

Readings: Matthew 16:24-27, John 8:12, Matthew 5: 14-16

Matthew 16:24-27

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

John 8:12

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Matthew 5: 14-16

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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

Would you value being prayed for?

Every Wednesday morning at our communion service in Room 2, we pray for those whose names and requests are entered into the Intercessions Book in the Church Foyer. If you value having others pray for your needs or those of your friends or loved ones (permissions must be given) then do enter their names and prayer requests in the intercessions book in the Foyer.

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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Holy Trinity

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MEET GOD • FIND LIFE • MAKE FRIENDS

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 1st December
10am Morning Worship
Baptism Service
Stephen Walker

6.30pm Taize Service

Christmas Jumper/Hat Sunday!
Sunday 8th December
10am Morning Worship
Jo Davies

6.30pm The Gathering
Johnny McKeown



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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Wi-Fi is available upon request



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

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

Pamoja Gospel Choir

Cheltenham's Inclusive Gospel Choir will be singing at Holy Trinity 7th December 6.30pm. Tickets £10 via Eventbrite, <https://tinyurl.com/PamojaTewkesbury>



Proceeds will be given to LINC (Leukaemia and Intensive Chemotherapy Fund) and Sue Ryder.

Christmas Services in the Community

The Outlook Group (representing the Churches of Tewkesbury) will be conducting around 12 Christmas Services at local housing units, the hospital, nursing and care homes between 9 and 19 December. Please uphold this ministry in your prayers. For any further information, contact David King.

Eden Christmas Bookshop—Last orders 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.



Day for You invitation Friday 3rd January

Care for the Elderly is planning a Day For You on Friday 3rd January, primarily for people who can't get out much or are on their own. If anyone in the congregation has neighbours or friends they would like to invite please speak to Julie Pinder, Marg Carver or Jean Herrick for an invitation.

12 Days of Giving Campaign

Ecclesiastical Insurance is giving £120,000 to good causes as part of its annual 12 Days of Giving Christmas campaign. Ecclesiastical is inviting people to nominate a registered charity close to their hearts to benefit from this festive boost. Nominations are open now, and you can vote for your charity at www.ecclesiastical.com/12days



Community Carol Singing Opportunities

Holy Trinity has been invited to go to the Wheatpieces pub on Thursday 19th December for around 6.30pm onwards to sing carols. It has been advertised in their programme of Christmas events at the pub so it would be good we could join the choir and make a joyful noise, extending invitations to our Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December

Carol singing in Mitton has been organised for Friday 20th December (meeting at Woodies shop at 5pm) to walk across to the new Mitton estate sing some carols and end up in Marina court. Children and adults are invited to join in with the singing fun!

Our December Mission Partner is Tim Curtis in Paraguay

For more information see the Mission Board in the Foyer. Why not subscribe to Tim's Link Letters? Fill in your details on the CMS website: <https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/tim-curtis/>

Send Christmas Greetings

Don't forget to send your Mission Partner a Christmas Card. Those overseas don't always have a reliable postal delivery so post them early to ensure a timely arrival. For addresses, see the Mission Board in the Foyer and tear off the addresses you need.



Church Christmas card

Before buying many Christmas Cards, consider signing the great big Christmas card in the Foyer and wishing all your church family a wonderful Christmas. Then make a small donation to our Christmas charities, Children's Society and Embrace the Middle East.

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.

Christmas Jumper Sunday, 8th December

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

Slippers for Shelter, 15th December

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



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.

