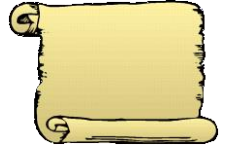


Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



Sunday 26th February
Sunday next before Lent

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

Change of Date: Please note that the **Annual Parochial Church meeting** will now be held at St Lawrence Church Centre on **Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm**. This will be preceded by Holy Communion at 6.45pm and the Vestry Meeting (election of Churchwardens) at 7.15pm.

Advance Notice - Saturday 25th 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 28th February @6pm – Parish Pancake Party in the Abbey Room, Parish Centre – where the clergy toss the pancakes – all are welcome.

Another Advance Notice - A MU Deanery Lady Day Service will be held in Holy Trinity Church at 12 noon on the 25th March, followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Church Hall, Watermoor. All welcome.

Rosemary Roberts

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday March 1st** at 2.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall. Our guest speaker is the Revd. Paul Springate. All are very welcome at our meetings, members or not. Refreshments are served at the end of the meeting.

Prayer Morning – for our Churches, Schools, our Town and all relevant needs across our world. 10.30am on **Thursday March 2nd** at 22 Abbey House, Cirencester, GL7 2QU. Tel: 655900. Stay for coffee and biscuits.

Val Manson

Fridays in Lent: The Lent discussion group will read together *The Passion and The Cross* by Ronald Rolheiser. This is a collection of daily readings centred around one theme for each chapter (Garden of Gethsemane, Moral Revolution, Revelation, Salvation, Resurrection). Copies are available at the Parish Church bookstall. Ronald Rolheiser is among the most popular and inclusive spiritual writers today. Groups will take place at my home between 2-3.30pm beginning on Friday March 5. An evening group can also be offered if required - please let me know if you would like this.

Rev Katie (revkatie@cirenparish.co.uk or 01285 652576).

Parish Fayre 2017 – The fayre this year will take place on Saturday 9 September (yes it is Heritage Day and the Historic Churches Ride+Stride, but that has been the case for a number of years!). Thank you to the small group of volunteers who have intimated that they could help me run it, it's not too late to volunteer we don't meet until April/May. In the meanwhile please start thinking about the beneficiaries of any profit that you would like to be considered this time and let Peter Cottey know your thoughts so that when the group meet we can discuss them and make sure the chosen one(s) appear on all publicity. Clearly nearer the time I will be asking for stall holders and suggestions for new stalls that can help us raise money.

Peter Cottey (pcottey@talktalk.net or 01285 654038).

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 Keen on gloskeens@btinternet.com or on 01285 652069 by Wednesday February 15. Thank you.

Rev Katie

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 **Closing date: last week in March.** Thank you

Howard Gray

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.

Poppy Appeal: The Royal BLWS are hoping to decorate the South Porch with knitted and crocheted poppies in November. I have been told that to achieve the effect, that we are hoping for, 17000 poppies will be required! We will be appealing to various women's organisations for their participation in our venture and to anyone who would like to make poppies – it would be wonderful if this could be a Cirencester community effort. Willing participants can contact me on 643530 or eileen.35@hotmail.co.uk

Labyrinth: 1st March – 20th April. Do come and experience the journey through Lent in the Lady Chapel at the Parish Church.

Good Friday Messy Church - Friday April 14th 10am - 12 noon Watermoor Church Hall. Easter craft and games for all the family. Come and hear the Good news Easter message!

Vicar moving - It was announced on Sunday 19th February that I have been appointed as Senior Anglican Chaplain of the Greater Athens Chaplaincy. Lynne and I will be moving to Athens in the second half of June. My last service in the parish will be 10.00am on Sunday 30th April. I then have some Annual Leave, and an early June Pilgrimage to the Holy Land which brings us to mid-June. It looks like the Licensing will be in Athens on Friday 30th June. Please pray for Lynne and me as we prepare for this rather big move, as we will be praying for the parish as you begin to search for a new Vicar.

Next MG Meeting: Tuesday 7 March 2017....

Thank you to everyone who came along to our February meeting and in particular to Peter Ewart for his talk on the Cirencester Street Pastors, giving us all a fascinating insight into their very important work on the streets of our town.

If anyone would like to find out more about getting involved with the Street Pastors in Cirencester, please let us know and we will gladly put you in touch with Peter.

Our next MG meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7 March 2017**, the venue as usual being the upstairs function room at The Crown, 17 West Market Place, Cirencester GL7 2NH: arrival from 7.45pm, for 8.15pm start. The speaker at the meeting will be **Roy Archer**, very well

known to most of us in the parish, whose talk will be entitled "*Pacifist, Socialist and Christian (but not necessarily in that order)*".

We very much look forward to seeing you there!

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!

Dates for the Week

Monday 27 February, George Herbert 1633

1.10pm Anthony Hammond's Lunchtime Recital (Parish Church)
7.00pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)

Tuesday 28 February

6:00pm Parish Pancake Party (Parish Centre)
7.30pm Bell Ringing (Holy Trinity)
7.30pm Housegroup (111 North Home Road)

Wednesday 1st March ASH WEDNESDAY

09:00am Drop In (St Lawrence, Chesterton)
09:00am Powell's School Ash Wednesday Service (The Parish Church)
2:00pm Mothers' Union (Watermoor Church Hall)
3:00pm Pastoral Visitors' Meeting (The Parish Centre)
7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity, Watermoor)
7:30pm Eucharist for Ash Wednesday (Parish Church)

Thursday 2nd March Chad, Bishop 672AD

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)
6.00pm SingIt! (Parish Church)
7:30pm Parish Church Choir Practice (Parish Church)

Friday 3rd March

1:00pm Funeral - Elizabeth Hill (Holy Trinity, Watermoor)

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 (26th February)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock with Revd Katie Richardson
6pm	Evensong	Revd Katie Richardson with Revd Canon Leonard Doolan

Holy Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Rosemary Franklin
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Next Sunday's services (5th March)

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
10.00am	All-Age Eucharist	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan with Revd Canon Philip Thomas
6.00pm	Evensong	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan with Revd Howard Gilbert

Holy Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Rosemary Franklin
10.00am	All-Age Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Karen Schmidt
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