

## Readings: Acts 4:32-37, Acts 9:19b-30, Acts 11:21-24

### Acts 4:32-37 'The believers share their possessions'

<sup>32</sup>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup>that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup>and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

<sup>36</sup>Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), <sup>37</sup>sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

### Acts 9:19b-30 'Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem'

<sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup>At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup>All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

<sup>23</sup>After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, <sup>24</sup>but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. <sup>25</sup>But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

<sup>26</sup>When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. <sup>27</sup>But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup>So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup>He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him.

<sup>30</sup>When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

### Acts 11:21-24 'The Church in Antioch'

<sup>21</sup>The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup>News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup>He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

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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 17th November**  
**10am Holy Communion**  
Stephen Walker

**3pm Sunday @ 3**

**Sunday 24th November**  
**10am Morning Worship**  
Schools Ministry Sunday  
Lynn Satchell



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 this week and throughout the month?

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

### 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. Everyone is invited to the service with light refreshments to follow.



**Pamoja Gospel Choir** at Holy Trinity 7th December 7.30pm Tickets £10 via Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/PamojaTewkesbury>

### Eden Christmas Bookshop starts today!

Take the stress out of shopping for Christian Christmas books! Order through us and receive your items postage free delivered to church. See our table in Room 4 after the service over coffee and fill in your order forms.



### 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.

### Coming Soon...

#### Christmas Jumper Sunday

Dust off your Festive jumpers or hats and join in the fun on Sunday 8th December.

#### Slippers for Shelter

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



### Wayne O'Leary speaking on Thursday 21st November 7.30pm

Our mission partner, Wayne, will be speaking at Andrew and Judi's Life Group this Thursday 21st November at 7.30 pm. Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome.

### Thank you!

Andy and Lucy wish to give a huge thank you out to all the splendid cast, crew and front of house helpers who made the pantivity, Ella, such a massive success. It was wonderful to spend time with the cast and crew in the run up to the performances and we're so grateful to the welcomers and coffee team too. Donations for Macmillan will be totalled up and we will let you know the grand total soon.

### G'loot—God's Loot

Large button desk top phone, suitable for people with hearing difficulties, Geemarc CLI00. New: never been used. Contact Julie Jarman



### Our November Mission Partners are Chris and Suzy Wilson and Ochala in Ethiopia

For more information see the Mission Board in the Foyer. 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>. Their latest Prayer letter is in the Foyer, if you missed it last week.

### Catering gifts?

Is there anyone in the congregation with catering gifts who would be able to head up the catering for a Care for the Elderly Party early in the New Year? Please speak to Julie Pinder, Marg Carver, or Jean Herrick as soon as possible.

### Smarties Lunch

Smarties is hosting a lunch for any Smarties families that wish to come. We are meeting on 21st November at 11:45, after Smarties to have lunch together and talk about things that matter. Please pray for this occasion.



Could you be available to come and help serve food or make a tray bake or do you have a portable highchair that we could borrow for the occasion? If the answer is yes please contact Rach Elliott

### Ladies Christmas Craft Evening, Friday 29th November 7pm

Come and join us for a social evening making some lovely Christmas crafts. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Cost £5. For more information speak to Sharon or Liz Walker

### Ladies Christmas Meal, Wednesday 11th December 7pm

Start the Christmas festivities with no cooking or washing up! Join us for a lovely Christmas meal at Brown's Garden Restaurant, Tewkesbury Garden Centre, for a 3 course meal, with a drink on arrival and coffee and mints.

Cost £23. Sign up after the service and look at the menu options.

### 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.

