

Reading: Luke 2:10,11 and Matthew 9:18-26

Luke 2:10,11

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Matthew 9:18-26

¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."

¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

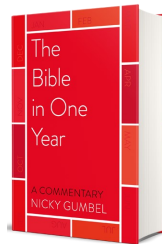
²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴ he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.

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

'My favourite way to start the day.' Bear Grylls says!

The Bible in One Year book brings together all of the content on the BIOY app with over 800 pages of commentary from Nicky Gumbel and prayers to accompany the three daily scripture readings. Consider treating yourself or a loved one to a copy this Christmas. Order from Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/GumbelBibleIn1Year>



Urgent appeal for towels

In order to keep our young Christingle children safe, we are appealing for any spare towels that you have that we can dampen for the Christingle services. If you have any that are surplus to your requirements, please drop them into the office as soon as possible.

<p>Financial Giving</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Staff contacts</p> <p>Vicar Rev Stephen Walker vicar@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk</p> <p>Youth Pastor Sam Williams sam@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk <i>(in office Tuesdays to Thursdays)</i></p>	<p>Children & Families Worker Lucy Betts lucy@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk <i>(in office Mondays to Thursdays)</i></p> <p>Church Administrator Rachel Hargreave office@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk Tel: 01684 292797</p>
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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

<p>Slippers for Shelter Sunday 15th December 10am Morning Worship Stephen Walker</p>	<p>Sunday 22nd December 10am Holy Communion</p> <p>6.30pm Carol Service</p> <p>3pm Sunday @ 3 Christmas Carols</p>
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Primary school aged children are invited to join the groups in the Hall. This week is Week 1.

<p>Core Values</p> <p>ALL INVOLVED, BECOMING DISCIPLES, CREATING COMMUNITY, DOING EVANGELISM, ENCOUNTERING GOD</p>	<p>Looking for a Life Group?</p> <p>Speak to Steve or Joy Pegg to find your nearest group for friendship, fellowship and discipleship during the week</p>	<p>PARENTS</p> <p>Kindly please note, once the church service and TJC have finished, you are responsible for your children's supervision and safety. Thanks</p>
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 	<p>Office hours: Monday—Thursday 9am to 2.30pm Email: office@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk Website: trinitytewkesbury.org.uk Twitter: @HolyTewkesbury Facebook: HolyTrinityChurchTewkesbury Wi-Fi is available upon request</p>	 Scan me
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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

Slippers for Shelter, 15th December

Our Young People have invited you to wear your slippers and/or PJs/onesie today. If you have some small change to donate to Shelter, there will be donation boxes available after the service.



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—Collect your orders!

See our table in Room 4 after the service over coffee to collect and pay for your orders.



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.

Desserts needed for the "Day for You"!

If you would be able to make a trifle or fruit salad for the "Day for You" on 3rd January please speak to Jean Herrick after the service.

12 Days of Giving Christmas Campaign

Ecclesiastical Insurance is giving £120,000 to good causes as part of its annual campaign. They are inviting people to nominate a registered charity close to benefit from this festive boost. Nominations are open until midnight on 19th December. 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

Tim is head of a team that translated the Bible into the Énxet language for the Énxet people in Paraguay. He is now promoting and facilitating its use in order to "make people wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ", focusing on the production of study materials in the Énxet language. For more information and prayer topics, see the Mission noticeboard and/or ask James McMullen.

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.

Carol service - Sunday 22nd Dec

Donations of mince pies and mulled wine greatly appreciated for the Carol service. Sharon will be taking names after the service. Also if you are able to help serve on the night please let Sharon know.



G'Loot

Purple rug, medium thick, nearly new and a little used (in a bedroom). Roughly 6cm thick; smooth border around central section, which has a parallel slightly ribbed design. 165cm x 232cm. Contact Peter or Shirley Kingston.

Wanted: Stair Gate.

Contact Allen or Brenda Snow

Fire Safety Marshals needed for Christingle services

We need a large team ready to both help give out and light the Christingles as well as being on hand to marshal the lit candles. The services are at 3pm and 4.30pm, if you could serve at both, that would be incredibly helpful.

Please contact the Wardens—Stephen Cirel or Roger Workman as soon as possible if you can help. There will be a short briefing after the morning service next Sunday 22nd.

