

<sup>13</sup> By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. <sup>14</sup> Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; <sup>15</sup> so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and re-entered through the Valley Gate. <sup>16</sup> The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

<sup>17</sup> Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." <sup>18</sup> I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

<sup>19</sup> But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?"

<sup>20</sup> I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

**3** Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. <sup>2</sup> The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.

<sup>3</sup> The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. <sup>4</sup> Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam son of Berekiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs, and next to him Zadok son of Baana also made repairs.

<sup>5</sup> The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

**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

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](http://www.trinitytewkesbury.org.uk)

*We look forward to getting to know you.*

**With our blessing, Stephen and Sharon Walker**



**Sunday 6th January  
10am Morning Worship**

**6pm Deanery Epiphany Carol  
Service at the Abbey**

**Sunday 13th January  
10am Morning Worship**

**6.30pm Evening Worship**

**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

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## Weekly Events

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Life Group</b>	10.30am
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Youth Life Groups, Sch Yrs 7-13</b> (Term time only)	7.00-9.00pm
	<b>Music &amp; Movement Group</b>	10.30-11.30am
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	10.00am
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am
	<b>Life Groups</b>	7.30pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Smarties</b> - for parents & carers of pre-school Children (Term time only)	10.15- 11.45am
	<b>Life Groups</b>	7.30pm
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Life Group</b>	10.30am

### 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.



### Thank you from Tewkesbury Foodbank

Many of you have also collected food and Christmas goodies for us to hand out as part of our Christmas Blessings project. Thank you for this – it means such a lot to families who have very little at this time of the year. This week we have been able to give to every client with a voucher, a large bag full of 'goodies' and small presents. In addition, we have also had donations of money which has enabled us to give out vouchers for meat and vegetables obtained from local shops.

### Alpha Course Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

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



### Visiting and befriending course—Saturday 12th January 10 –3:30pm

@ Holy Trinity Church, cost £5 each. If you would like more information or to book. Please email Rachel in the office. office@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk

### Ceilidh (Barn Dance) and Hog Roast - Tickets on sale today!

The Church Ceilidh is on Friday 1st February. Tickets, £10, will be on sale in the Foyer after the service, in support of the children's ICE Residential. Anyone over 11 yrs welcome. Food starting at 6.30pm, dancing at 7.30pm.

### Our Mission Partner for January is Jenny Green, in Bradford

See the Mission Board for more news and prayer points for this month. Jenny's update will be published next week.

### Week of Prayer 7-11 January

Join us at any or all of three daily prayer sessions during our Week of Prayer in January. Come to the Church Foyer for sessions at 9am, noon and 7pm. The 9am and noon slots will last around 30 minutes and the 7pm session for around 45 minutes. Each day will carry a theme to focus our prayers for the life of our church and community.

**Thank you**—Thanks go to each of you who gift your time and talents to the life of the church. Many jobs go unseen but life at Holy Trinity really wouldn't be the same without your input. If you would like the opportunity to contribute your time and talents to the life of the church in 2019, do get in touch with Rachel in the office.

### Moving on with Jesus

Is God calling you to move on with him? Come and receive teaching and a time of very gentle and confidential ministry with Christian Prayer Ministries:

Teaching and Preparation: Friday 8th March at 7.30 pm

Prayer Ministry Day: Saturday 9th March (or 16th March) 9.00 am-5.30 pm.

Details from Andrew or Judi Keith 01684 491662, [janda@uwclub.net](mailto:janda@uwclub.net).

### Reading: Nehemiah 2:1-6, 11 – Chapter 3:5

In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before,<sup>2</sup> so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart."

I was very much afraid,<sup>3</sup> but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"

<sup>4</sup> The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

Then I prayed to the God of heaven,<sup>5</sup> and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favour in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

<sup>6</sup> Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.

<sup>11</sup> I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days <sup>12</sup> I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.