

Reading: Daniel 6:1-23

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

⁶ So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: "May King Darius live forever! ⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

¹³ Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day."

¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, "Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed."

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.



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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 14th October
10am Morning Worship**

Jo Davies: Living in Exile

6.30pm Bible Course

**Sunday 21st October
10am Morning Worship**

Stephen Walker

3pm Sunday @ 3

6.30pm Bible Course

Core Values

**ALL INVOLVED,
BECOMING DISCIPLES,
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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Wi-Fi is available upon request



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

Soup Lunch Sunday 14th October

Come and celebrate Harvest as a church family! The youth team will be serving a delicious selection of soups, raising funds for Soul Survivor.



Church Weekend Away—5-7 July 2019

See Jo Davies for information about bookings or finding out more about our Weekend Away of fellowship and teaching. Information also on the Church website under Church Life or <https://tinyurl.com/HTWeekendAway>

G'Loot

2 armchairs, brown fabric, used but not worn and still plenty of 'spring' in the seats. Size: Height - 35ins. Width (at solid base) 28ins. across arm rests - 35ins. Depth (front to back) 27ins at the base, 35ins at the top. User collects please - a chair will not fit in my car! If interested contact Ken Lowe



Leather sofa & chair still in good condition very comfortable bit of wear on top cushions collection only. Contact Lizzie Cunningham

Bags of Hope

Take the opportunity this Halloween to give a Bag of Hope to Trick or Treaters. Aimed at Primary School age children, these bags contains a Bible-based story book and an activity sheet. Feel free to take some from the Foyer and pop a sweet in.



Our Mission Partner for October are: Pedro and Annu Santos

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

Men's Social—Gloucester Rugby vs Leicester Tigers Friday 16th November KO 7.45pm



Contact Gaz Davies or Will Archer if you would like to go to the match or for more information. We need to know numbers by Sunday 28th October so we can get tickets at the early bird price. Price approx. Juniors, £15 and Adults, £35 Contact: Gaz

Thank you Thank you Thank you

- To Jean and Cath who organised the Art exhibition so brilliantly
- To Tony and Liz who coordinated our hospitality teams for the Mop Fair and all who donated cakes, milk and their time
- For the huge amount of Harvest produce that was given last Sunday for the Food Bank
- For giving over £1,500 to Tear Fund Appeal for the Indonesia Crisis
- To those who sponsor children and for the additional 7 children sponsored last Sunday
- For all of you who contribute so magnificently in so many and varied ways to our life together – Thank you!

Ladies Breakfast Saturday 20 October at 9.00 am Tickets £4

Speaker: Carol Kingston Smith

Carol has a background in healthcare and oversees mission and was on the teaching faculty at Redcliffe College for 5 years before joining the faculty at ForMission College Birmingham. Carol does freelance speaking, writing and mentoring and her passion is to nurture a Christian spirituality which connects the journey of personal transformation with active engagement in social transformation in our spheres of influence. She and Andy have 4 young adult children and have recently moved into an intergenerational housing venture with Carol's parents near Tewkesbury.

Ladies Exercise Class Saturday mornings

Join Liz Walker for 4 more weeks in Room 2 from 9.15 to 10 on a Saturday morning exercising to the DVD 'Body Groove by Misty Tripoli', it is INSANELY FUN!

Messy Church Beach Party - Wednesday 31 October 4pm - 6pm

Join us for a fun filled Halloween alternative. Adults are invited to come and stay with their children for craft, singing, stories, fun and food. This is for children up to and including Year6, children are invited to come in their beach wear! If you can offer any help, please see Lucy.

Please sign up at <https://messychurchlightparty.eventbrite.co.uk>.