

Reading: Matthew 24:36-51

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

⁴⁵ "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' ⁴⁹ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. ⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. ⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Advent Sunday Taize Service 7.30pm this evening Sunday 2nd December

There will be an opportunity for those who have lost loved ones to come forward during this service to light a candle in memory of them.

Financial Giving

If you would like to give to the work of Holy Trinity, do join the Planned Giving Scheme, please pick up a form from the Foyer. If you wish to make a cash contribution and are a taxpayer, please ask for a Gift Aid envelope.

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welcome
to Holy Trinity

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 December
10am Morning Worship
Advent Sunday

7.30pm Taize Service

Sunday 9th December
10am Morning Worship

Christmas
Jumper/Hat
Sunday!



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-Thursdays 9am - 2.30pm, Fridays closed

Email: office@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk

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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

Christmas Blessings Appeal by Tewkesbury Foodbank

In order to bless clients Foodbank are aiming to give every family a bag containing 'luxury' foods, e.g. chocolate biscuits, Christmas cakes, savoury biscuits, mince pies, Christmas puddings and custard, tinned ham, children's chocolate novelties (e.g. a chocolate Father Christmas or chocolate selection packs) and adult chocolates, (bars or boxes). In addition, they would welcome any 'stocking filler' toys or gifts. If anyone would like to donate these items; Foodbank need to have your donations by the week ending 14th December.



Our Mission Partners at Christmas

Don't forget to pray for our Mission partners at Christmas – some will be involved in special events - and send them Christmas greetings. You don't need to know them personally. Contact details on the Mission Board (don't forget to say you are from HT Tewkesbury!)

Ladies Christmas Craft Evening, Friday 14 December 7.00pm

Join us to make some lovely Christmas crafts plus drinks, cheese and biscuits. Sign up with Sharon after the service Cost: £5

12 Days of Giving Campaign

Ecclesiastical insurance is giving £120,000 to good causes as part of its annual 12 Days of Giving Christmas campaign. Ecclesiastical is inviting people to nominate a registered charity close to their hearts to benefit from this festive boost. Nominations are open now, and you can vote for your charity at www.ecclesiastical.com/12days



Our Mission Partners for December are Chris and Suzy Wilson and student Ochalla Omot Cham

See the Mission Board for more news and prayer points for this month.

Christmas Choir—last practice Saturday 8th December 10.30am-12.30pm

Prepare for the annual Carol service on Sunday 16th December and for planned carol singing events such as at the Wheatpieces pub on Thursday 20th December, as well as Carol singing around the town. Everyone welcome. Please feel free to bring your family friends neighbours. Coffee and biscuits will be provided. Contact Sue Perks for further information.

Old Mission Hall Update

Things are progressing well, but we need to remind you not to visit the OMH as it is a building site and is therefore closed to visitors. If you have any comments/questions/input would you please address them to 'our man of the spot' David Rogers. Thanks and keep praying, The OMH Project Team

Mulled wine and Mince Pies

If you are able to donate any mulled wine or mince pies for the Carol Service on 16th December, do get in touch with Sharon.

Alpha Course Wednesday 16th January 7.30pm

The next Alpha course will run for 9 weeks from Wednesday 16th January, 7.30 – 9.30pm in Room 2. Please pray about who you might be able to invite to come along to this course.

Prayer ministry after the service



This is such an important part of our worship together that we value your help and support in facilitating this quiet space so that ministry can take place uninterrupted. If we could move away from the prayer area immediately after the service and encourage the children to do so as well before engaging in conversations, that would be a great help. Thank you.

Stay Connected with us during the week

Stay connected with Holy Trinity on Twitter @HolyTewkesbury and Facebook HolyTrinityChurchTewkesbury as well as through our website, trinitytewkesbury.org.uk. Link to previous services and see what's coming up through your preferred platform.

Church Weekend Away 2019—Deposits are now due!

Please drop them into the church office or the red Administrator letter box in the foyer.