

## Reading: Mark 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup> They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?' <sup>10</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, <sup>11</sup> "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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

### SGA Men's Fish and Chip Night!

Join Wayne for a Men's Fish and Chip Night on Friday 13th March 7.30pm at Twynning Chapel, to hear of the latest SGA News. Booking essential through Wayne O'Leary email: [wayne.oleary@sga.co.uk](mailto:wayne.oleary@sga.co.uk)



#### 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**



**Sunday 23rd February**  
**10am Holy Communion**  
Stephen Walker

**6.30pm Encounter**  
Eileen Satchell

**Sunday 1st March**  
**10am Morning Worship**  
Chris Wilson

**6.30pm Encounter**  
Stephen Walker



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

### 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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## Looking for what's on during this week and throughout the month?

Check it out on the church website: [trinitytewkesbury.org.uk/calendar/month](http://trinitytewkesbury.org.uk/calendar/month)

### Our February Mission Partner is Wayne O'Leary, Pastor Yuri and the Slavic Gospel Association

See the Mission Board for the full update and prayer points for this month on the Mission Noticeboard in the Foyer. Why not subscribe to their email updates? Fill in your details on the SGA website: <https://sga.org.uk/>

### Hot Topics: Mental Health and what the Bible says—Tuesday 10th March

Come to an evening talk to hear from Nathan Jones, founder of Talkthrough. He has been involved in youth ministry, pastoral care, counselling, mental health and organisational leadership for 25 years. More information to follow soon.

TALKTHROUGH

### Family Pancake Party—25th February

Plan to pop along to the Family Pancake Party to celebrate Shrove Tuesday on 25th February 4-5.30pm.

Sign you and your children up via Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/uypv3f5>

### Bring and Share Lunch Sunday 1st March

Share lunch with us on Sunday 1st March after the service when we hear from Chris and Suzy Wilson as they visit us from mission in Ethiopia. John and Anne Angood will be taking names and food offerings after the service.



### Coming this Lent

#### Midday prayer times during Lent

Lent is not only about what we may give up i.e. chocolate, it is also a time for refocussing on God and to that end on each weekday during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday 26 February until Wednesday 8 April, at 12noon there will be a 30 minutes prayer time in the church foyer. Please come and share this time together and use the opportunity to engage with God.

#### Creation Care Lent Talks

You are invited to a series of talks around caring for our planet this Lent.

More details soon but why not pop these dates in your diary?

Tuesday 3rd March    Thursday 12th March  
Monday 16th March    Thursday 2nd April

#### G'Loot

Singer Smart sewing machine, rarely used. Contact Ken or Carole Parsons on 01684 293703 or [kparsons08@btinternet.com](mailto:kparsons08@btinternet.com)

## Sermon Notes—Sunday 23rd February Miracles – the healing of the paralysed man

Mark Chapter 2 is all about the Pharisee's opposition to Jesus. On 4 occasions in this chapter, they find fault with how Jesus and his disciples behave.

Read Mark 2:1-12

The 4 friends demonstrated 'their faith' by doing everything they could to bring the paralysed man to Jesus. They had complete faith that Jesus could heal him and nothing was going to stop them. They serve as an example to us.

- Do you have such faith in Jesus to do everything you possibly can to bring your friends to him? Would you do something as crazy and socially unacceptable as making a hole in someone's roof, if that is what it took? Have you ever done such a thing?
- P.U.S.H (Pray Until Something Happens) – where do you need to persevere in prayer and keep pressing on towards Jesus?
- Right from the outset, how does Jesus demonstrate his love and care for this man? Physical healing isn't this man's greatest need. It isn't our greatest need either. Having our sins forgiven is of far greater importance because it is our sins that separate us from God, deny us eternal life and bring us under God's just wrath. In forgiving this man's sin, Jesus gives him a far greater gift than physical healing.
- Why was this declaration of sins forgiven so potentially explosive?
- The teachers of the law were correct in their thinking that only God can forgive sins (Micah 7:18) so why were they unable to accept what Jesus was revealing about himself?
- Why did Jesus use the term 'Son of Man' about himself and how would that be received by his hearers?
- Jesus is often questioned about his authority in the gospel accounts. As well as in his authority to heal, what other ways do we see Jesus' authority demonstrated?
- What authority has he delegated to his followers (Matthew 28:18, Mark 3:14, Luke 10:19)? How does that encourage you/ frighten you?

Jesus bringing physical healing to the man reveals that the initial gift of forgiveness was genuine. Since Jesus can do the visible miracle (heal the paralytic man), it demonstrates that he has the authority to do the invisible miracle (forgive sins). Why is that such good news for us?

Note the response of the people v12. Are you constantly amazed by Jesus?

**Pray for one another to be refreshed in our knowledge and understanding of who Jesus is and the forgiveness he won for us at so great a cost.**

#### Creation Care Notice:

#### Monday 24th February at 7pm at Tewkesbury Town Hall

The 'Plastic Free Tewkesbury' group are making an 'Almost Zero Waste' presentation on Monday 24th February at 7pm at Tewkesbury Town Hall. Find out how to reduce waste and plastic in every day life with Q&A afterwards.