



Sunday 26th March
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

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.

Leaving gift: If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Fr. Leonard and Lynne then please place your donation in an appropriately marked, sealed envelope and drop it in to the Parish Office. A presentation will be made to them on Fr. Leonard's final Sunday on 30th April.

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on Wednesday April 5th at 2.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall. Our guest speaker is Dr Hugh Thomas, his talk is entitled 'Improving Health in Nepal'. All are welcome to our meetings, members or not. There will also be a bring & buy sale.

Mothers' Union is holding a cake stall in Watermoor Church Hall after the 10am service on Palm Sunday, April 9th. All monies raised are for MU projects at home and overseas.

Mothers' Union are again promoting 'Make a Mother's Day gifts'. Catalogues are available in our churches illustrating the gifts on offer and explaining how these gifts can make a difference to mothers around the world. Maybe you could buy a gift in memory of your own mum or make a contribution towards a gift. All donations can be given to me, Kathie Cottey, or sent direct to Mary Sumner House.

Prayer Morning for our churches, schools, our town and all relevant needs across our world. 10:30am Thursday April 6th at 22 Abbey House, Cirencester, GL7 2QU, Tel: 01285 655900. Stay for coffee and biscuits. *Val Mason*

Calling All Gardeners. As part of the Abbey 900 Flower Festival in June, Church Flower Team Members are hoping to create a representation of a monastery garden in the Trinity Chapel. We will make raised beds full of herbs and vegetables and a flower bed. To make this place a real oasis of fresh plants and scented flowers we need your help. If you can start growing plants – herbs, vegetables and flowers for us now in pots or plastic troughs, and lend them to us for the week 19-26th June, we would be most grateful. We are hoping to include a small water feature in the garden. Can anyone lend us a small water pump or water feature for a week? For a list of the plants the monks might have grown and more details of how we plan to create the garden, please contact Pam Barnes pandabarnes@btinternet.com 01285 655770 or Kathleen Lindesay kathleen@lindesay.co.uk

Peter Flaherty would like to thank everyone for their best wishes following his injury. He says he is slowly mending but has removed his name from the London Marathon.

Africa Famine Relief Appeal -I am sure you are all aware of the crisis playing out due to famine in many parts of Africa. There will be a retiring collection in all churches in our Parish for the next two Sundays hopefully to aid the poor people suffering famine in Africa. Donation envelopes will be available but if you prefer to donate on line this can be done through www.christianaid.org.uk/donate or through the Barnabus Trust. Thank you.
Maggie Pollard (Christian Aid rep HTW)

Our refugees need your help! We are in need of drivers to give lifts for our Cirencester Refugees. There is a particular need to take them to appointments at the hospital and doctors' surgery, as well as possibly to take them to International Café meetings in Stroud and Gloucester. Please do get in touch with Adrian Slade directly at adrianslade@virginmedia.com or let the parish office know (01285 659317), and we'll ask Adrian to call you.

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

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

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!

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/>

Phoenix Gardeners Plant Sale Saturday May 27th. This is an advance notice for your diary. If you are digging up and dividing plants at this time of year, please pot up any unwanted pieces to donate to the plant sale. Funds raised will be used to buy bedding and bulbs for town centre tubs. Further information from: Meg Blumsom 01285 675696

Parish Camp - Come and join us for a weekend of camping, fun, games, BBQ and outdoor-worship! 14th-16th July on the Far Peak campsite near Northleach. Cost from £40 to £60 per pitch. For more information please contact our Deanery Administrator, Jacqui Squires, at: cirencester.deanery@gmail.com or on 07890513087.

Abbey 900 Flower Festival - is to be held in the Parish Church at the beginning of June and if you would like to donate to this event please send what you can to Barclays Bank CCDT (A) Account Sort Code 20-84-58 Account 53573842 Ref Flowers. Any donations may be Gift Aided; please see the Abbey 900 leaflets available in Church.

Calling all Sunday School Leaders! - I am looking for a few more people to help me to carry on providing Sparklers for your children every Sunday. No experience is needed as I can give you everything you would need, just a willingness to lead a couple of morning sessions each term. If you feel able to help please do get in touch with me. hugo@cirenparish.co.uk Many thanks!!

Foodbank – Parish total for February was 33.7Kg. They are now in need of long life milk, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, instant mash and long life orange juice. Your continued support is important to the long-term success of the Foodbank. Thank you.

This Sunday's Services (26th March)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10am	All Age Eucharist	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
6pm	Evensong	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan with Richard Marlowe

Holy Trinity

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

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Karen Schmidt
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Next Sunday's services (2nd April)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
10am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
6pm	Evensong	Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd Canon Leonard Doolan

Holy Trinity

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

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock
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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)

Dates for the Week

Monday 27 March

- 4.00pm Hour of Silent Prayer (Parish Church)
7.00pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)

Tuesday 28 March

- 7.00pm Cirencester Choral Society Rehearsal (Parish Church)
7.30pm Housegroup (28, Elizabeth Way, Siddington)
6.30pm Bellringing (Holy Trinity)

Wednesday 29 March,

- 09:00am Drop In (St Lawrence, Chesterton)
2pm Funeral – Gisela Squires (Holy Trinity)
6.30pm Stations of the Cross (Holy Trinity)
7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 30 March

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

Friday 31 March, John Dunne, Priest, Poet, 1631

- All Day Organ tuning (Parish Church)
5.30pm Relay For Life Banquet (Parish Church)
7.30pm Cirencester Parish Handbell Ringers (St Lawrence, Chesterton)

Saturday 1 April, Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872

- 1.00pm Organ Rehearsal – H.Clist-Woodward (Parish Church)