

## Reading: Acts 8:26-40 cont:

is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" [<sup>37</sup> Some manuscripts include here Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

### Reading 3rd November: Acts 7:51-8:8

<sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup> Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— <sup>53</sup> you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it."

#### The Stoning of Stephen

<sup>54</sup> When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

**8** And Saul approved of their killing him.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

<sup>4</sup> Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. <sup>6</sup> When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. <sup>7</sup> For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was great joy in that city.

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# Holy Trinity

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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 27th October**  
**10am Holy Communion**  
Andrew Keith

**Sunday 3rd November**  
**10am Morning Worship**  
Jo Davies

**Sunday 10th November**  
**10am Remembrance**  
**Family Service**

With Act of Remembrance at the Cross  
at 10.45am

**6.30pm The Gathering**



Primary school aged children are invited to join the groups in the Hall. 27<sup>th</sup> is Week 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 this week and throughout the month?

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

### Tricky Questions - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm in the Church '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.

### Date for your diary. The next Baptism Service by full immersion will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

If you are 13yrs and over and have surrendered yourself to Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and have yet to confirm this commitment publicly then on this occasion you can be Baptised by full immersion or if Baptised as a baby, renew your Baptismal promises. Please speak to Stephen for more information.

### Commissioning Service, Tuesday 26th November 7.30pm

Archdeacon Phil Andrew invites you to a Deanery Service of Celebration with the Commissioning of Stephen Walker as Area Dean, here at Holy Trinity.

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

**Part 1** An Advent journey, 'The Word made flesh' Saturday 7th December 2019 10am-12.45pm

**Part 2** A Lenten journey, 'Until He comes.' Saturday 7th March 2020 10am-12.45pm

Email [janerlong@icloud.com](mailto:janerlong@icloud.com) or phone 01684 566101 to book or for further information. Donations welcome. See notice board for more information.

### Our Mission Partner for October is Pedro and Annu Santos. Our November Mission Partners are Chris and Suzy Wilson and Ochala

For more information see the Mission Board in the Foyer. Use the link <https://www.cmj-israel.org/newsletters> to read the latest news from Israel or click into <https://www.cmj.org.uk/get-involved/support-cmj> to receive their prayer updates by email. Why not subscribe to the Wilson's Link Letters? Fill in your details on the CMS website: <https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/chris-and-suzy-wilson>. Pray also for Steve Pegg whilst he is in the Philippines.

### Get your tickets today!

Ella Pantivity tickets available in the Foyer after the service.

### 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.



### Reading 27th October: Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here