# Reading: Acts 4:32-35 and Acts 15:1-11

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." <sup>2</sup> This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. <sup>3</sup> The church sent them on their way, and as they travelled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. <sup>4</sup> When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

<sup>5</sup> Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."

<sup>6</sup> The apostles and elders met to consider this question. <sup>7</sup> After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. <sup>8</sup> God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. <sup>9</sup> He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup> Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup> No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

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

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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.	Youth Pastor Sam Williams sam@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk (in office Tuesdays to Thursdays)	Church Administrator Rachel Hargreave office@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk Tel: 01684 292797



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 20th October 10am Morning Worship Archdeacon Phil

Sunday 27th October 10am Holy Communion Andrew Keith

3pm Sunday@3



ALL INVOLVED,

Primary school aged children are invited to join the groups in the Hall. This week is Week 1.

# **Core Values**

**BECOMING DISCIPLES.** 

DOING EVANGELISM.

**ENCOUNTERING GOD** 

CREATING COMMUNITY,

# Looking for a Life Group?

Speak to Steve or Joy Pegg 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

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#### Looking for what's on this week and throughout the month? Check it out on the church website: trinitytewkesbury.org.uk/calendar/month

## Tricky Questions - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm in Room 4 'Creation Care – Why it matters to Christians'

With so much increasing concern for the environment and the responsibility of governments to provide leadership to protect and preserve the health of our world, Andy Kingston Smith will present how we as Christians need to be in the forefront of caring for our environment.

## Men's Gathering 26-28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Early Bird booking £95 expires on 31<sup>st</sup> October**, so chaps get booked in. Further details in the Foyer or speak to Tim Folkes.

#### Release International – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7pm for 7.30pm Room 4 Update on the Persecuted Church

Paul Thomas of Release International will be visiting us over this weekend to update us on their ministry to support Christians persecuted for their faith. Do come and learn and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. For further information: Peter and Shirley Kingston.



## Experience Christmas—calling all volunteers!

If you can spare an hour or two on 2nd, 3rd, 4th December, contact Lucy Betts. Help us bring the true message of Christmas to our local primary school children.



#### Gloucester Diocese Life Vision Party, Saturday 9th November 2-5pm at All Saints' Academy, Cheltenham, GL51 0WH

All are welcome to a free party to celebrate being part of the Diocese. Free entertainment, food and a chance to grill the Bishops and Archdeacons!

https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2019/party-time/ for further information and how to enter the Bake Off cake competition.

## Moving Prayer. 2 workshops led by Jane Long at All Saints Church, Malvern Wells, Wells Rd, WR14 4PA

**Part I** An Advent journey, 'The Word made flesh' Saturday 7th December 2019 I0am-I2.45pm

**Part 2** A Lenten journey, 'Until He comes.' Saturday 7th March 2020 10am-12.45pm Donations welcome. See notice board for more information.

# Our Mission Partner for October is Pedro and Annu Santos

For more information see the Mission Board in the Foyer. Use the link <u>https://www.cmj-israel.org/newsletters</u> to read the latest news from Israel or click into <u>https://www.cmj.org.uk/get-involved/support-cmj</u> to receive their prayer updates by email. Pray also for Steve Pegg this month whilst he is in the Philippines.

## **Pray for our Nation**

As Brexit approaches Churches in Tewkesbury are coming together to pray each Saturday morning in October, 9-9.45am in the Old Mission Hall. This is a critical time in our history—do join us.

## **Trinity Puppets**

Calling all puppeteers to assemble in Room 2 on Monday 4 November from 6.30 pm to start rehearsing for the Christingle celebration. Anyone in Y7 or older who is available on Monday evenings and would like to be part of the puppet team, please contact Liz Williams.

## **Christmas Choir starts Saturday 2nd November**

Open to all. Bring your family, friends neighbours. We'll meet on Saturday mornings from 10.30-12.30 in Room 2. Music and refreshments provided. See Sue Perks for any more information.



## Coming soon—Eden Christmas Bookshop

Take the stress out of shopping for Christian Christmas books! Order through us and receive your items postage free delivered to church. Look online at eden.co.uk then fill in an order form from

#### Get your tickets today!

Ella Pantivity tickets available in the Foyer after the service.





#### Book online for the Halloween Alternative Party

Praise, Pizza and Pyjama Party on Thursday 31st October 4-6pm http://tinyurl.com/HTPPPparty

## Embrace Women's Day at St Andrew's Churchdown

Saturday 9 November 9.30am to 5pm Tickets £10 or £7 students from St Andrew's Office – 01452 712154 admin@stastb.church Refreshments all day but bring your own lunch. Speak to Sharon Walker for more information.