

Reading: Luke 1: 2-25

² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. ⁸ Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." ¹⁹ The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." ²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵ "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favour and taken away my disgrace among the people."

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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:

www.trinitytewkesbury.org.uk

*We look forward to getting to know you.
With our blessing, Stephen and Sharon Walker*



Sunday 3rd December
Morning Worship
Jo Davies

6.30pm Evening Worship
Advent Taize Service

Sunday 10th December
Morning Worship
Stephen Walker

3pm Sunday @ 3

6.30pm Evening Worship
Alpha Series

Core Values

ALL INVOLVED,
BECOMING DISCIPLES,
CREATING COMMUNITY,
DOING EVANGELISM,
ENCOUNTERING GOD

Looking for a Life Group?

Speak to Alison Cirel 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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Weekly Events

Mondays	Life Group	10.00am
Tuesdays	Youth Life Groups, Sch Yrs 7-13 (Term time only)	7.00-9.00pm
	Music & Movement Group	10.30-11.30am
Wednesdays	Coffee Morning	10.00am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Life Groups	7.30pm
Thursdays	Smarties - for parents & carers of pre-school Children (Term time only)	10.15- 11.45am
	Life Groups	7.30pm
Fridays	Life Group	10.30am



Taize Advent Service with Holy Communion
Come and join us for a joyous start to the Advent season
today at 6.30pm.

Please note, there will be no Alpha tonight.

Christmas choir

Next rehearsal Wednesday 6th December, 6.30-7.30pm, in church.

Ladies underwear required!

Sue Nash is collecting bras and pants for young women and girls to be sent via 'Bras Not Bombs' to vulnerable girls in Libya, Syria and Greece. Small sizes, any colour are welcome. Bras must be clean and in good condition but pants must be new - not second hand. Drop your donation to Sue or the Church Office.



Save the date!

Get your dancing shoes out for a Ceilidh on Friday 19th January.
Tickets will be available from today after the service.

Breakfast in Bethlehem needs inner tubes from kitchen rolls, foil or cling film, for the craft morning on Saturday 9th December. If you can help, please bring to Church Office or see Rach Elliott.

Church Prayer Evening on Thursday 7th December, 7.30pm

Do join us to specifically pray for all the different services and events to celebrate Christmas with our community.



Our Mission partner for December is: Tim Curtis, in Paraguay, preparing Bible Study material to enable the Enxet people to better study their newly published Bible.

Please consider sending Christmas Greetings to our Mission Partners by card or email – tear off address lists and further information on all Mission Partners on the Mission Board.

Carol Service with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies on 17th December

Donations of mulled wine and mince pies for the Carol Service would be appreciated. Offers please to Sharon Walker.

Breakfast in Bethlehem Saturday 9th December 10 am-12 noon

Bring your children along to a Christmas activity and craft morning for Smarties age up to and including 9 year olds. Come and enjoy some Christmas activities and bacon butties. Today is your last chance to register at:

<https://breakfastinbethlehem17.eventbrite.co.uk>



Social Media Training has been rebooked and will now be **Monday 4th December**. Free training in social media, suitable for all who use social media to promote stories and share stories of individual faith journeys. Book by email: KClamp@glosdioc.org.uk

Sunday 10th December is Christmas Jumper Sunday!

Just for fun, everyone is welcome to sport this years Christmas jumper on 10th December, or if you prefer come in a Christmas Hat. Don't forget to bring some money for The Potters Village Christmas Sale which will be on after the service.

TIME FOR AN M.O.T.?

Our next prayer ministry course will be on Thursday evenings, 8th and 15th March, and Saturday 17th March . Come and be blessed!
If you are interested please contact Andrew or Judi Keith.

Data Protection

Data Protection legislation is changing. The Church is carrying out an audit to find out who has what information, where, and why. Do you have information, such as contact information, on other church members to be used in a church capacity, e.g. for running a Life Group or for organising a rota? Please do let Rachel in the Church Office know, what information you have and why. Many thanks

