

Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, 1 John 3:16-18

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

1 John 3:16-18

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

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

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. 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.

We look forward to getting to know you.
With our blessing, Stephen and Sharon Walker



Sunday 19th May
10am Holy Communion
Stephen Walker
Living a Generous Life
3pm Sunday@3

Sunday 26th May
10am Morning Worship
James McMullen
Life in the Spirit: Prayer

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-Thursday 9am - 2.30pm, Fridays closed

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Weekly Events

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| 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 |

Would you value being prayed for?

Every Wednesday morning at our communion service in room 2 we pray for those whose names and requests are entered into the Intercessions book in the Church Foyer. If you value having others pray for your needs or those of your friends or loved ones (permissions must be given) then do enter their names and prayer requests in the intercessions book in the Foyer.

Help needed first week in June

Can you spare a couple of hours or so in the first week in June to clean the church and foyer? Kevin and Mary Lambert faithfully clean our church each week, they are taking a much earned rest for the first week of June. Please get in touch with the office if you can spare some time.



TJC News Weekly Update

Did you know that there is a weekly mail out for parents of children in TJC? Find out what's been going on in TJC this week, what's coming up and also any upcoming events.

If you'd like to receive the email please email Lucy on lucy@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk

Thy Kingdom Come United Prayer Event 5th & 6th June

All are welcome to share in an all age interactive prayer space and quiet room, to pray for our town, ourselves and others.

Wednesday and Thursday, 5th and 6th June 9.00am – 9.00pm

Friday, 7th June 9.00am through the night until Saturday, 8th June 6.00pm

United act of worship Sunday, 9th June 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity

For more details contact Andrew Thomas



Our Mission Partner for May is Tim Curtis in Paraguay

See the Mission Board for the full update and prayer points for this month on the Mission Noticeboard in the Foyer.

Assisted suicide, Right to die and the sanctity of life – exploring the 'hot potatoes' of our faith, Tuesday 4th June 7.30pm, Holy Trinity Hall.

Dr Stuart Hutchison will present an evening on the Biblical perspective on the issues that often end up in the law courts and on our TV screens. Mrs Sarah Sharp, who works at the Sue Ryder Hospice and nurses patients facing end of life support, will also contribute to the evening. There will be an opportunity for discussion after the presentation. All Welcome.

Do you want to have fun, keep fit and meet up with a few friends?

Andy Betts and Jon Hughes are organising a football kick about to happen on a regular basis, for those in High School and older. This is for fun not the serious stuff of Trinity Tigers! (If you are the next Messi speak with Stuart Hutchinson.) If you are interested, please email Andy Betts or Jon Hughes.

Advance Notice

The church office will be closed for half term break, Monday 27th to Friday 31st May.

Family Fun Day Saturday 15th June

Pop this date in your diary to bring your family along for some fun together.

Can you spare some time to help bless our church and community for our Fun Day? Contact Lucy if you have some time to help out.



Foodbank donations required

Foodbank are anticipating a very busy summer, but already are desperately short of the following items:

COFFEE, SPONGE PUDDINGS, PASTA SAUCES,
COLD MEATS (Corned beef, tinned ham)



Foodbank thank you for all the wonderful support since they started in 2014 and would be really grateful for your help once again.

Soup Lunch Sunday 26th May



Jimmy Tyler, one of our Young People, is fundraising for a trip to Central America this summer to spread the Word. Help him reach his target and hear of his plans. Tickets, £5, will be on sale soon. See Jimmy for more information.