

Reading: John 5:1-18

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. [*and they waited for the moving of the waters.* ⁴ From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had.] ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Authority of the Son

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defence Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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

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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 March
10am Morning Worship**
Chris Wilson

6.30pm Encounter
Stephen Walker

**Sunday 8th March
10am Morning Worship**
Stephen Walker

6.30pm Encounter
Vicki Hughes



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

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

Hot Topics: Mental Health and what the Bible says Tuesday 10th March, 7 for 7.30pm in the Church

TALKTHROUGH

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. Bring your own mug for refreshments, if you can!

Bring and Share Lunch today

Share lunch with us after the service when we hear from Chris and Suzy Wilson as they visit us from mission in Ethiopia.

Midday prayer times during Lent

Lent is not only about what we may give up i.e. chocolate, it is also a time for refocussing on God and to that end on each weekday during Lent, until Wednesday 8 April, at 12noon there will be a 30 minutes prayer time in the church foyer. Please come and share this time together and use the opportunity to engage with God.

Creation Care Lent Talks 7.30pm in the Hall

You are invited to a series of talks around caring for our planet this Lent. Do make a note of the dates, all talks start at 7.30pm

Tuesday 3rd March—Food, vegetarian, vegan and healthy

Thursday 12th March—Spirituality, caring for creation

Monday 16th March—Shopping, consumerism and plastics

Thursday 2nd April—Energy and transport

#LiveLent

A limited number of booklets are available in the Foyer. However, you can have the Live Lent daily devotionals delivered straight to your phone/device? Subscribe to their app or daily emails. Full details at www.churchofengland.org/livelent

Tewkesbury Passion Play - Good Friday 2021

Exploratory Meeting Thursday 19th March 7.30-8.30pm, Room 4

As part of the Celebrations for the 900 years consecration of the Abbey, members from across Tewkesbury churches and the wider community are coming together to present an open air Passion Play on Good Friday 2021. If you would like to be part of this great event and be part of the cast, you are invited to attend an exploratory meeting on Thursday 19th March 7.30pm – 8.30pm in HT Church Hall. This is church and community working together and will be a significant event for our town. Stephen will be hosting the meeting with John Jeffreys (professional actor and Theatrical Director) setting the vision.

Our March Mission Focus is on Release International and the persecuted church in Pakistan.

You can help persecuted members of our Christian family! See the Mission Noticeboard in the Foyer for information and prayer points for this month. Why not subscribe to Release International's magazine? info@releaseinternational.org.

Ladies Breakfast - Saturday 28 March 9am

Join us for a lovely breakfast and time of fellowship. This time we are letting Amanda Lowe out of the kitchen to share her story with us!



Tickets £5 on sale from next Sunday.

Music and Movement for the Elderly

Can you spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning to run an exercise class for the elderly in our community after Easter?

Niki Breeze has been involved in this class with Marg Carver, Julie Bennett and Angela Gabbott but will be moving to Newcastle in May.

We are looking for someone to take her place, as it is great benefit to the folks that come. Please contact Marg Carver or Niki Breeze to find out more.

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), 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>

Cheltenham Science and Literature Festivals

Did you know that a team from the Diocese of Gloucester runs family activities at the Cheltenham Festivals each year? They're aiming to give people a good experience of the Church of England, even if they would not normally step into a church building. It's a great chance to connect with new people from across the county and beyond. We would love to recruit some more volunteers to our fun and friendly team - if you can chat confidently with children and their parents and teachers and would like to be involved, get in touch with Kerry Pateman kpateman@glosdioc.org.uk for details.

Cheltenham Street Pastors

The Street Pastors are recruiting more volunteers. They hope to start training in April, so applications need to be in during March to give them enough time to take up references. If you are interested email: cheltenham@streetpastors.org.uk or for more information you can also talk to Andy Beadle or Paul and Dorothy Wilson.

SGA Men's Fish and Chip Night!

Join Wayne for a Men's Fish and Chip Night on Friday 13th March 7.30pm at Twynning Chapel. Booking essential through Wayne O'Leary email: wayne.oleary@sga.org.uk