

## Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**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 5th January**  
**10am Morning Worship**  
Stephen Walker

**6.30pm Encounter**  
Jo Davies

**Sunday 12th January**  
**10am Morning Worship**  
Stephen Walker

**6.30pm Encounter**  
Liz Williams



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



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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)

### Thank You

Huge thanks go out to everyone involved with the services and activities held over Christmas. The Carol Service and both Christingle services saw us welcoming well over 1000 people into our church to celebrate Jesus' birth. The Care for the Elderly team had a full house for their Day for You event ensuring the elderly in our community had fun and company welcoming in the New Year.

At such a busy time of year, the community has been really blessed by all those serving. If you would like to get involved in any of the teams, contact Rachel at the Church office to be put in touch with the team leaders.

### Week of Prayer Monday 6th – Friday 10th January

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.

### New Year Resolution? Want to give your tithe in a tax efficient way?

Most of our congregation give to the Lord's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity Church by Direct Debit. The Parish Giving Scheme is run by the Diocese of Gloucester who undertake all the administration for tax efficient giving, saving our Treasurer the huge task of liaising with the Inland Revenue on a regular basis for Gift Aid donations.

If you would like to give in this way, please pick up a form in the Foyer.



### Our January Mission Partner is Jenny Green in Bradford

See the Mission Board for the full update and prayer points for this month on the Mission Noticeboard in the Foyer. Why not subscribe to their Link Letters? Fill in your details on the CMS website:

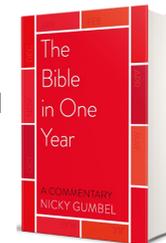
<https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/jenny-green>

### '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 New Year.

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.

Young people are invited for some fellowship at the OMH for an hour after the service.



### Stay Connected with us during the week

Use your preferred platform: our website [trinitytewkesbury.org.uk](http://trinitytewkesbury.org.uk), use the QR Code to link straight to our Homepage. Link to us on Twitter @HolyTewkesbury, Facebook HolyTrinityChurchTewkesbury to see what's coming up and link to previous services. Opt in to the MailChimp Sermon Link mailings by contacting the church office.



### TJC News Weekly Update

Did you know that there is a weekly mail out for parents of children in TJC? Find out what's been going on in TJC this week, what's coming up and also any upcoming events.

If you'd like to receive the email please email Lucy on [lucy@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk](mailto:lucy@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk)

### Would you like someone to pray with you?

Throughout the service our prayer ministry team is available to pray with you at the far end of the church by the Vestry door.