

Reading: Mark 1:40-45

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

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

SGA Men's Fish and Chip Night!

Join Wayne for a Men's Fish and Chip Night on Friday 13th March 7.30pm at Twyning Chapel, to hear of the latest SGA News. Booking essential through Wayne O'Leary email: wayne.oleary@sga.co.uk



Sermons you may have missed

To access any sermons you may have missed, including the notes, go to our website <https://tinyurl.com/HTSermons>

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 16th February
10am Morning Worship**

Wayne O'Leary

3pm Sunday @ 3

6.30pm Encounter
Peter Kingston

**Sunday 23rd February
10am Holy Communion**

Stephen Walker

6.30pm Encounter
Eileen 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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Wi-Fi is available upon request



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

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

Our February Mission Partner is Wayne O'Leary, Pastor Yuri and the Slavic Gospel Association

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 email updates? Fill in your details on the SGA website: <https://sga.org.uk/>

Hot Topics: Mental Health and what the Bible says—Tuesday 10th March

Come to an evening talk to hear from Nathan Jones, founder of Talkthrough. He has been involved in youth ministry, pastoral care, counselling, mental health and organisational leadership for 25 years. More information to follow soon.

TALKTHROUGH

Family Pancake Party—25th February

Plan to pop along to the Family Pancake Party to celebrate Shrove Tuesday on 25th February 4-5.30pm.

Sign you and your children up via Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/uypv3f5>

Bring and Share Lunch Sunday 1st March

Share lunch with us on Sunday 1st March after the service when we hear from Chris and Suzy Wilson as they visit us from mission in Ethiopia. John and Anne Angood will be taking names and food offerings after the service.



Villa in France

Niki Breeze has booked a villa that sleeps 8 people in south west France for Whit week (arriving 23rd until 30th May) and they are now unable to go. If anyone would be interested in buying it from them, do get in touch with her. They are only looking for £250 for it. The link with all the information is <https://www.etangvallier.com/en/c-3-bedrooms/villa-charentaises-villa-verne-8-10p-1443>

Thank you from Foodbank

The Christmas Blessings Project was a great success; thanks to your donations they were able to distribute 117 parcels for 178 children and 201 adults. This was on top of the usual Foodbank vouchers processed for December.

Foodbank are incredibly grateful for your generosity, without which they'd be unable to bless those on hard times in our community. Donations are collected all year round; food offerings can be left in the box in the Hall foyer or the collection point by the tills in Tesco and any cash donations can be made via their website: <https://tewkesbury.foodbank.org.uk/>

Sermon Notes Sunday 16th February 2020

The Divine Exchange – Turning Ashes into something Beautiful

God takes lives and changes them. He takes the remains of what we have left, like when a fire has gone out and all we have is ashes. He makes them beautiful. A miracle happens. A Divine Exchange! He exchanges our worthless lives and makes them whole. Just like the leper. He gave beauty for Ashes. Because he is compassionate.

Read Mark 1:4-45

Other texts to read: Isaiah 6: 1-3, Luke 4:14-21, Zechariah 1:16, Psalm 103:7-8

1. Describe the 'Divine Exchange' as seen in Ps 103:1-5
2. Compare Isaiah 61:1-3 with Luke 4: 14-21
3. How would you describe beauty for ashes – the 'Divine Exchange'
God takes that which is worthless, the remains of something, and replaces it with something beautiful. God takes the hopeless and makes it hope-full...
4. What characters in the Old Testament can you think of where God takes Ashes and Exchanges them?
5. In Mark, Jesus comes to the leper – He is moved with compassion.
Compare this story with:
Matthew 14:14, 15:12, 20:34, Mark 6:34, 8:2, Romans 9:15 and James 5:11
What Patterns can you see?
6. In Luke 4 Jesus (quoting Isaiah 61:1-3) said 'Today this scripture is fulfilled.'
How did Isaiah become fulfilled for the leper?
7. The nature of Jesus reflects God – Compassionate and taking worthless lives. Discuss.
8. How do you feel about what you have heard from the Bible?
How does it make you feel about approaching God?
What are you doing with your Ashes?