Parish Notices are posted on the Parish Website: www.cirenparish.co.uk
Office email enquiries@cirenparish.co.uk

Church Shop – Please come and visit the shop which now has a selection of wonderful Christmas Gifts, Advent Calendars and Cards.

A Note – Let me begin by introducing myself, I am Richard Norton, the newly appointed Parish Development Manager. While I have been in post for less than two weeks, it is already clear to me that the passion for our churches, our town and the communities we serve runs deep. I very much look forward to meeting and working with you all in due time as together we continue our attempts to build the conditions of the Kingdom of God in this place.

Parish Church Fire Alarms – a gentle reminder that if and when the fire alarms go off, the church must be evacuated Immediately – this includes during a service.

Keyholders – please would ALL key holders take more responsibility for the keys entrusted to them. The vergers are NOT employed as back up suppliers of keys. Replacement keys cost us up to £90 a time.

Sing It! Children’s Choir – for 7-12 year olds (school years 3-7). We will be meeting every Thursday before Christmas, between 6-7pm at Watermoor Hall, to prepare for the Nativity Service at Holy Trinity on Sunday 21st December. Come along, learn to sing and be part of a choir! More info from Maggie.grady@btinternet.com.

Church Christmas Card at Holy Trinity – if you would like to send your Christmas Greetings to friends at church this Christmas without exchanging individual cards, then please sign the large card at the back of the church, Please put a donation for the Children’s Society in the flower safe in the wall by the door. Thank you.

Christmas Eve at the Parish Church – there will be 2 special services on this day at the Parish Church. At 12pm, there will be a Christingle Service. This will be followed by the traditional Nativity Service at 4pm, for which children are encouraged to arrive dressed as their favourite character from the nativity story and will be invited to come to the front during the service, if they wish. There will be no ‘dressing room’ on the day, so if you would like to
borrow an outfit, these will be available on a first come first serve basis as follows; after Messy Mass on the 14/12, after the Little Angels Nativity on 18/12 and after Sunday Worship on 21/12 (see service schedule for timings).

**Mulberry Court Day Centre** – for the past few years, kind parishioners have given us donations for small bags of gifts for 12 elderly people who go to the centre. They live on their own and do not have a family Christmas. We hope to repeat this if possible and Pippa Burgon (Holy Trinity) and Teresa Davies (Parish Church) will be collected for this on Sunday 7th and Sunday 15th December at the 10am services. We would be most grateful for any help you can give us. Thank You.

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**Readings**

**This Week**
- Isaiah 40 vv 1-11
- 2 Peter 3 vv 8-15a
- Mark 1 vv 1-8

**Next Week**
- Isaiah 61 vv 1-4, 8-end
- 1 Thessalonians 5 vv 16-24
- John 1 vv 6-8, 19-m28

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**Today’s Services**

**7th December**

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am All Age Eucharist
- 3pm Schools’ Advent Service
- 6pm Evensong

**Holy Trinity**
- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am All Age Eucharist

**St Lawrence**
- 10.30am Eucharist

**Next Week’s Services**

**14th December**

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Eucharist
- 6pm No Evensong

**Holy Trinity**
- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Eucharist
- 6pm Carol Service

**St. Lawrence**
- 10.30am Eucharist
# Daily Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)

- **Morning Prayer** – 8.30am
- **Eucharist** – 12 noon *(N.B. Bank holidays at 10am)*
- **Evening Prayer** – 5.00pm

## Other Dates

**Monday, 8th December, The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 9.00am  Organ Practice (Parish Church)
- 10.30am  Prayers for the Persecuted Church (Holy Trinity)
- 1.30pm  Organ Practice (Parish Church)
- 4.00pm  Hour of Silent Prayer (Parish Church)
- 7.00pm  Male Voice Choir Rehearsal (Parish Church)

**Tuesday, 9th December,**

- 10.00am  Organ Practice (Parish Church)
- 1.30pm  Organ Practice (Parish Church)
- 1.30pm  Totswold – Music In Cirencester (Holy Trinity)
- 5.30pm  Cirencester Band Rehearsal (Parish Church)
- 6.30pm  Bell Ringing Practice (Holy Trinity)
- 7.30pm  Housegroup – 11 Michaels Mead

## Wednesday, 10th December,

- 9.00am  Drop in (St Lawrence)
- 9.30am  Organ Practice (Parish Church)
- 10.30am  STL Holy Communion (St Lawrence)
- 2.00pm  Rendcomb College Set Up & Rehearsal (Parish Church)
- 6.00pm  Rendcomb College Carol Service (Parish Church)
- 7.00pm  Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
- 7.45pm  PCC Meeting (Parish Centre)

## Thursday, 11th December,

- 10.30am  Organ Practice (Parish Church)
- 2.00pm  Little Angels (Parish Church)
- 6.00pm  Sing It! Children’s Choir (Watermoor Hall)
- 7.00pm  Parish Choir Rehearsal (Parish Church)

## Friday, 12th December,

**ALL Day**  Organ Tuning

- 7.30pm  Cirencester Band Christmas Cracker (Parish Church)

## Saturday 13th December, Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

**All Day**  Macmillan Christmas Fayre