

Reading: Luke 2:25-32

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

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

Experience Christmas

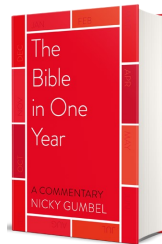
Thank you to all the fabulous volunteers who helped to bring the Christmas story to around 150 Year 3 primary school children. The children and grown up helpers had a blessed time receiving an interactive Christmas story experience.

'My favourite way to start the day.' Bear Grylls says!

The Bible in One Year book brings together all of the content on the BIOY app with over 800 pages of commentary from Nicky Gumbel and prayers to accompany the three daily scripture readings.

Consider treating yourself or a loved one to a copy this Christmas.

Order from Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/GumbelBibleIn1Year>



Urgent appeal for towels

In order to keep our young Christingle children safe, we are appealing for any spare towels that you have that we can dampen for the Christingle services. If you have any that are surplus to your requirements, please drop them into the office as soon as possible.

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.

We look forward to getting to know you.

With our blessing, Stephen and Sharon Walker



Christmas Jumper/Hat Sunday!

Sunday 8th December

10am Morning Worship

Jo Davies

6.30pm The Gathering

Johnny McKeown

Slippers for Shelter

Sunday 15th December

10am Morning Worship

Stephen Walker

3pm Sunday @ 3



Primary school aged children are invited to join the groups in the Hall. This week is Week 2.

Core Values

**ALL INVOLVED,
BECOMING DISCIPLES,
CREATING COMMUNITY,
DOING EVANGELISM,
ENCOUNTERING GOD**

**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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Wi-Fi is available upon request



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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

Slippers for Shelter, 15th December

Our Young People invite you to wear your slippers and/or PJs/onesie on Sunday 15th December. Bring some small change, if you wish to donate to Shelter, there will be donation boxes available.



Christmas Services in the Community

The Outlook Group (representing the Churches of Tewkesbury) will be conducting around 12 Christmas Services at local housing units, the hospital, nursing and care homes between 9 and 19 December. Please uphold this ministry in your prayers. For any further information, contact David King.

Eden Christmas Bookshop—Collect your orders!

See our table in Room 4 after the service over coffee to collect and pay for your orders.



Day for You invitation Friday 3rd January

Care for the Elderly is planning a Day For You on Friday 3rd January, primarily for people who can't get out much or are on their own. If anyone in the congregation has neighbours or friends they would like to invite please speak to Julie Pinder, Marg Carver or Jean Herrick for an invitation.

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



Community Carol Singing Opportunities

Holy Trinity has been invited to go to the Wheatpieces pub on Thursday 19th December for around 6.30pm onwards to sing carols. It has been advertised in their programme of Christmas events at the pub so it would be good we could join the choir and make a joyful noise, extending invitations to our Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December

Carol singing in Mitton has been organised for Friday 20th December (meeting at Woodies shop at 5pm) to walk across to the new Mitton estate sing some carols and end up in Marina court. Children and adults are invited to join in with the singing fun!

Our December Mission Partner is Tim Curtis in Paraguay

Tim is head of a team that translated the Bible into the Énxet language for the Énxet people in Paraguay. He is now promoting and facilitating its use in order to “make people wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ”, focusing on the production of study materials in the Énxet language. For more information and prayer topics, see the Mission noticeboard and/or ask James McMullen.

Why not subscribe to Tim's Link Letters? Fill in your details on the CMS website: <https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/tim-curtis/>

Send Christmas Greetings

Don't forget to send your Mission Partner a Christmas Card. Those overseas don't always have a reliable postal delivery so post them early to ensure a timely arrival. For addresses, see the Mission Board in the Foyer and tear off the addresses you need.



Church Christmas card

Before buying many Christmas Cards, consider signing the great big Christmas card in the Foyer and wishing all your church family a wonderful Christmas. Then make a small donation to our Christmas charities, Children's Society and Embrace the Middle East.

Carol service - Sunday 22nd Dec

Donations of mince pies and mulled wine greatly appreciated for the Carol service. Sharon will be taking names after the service. Also if you are able to help serve on the night please let Sharon know.



G'Loot

Ken Parson's neighbour is giving away a 6ft artificial Christmas Tree. If you are interested, please contact Ken or Carole Parsons.

Foodbank Christmas Blessings Parcels

Tewkesbury Foodbank are pleased to be able to offer anyone struggling over the Christmas period a Christmas Blessings parcel of food. This is not the usual food that is offered, but hopefully something more festive to help celebrate Christmas Day.

If you can help donate any of the items below, please drop off at the collection point at Tesco or in the Hall Foyer before 13th December, to ensure that they are given out.

Here's their Wishlist: Chocolate Biscuits, Christmas Cakes, Mince Pies, CHOCOLATES, Packets of stuffing, Tinned Ham or Salmon, Festive Candles.

