

Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.”

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

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

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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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 December
10am Holy Communion**

6.30pm Carol Service

**Tuesday 24th December
3pm and 4.30pm Christingle**

**Wednesday 25th December
10am Family Celebration**

**Sunday 29th December
10am Family Service**



Primary school aged children are invited to join the groups in the Hall. This week is Week 2.

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

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.

Week of Prayer Monday 6th Jan – Friday 10th Jan

As usual we will be starting the year with our Week of Prayer, meeting in the Church Foyer 3 times each day (9-9.30am, 12-12.30pm, 7-7.45pm (but not on Friday)). Please do join us and as we commit the New Year to the Lord in prayer.



Newcomers Evening Monday 20th January 7.30pm Vicarage

Sharon and Stephen will be hosting an informal drinks and nibbles evening at the Vicarage for all who are new or relatively new to the church. This will be an opportunity to meet other new(ish) people and learn about the vision and values of Holy Trinity. Do let Stephen or Sharon know if you are able to attend.

Alpha Course – Wednesday 29th January 7.30pm Hall

We will be starting the next Alpha course on Wednesday 29th January. Please do take invitations from the rack in the Foyer and invite friends, neighbours, family members, colleagues to come along, at least to the first evening. Further details from Stephen or Sharon.

Church Office Christmas Shut Down

The church office will be closed from 20th December and open again on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

Everyone in the office wishes you the very best Christmas and New Year!

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/>

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.

'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>



Encounter—New Sunday evening service 6.30pm

From the beginning of January we will be starting our regular Sunday evening service. There will be a new format so do come along there will be space for extended worship and time for prayer ministry. The theme for the new series will be on the Holy Spirit.



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 today.