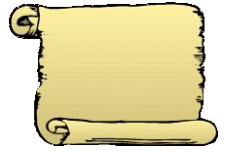


**Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton**



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**3rd Sunday before Lent**

Parish Notices are posted on the Parish Website: [www.cirenparish.co.uk](http://www.cirenparish.co.uk)

Office email [enquiries@cirenparish.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cirenparish.co.uk)

**Please note** that Fr Leonard and Fr Howard will both be away from Sat 11<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, so, if you are in need of pastoral care please contact the Parish office (01285 659317), Revd Colin Mattock (653828), Revd Paul Springate (659024) or Revd Katie Richardson (652576).

**Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity** – Many thanks to all the groups of people who rallied round in typical HT style before, during and after the recent confirmation service with Bishop Rachel. Those who ensured that everything ran so smoothly were (in alphabetical order): Acolytes, Bell ringers, Brass Cleaners, Candidates, Choir, Cleaners, Coffee team, Congregation, Collection counter, Flag wavers, Flower arrangers, Furniture movers, Gospel presenter, Intercessor, Music group, Organist, Parish Office staff, Pew leaflet deliverer, Readers, Sidesmen, SingIt, Staging assemblers and disassemblers, my fellow Wardens and then anyone else I might have overlooked.

*Peter Cottey*

**Abbey 900 Opening Ceremony** On Wednesday February 22 Bishop Rachael will formally open the anniversary year of celebration with a Tree Planting at 3pm (gathering in Parish Church from 2.30pm) and Service at 6.30pm, both to be held in the presence of the High Sherriff of Gloucestershire and the Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. All are warmly invited to attend. For further information please see posters and invitation cards in the churches.

*Rev Katie*

**Abbey 900** - A tree (*Quercus Pallistris*) is to be planted in the Abbey Grounds by Bishop Rachel at 3.00pm on the 22nd February 2017 as part of the opening events of a year-long celebration of Abbey 900. Should anyone wish to financially support this please send your donation or pay in at Barclays Bank CCDT (A) Account Sort Code 20-84-58 Account Number 53573842 Ref Trees. Donations may be Gift Aided.

**Mothers' Union** - In Cirencester has a new project for 2017. We are aiming to make blankets for stillborn babies. It is hoped that completed blankets will be blessed at the 10am service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Mothering Sunday (March 26<sup>th</sup> 2017). For further information please contact Kathie Cottey on 01285 654038 or e-mail:- [pcottey@talktalk.net](mailto:pcottey@talktalk.net). Patterns are now also available from the Mothers' Union table in the Parish Church.

**Advance Notice** - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, making posies for distribution in churches to Mothers on Mothering Sunday – Watermoor Church Hall from 10am

**Another Advance Notice – Date for your diary** – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February @6pm – Parish Pancake Party in the Abbey Room, Parish Centre – where the clergy toss the pancakes – all are welcome.

**Parish Magazine** - If anyone would like a copy of the Parish Magazine emailed to them, please could you let me know on [howardgray55@outlook.com](mailto:howardgray55@outlook.com). Many thanks.  
*Howard*

**Parish Fayre 2017** - I have been asked if there is to be a Fayre in September this year. My response has been that if the Parish and PCC support it and a small group of parishioners across the Parish are prepared to help organise it then it would be scheduled to take place on the second Saturday in September i.e. 9<sup>th</sup>. It has also been suggested that if we go ahead it might be a good idea to decide the beneficiaries before the event so that it can be included in the publicity and in particular on the raffle tickets. The PCC has offered their support and if anyone feels they would like to be involved in the organisation or would like to suggest beneficiaries please get in contact with Peter Cottey (654038 or [pcottey@talktalk.net](mailto:pcottey@talktalk.net)). In the past we have met just 4 times before the event and once afterwards. I am particularly looking for volunteer(s) to take charge of the Raffle which normally raises about a third of the profit.

**Women's Word Day of Prayer** - This annual event, organised by Churches Together in Cirencester, is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's day of prayer on Friday March 3 2017 in the New Baptist Church at 2pm. If you are able to help please contact Gill Keens on [gloskeens@btinternet.com](mailto:gloskeens@btinternet.com) or on 01285 652069 by Wednesday February 15. Thank you.  
*Rev Katie*

**Lunchtime organ recitals: A birthday series** - Mondays, 13:10-13:50. To celebrate a 'milestone birthday' Anthony Hammond will be playing a series of free, lunchtime organ recitals at the Parish Church every Monday in February. Featuring some of his favourite pieces of organ music they will include works by Bach, Elgar, Liszt and Vierne.

**Annual Report** - Every year, as PCC secretary, I am required to submit a report to the Archdeacon which reflects the activities and development of our Parish. Please, therefore, would leaders of groups and those who hold positions of office within our churches, submit a short report to me outlining what has happened in their area of responsibility during the last calendar year. Copies of last year's Annual Report can be found in each church, obtained from the Parish Office or downloaded/viewed on the parish website. Please either leave your report at the Parish Office marked for my attention or email: [howardgray55@outlook.com](mailto:howardgray55@outlook.com) **Closing date: last week in March.** Thank you  
*Howard Gray*

**Cirencester Twinning Association** - Cirencester is delighted to be welcoming visitors from our twin town in Itzehoe, Germany at Easter 2017. If you have a spare room or would like to join in the fun, please contact Cirencester Twinning Association at [cirencestertwinning@gmail.com](mailto:cirencestertwinning@gmail.com) or look at website [www.cirencestertwinningassociation.org.uk](http://www.cirencestertwinningassociation.org.uk) Alternatively, you can support the fundraising for this weekend by purchasing a Cirencester calendar £7.99 from the Town Council Office.

**Ciren Belles** - meet on the third Thursday of every month to promote friendship among women in our community. Leaflets showing our programme and contact details are available in the churches. Our next meeting is on Thursday February 16 in Somewhere Else, Castle Street, GL7 1QD. Corinne Lamus will speak about Abbey 900. Do join us for a great evening out from 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Women of all ages and backgrounds are most welcome. Please Contact Reverend Katie Richardson [revkatie@cirenparish.co.uk](mailto:revkatie@cirenparish.co.uk) or Vikki O’Keeffe [vikki.okeeffe@gmail.com](mailto:vikki.okeeffe@gmail.com) or Tel: 01285 659317

**2017 Cirencester International Organ Festival - 22nd-29th April** - We're delighted to announce the line-up for the 2017 Cirencester International Organ Festival. Tickets and a full programme are available now via <http://cirencesterorganfestival.co.uk/>

**Some highlights:** We have an amazing opener to the 2017 festival this year with international virtuoso, Stephen Tharp. This is Stephen's first (and only planned) recital in the UK in over 10 years. Described by The Diapason as '*the best organist in America*' A once in a lifetime concert, coming to Cirencester and not to be missed. **Tickets £12** Back by popular demand Anthony Hammond will be closing the festival with one of his exciting and innovative improvised silent movies. This will be the highest grossing film of the silent movie era, '*The Big Parade*', commemorating the centenary of America's involvement in WW1 (April 2017).

In addition to our free week-day lunchtime concerts we have two new events:

Thursday 27th April - Family Gala Concert: Peter & the Wolf - with organ (Hugo Kennard), poetry and pictures.

Friday 28th April - Gala Wine Recital This year you can hear Heilscher's *California Wine Suite* played alongside a tutored wine tasting!

### **Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)**

Morning Prayer – 8.30am (subject to clergy availability)

Eucharist – 12 noon (N.B. Bank holidays at 10am)

Evening Prayer – 5.00pm (subject to clergy availability)

### **This Sunday’s Services (12<sup>th</sup> February)**

#### **Parish Church**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock with Sylvia Harker
6.00pm	Evensong	Richard Marlowe

#### **Holy Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Rosemary Franklin
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Paul Springate

#### **St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson
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## Next Sunday's Services (19<sup>th</sup> February)

### **Parish Church**

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson with Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
6.00pm	Evensong	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan with Revd Katie Richardson

### **Holy Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Paul Springate
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Karen Schmidt

### **St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Dr Philip Thomas
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## Other Dates

### **Monday 13 February,**

9.15am	Chorinium Rehearsal (Parish Church)
10.30am	Prayers for the Persecuted Church (Holy Trinity)
13.10pm	Anthony Hammond's Lunchtime Recital (Parish Church)
7:00pm	Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)
7.30pm	Monthly quarter bell ringing peal (Parish Church)

### **Tuesday 14 February, Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 & 885 and Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269**

1.00pm	Funeral – Albert Strange (Holy Trinity)
7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Holy Trinity)
7.30pm	Housegroup (85 Chesterton Park)

### **Wednesday 15 February, Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Swede, 1045 and Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730**

9.00am	St Lawrence Drop in
7:00pm	Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
8:00pm	Wedding Preparation Classes (Town Hall)

### **Thursday 16 February**

2:00pm	Little Angels (Parish Church)
7:30pm	Parish Church Choir Practice (Parish Church)

### **Friday 17 February, Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, 1977**

10.00am	Mother's Union Coffee Morning (Parish Church)
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### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February,**

12.00pm	Watermoor Community Jumble Sale (Watermoor Hall)
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