

Reading: Esther 7

So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet,² and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

³ Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favour with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. ⁴ For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king."

⁵ King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

⁶ Esther said, "An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!"

Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. ⁷ The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

⁸ Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining.

The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?"

As soon as the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, "A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king."

The king said, "Impale him on it!" ¹⁰ So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king's fury subsided.

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

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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 22nd September
10am Holy Communion**
Jo Davies

**Sunday 29th September
10am Morning Worship**
Andrew Ollerton

**6.30pm Churches Together
Service**
Tewkesbury Methodist Church



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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Weekly Events

Mondays	Life Group	10.30am
Tuesdays	Youth Life Groups, School Years 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

Looking for the monthly church calendar of events?

Check it out on the church website: trinitytewkesbury.org.uk/calendar/month

Polite Request

If you borrow any item from anywhere in the church, please put it back where you found it when you have finished. It causes frustration to other church users when items are redistributed.



Soup Lunch

Sunday 13th October

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday 19 October, 9am

Hot Topics

Tuesday 12th November

Christmas bookshop launch

Sunday 13th October

Pizza, Pyjama, Praise Party

Thursday 31st October

Abba Tribute Night

Friday 22nd November 7pm



More details on each to follow soon!



Pamoja Choir

Founded in 2015, Pamoja Choir is a thriving Choir and began its new term on 19th September. We meet in the Salvation Army Church in

Cheltenham at 7.30pm on Thursdays. We are delighted to welcome Bean Baker as our new Musical Director. Some of you may have met him and his band at New Wine or Soul Survivor events. We do 2 events per term and everyone is welcome to our Choir. Please keep the date free for Saturday 7th December when we will have a concert at Holy Trinity Tewkesbury and we will be raising money for a local charity, details will come later.

Our Mission Partner for September is Release International

Our focus is particularly on the persecuted church in Pakistan. This week it is reported that a Christian in Lahore, accused of theft, died in hospital with torture marks all over his body from his treatment by police. Such abusive treatment of Christians is common in Pakistan. David Dean, of Barnabas Fund, will be speaking to Julie Pinder's life group at 10:00 on Friday 27th September, on the subject of persecution in Pakistan. The meeting is open to all. See also the Mission Board in the Foyer or contact info@releaseinternational.org. Why not subscribe to their Link Letters? Use the link <https://releaseinternational.org/contact/> to subscribe to their updates.

Pigeon Hole Sunday

Have you checked your pigeon hole recently? Please take a look and collect your post. They're located in the church foyer next to the doors.



Coming up!

Sunday 29th September. We will be joined by Andrew Ollerton from the Bible Society as our guest speaker at this service. Many of you will remember Andrew who presented the Bible Course that we did a couple of years ago. There will be guests from other churches joining us on this Sunday so arrive early to get a seat!

Sunday 6th October. This will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at which we will be collecting donations of non perishable items for Tewkesbury Food bank. We will be joined at this service by Luke Gratton who works for the child sponsorship charity 'Compassion'. Many of our congregation already support children through 'Compassion' so are familiar with the organisation.

Barnabas Fund supporting Christians facing Persecution, Friday 27th September 10:00am, Holy Trinity Church Hall,



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G'Loot Request:

Allen and Brenda Snow are wondering if anyone has a fire guard, 1370mm wide, 500mm deep. Extendable fire guard is preferred. Do contact them if you can help.

