would be so pleased if you would consider joining with us. Please don't go away today without touching base. You can do that by filling in one of the 'Welcome Cards' in the foyer and joining us for refreshments after the service in the Hall. All the information on our church family life is on our website:

www.trinitytewkesbury.org.uk

We look forward to getting to know you.

With our blessing, Stephen and Sharon Walker



Sunday 2nd September
10am Morning Worship
Stephen Walker
Step Up Sunday

6.30pm Prayer Gathering

"Pray continually" | 1 Thess 5:17

Sunday 9th September
10am Morning Worship
Stephen Walker

6.30pm Bible Course

Order your course books from the list in the Foyer today. "A brilliant course".

Core Values

ALL INVOLVED,
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CREATING COMMUNITY,
DOING EVANGELISM,
ENCOUNTERING GOD

Looking for a Life Group?

Speak to Alison Cirel to find your nearest group for friendship, fellowship and discipleship during the week

PARENTS

Kindly please note, once the church service and **TJC** have finished, you are responsible for your children's supervision and safety. Thanks

The office is open Mondays to Thursdays 9am - 2.30pm, closed Fridays

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Weekly Events

Mondays	Life Group	10.30am
Tuesdays	Youth Life Groups, Sch Yrs 7-13 (Term time only)	7.00-9.00pm
	Music & Movement Group	10.30-11.30am
Wednesdays	Coffee Morning	10.00am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Life Groups	7.30pm
Thursdays	Smarties - for parents & carers of pre-school Children (Term time only)	10.15- 11.45am
	Life Groups	7.30pm
Fridays	Life Group	10.30am



Church Weekend Away 2019 – Date for your Diary!

We have booked Cefn Lea in mid Wales for our Church weekend away 5-7th July 2019 – Put the date in your diary. See the flyer in today's News Sheet.

Contact Details Form

We are updating the printed Church Directory and asking each adult for consent to be included in it as well as consent for photographs or appearances in a video to be used on our new Church Website, in church publicity and/or the church Facebook page. If you would like to share any other information with us, for example, any gifts/skills you may have then you have the availability to do so on the back.

If you would like to see the new Privacy Policy to go with this, there are copies in the Foyer.



Healing, Release, Forgiveness -

Yes, but how? Come on our next Christian Prayer Ministry course on Saturdays 8th and 15th September. For more details contact Andrew and Judi Keith

Holy Land Pilgrimage – March 2019

So far there are 23 of us participating in the pilgrimage next year to the Holy Land. We still have some spaces for a few more to join us. If you would like some more information do pick up a brochure in the Foyer or speak to Stephen or Sharon.

Our Mission Partner for September are: Wayne O'Leary and the Slavic Gospel Association

See your insert next week for more news and prayer points for this month. More information on the Mission Board.



Toy washing Smarties parents and children would be very grateful if you could take a box of toys to wash today and return them next Sunday. Please see Rachael Elliott after the service today to collect a bag/box. Many thanks.

Smarties returns on 13th September at 10.15 in the church hall. We look forward to seeing you there if you are a parent or carer with children age between 0 and 4.

Smarties breakfast Anyone interested in the work of Smarties? We are having a team breakfast on 6th September at 10.00. Contact Rachael Elliott for more details.

Lost Property

Again we have collected a number of items left behind over the summer months. These will be out in the table in the Foyer for collection before making that well worn journey to the charity shop in a couple of weeks time.

Newcomers Evening Monday 10th September 7.30pm

Are you new to Holy Trinity? If so we would love to welcome you to an informal drinks and nibbles evening at the Vicarage on Monday 11th September at 7.30pm onwards so that you can discover more about the vision and values of our church and meet others who might be new as well. Please speak to Stephen or Sharon Walker for more information and an invitation card.

TJC training Today.

Any TJC helpers would be welcome to join our TJC training workshop today after the service. 1230-3pm. We have designed it for our fantastic young people who help, however all ages are welcome. It will be fun! See Sam W or Rach E for more details.

Bible Course, Sunday evenings from 9th September at 6.30pm

Has the Bible seemed a difficult read to you, or have you struggled to understand the Old Testament? The Bible Course brings fresh understanding to how it all fits together from Genesis to Revelation. It's brilliant! - do come along. The course book that accompanies it costs £5 and can be ordered from the clipboard in the Foyer.