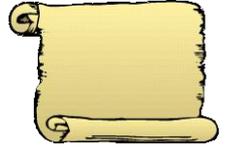


**Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton**



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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)

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) 18<sup>th</sup> April St Lawrence Church, Chesterton**  
You are invited to:

**6.45pm Holy Communion**

**7.15pm Vestry Meeting** for election of Churchwardens at all three churches

**7.30pm Annual Meeting** for election of PCC members, Deanery Synod representatives and the receiving of financial and pastoral reports

**Please Note:** Due to the high level of interest in this meeting there may well be elections for the office of Churchwarden, PCC membership and for Deanery Synod. In order for all present at the meeting to be able to have an informed vote, please would those, who have sent in nomination forms, prepare a short introduction to themselves (150 – 200 words) to include their interest in the work of the church, which they can read out prior to voting. It would similarly be expected that anyone, nominated from the floor at the APCM meeting, should also be prepared to introduce themselves.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. All monies raised are for MU projects at home and overseas. THANK YOU to all those who helped on Saturday(25<sup>th</sup>) to make the 300 posies for distribution on Mothering Sunday in the Parish Church and in Holy Trinity.  
*Kathie Cottey, Cirencester MU branch contact.*

**Mothers Union** - A BIG THANK YOU to all those ladies who knitted the blankets for still born babies and the hats, blankets etc for premature babies. In all 41 blankets and various other items were blessed by Father Howard at Holy Trinity on Mothering Sunday. The blankets etc will now be taken to the Mothers' Union office in Gloucester and together with other blankets that have been knitted by MU members and friends across the Diocese, will be taken to the baby unit at Gloucester Hospital. This is an ongoing project so please keep knitting the blankets. *Kathie Cottey, Cirencester MU branch contact.*

**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.

Thank you to everyone who made our Mothers' Union Deanery Lady Day service so special – especially Reverend Katie Richardson, Kathie and Peter Cottey, and members of the Branch Committee (our “back room girls”) who prepared the hall for our bring and share church.

*Rosemary Roberts*

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

*Val Manson*

**Powell's Easter Service** is at St John Baptist at 10am on 7 April and everyone is warmly invited to join us. Our Year Four children will be acting out the Easter story, woven around prayers, reflections, songs and dance. This is always a moving service and we look forward to sharing this with you. *Sue Hudson*

**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](mailto:pandabarnes@btinternet.com) 01285 655770 or Kathleen Lindesay [kathleen@lindesay.co.uk](mailto:kathleen@lindesay.co.uk)

**Phoenix Gardeners Plant Sale** Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 booklets available in Church.

**From Churches Together** -Vacancy for School Governor at Chesterton School - if you are interested, please let me know and I will give you information. *Jill Wilkinson*

**Churches Together** - on a Saturday in October (probably 7<sup>th</sup>) there will be a Walking through the Bible course at the Salvation Army from 10 - 4p.m. (cost £14)  
If you might be interested please let me know. We need to have 30 definite takers to book it. *Jill Wilkinson*

**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](http://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](mailto:adrianslade@virginmedia.com) or let the parish office know (01285 659317), and we'll ask Adrian to call you.

**Labyrinth: 1<sup>st</sup> March – 20<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**Parish Camp** - Come and join us for a weekend of camping, fun, games, BBQ and outdoor-worship! 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cirencester.deanery@gmail.com) or on 07890 513087.

**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](mailto:hugo@cirenparish.co.uk) Many thanks!!

### **This Sunday's Services (2<sup>nd</sup> April)**

#### **Parish Church**

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

#### **Holy Trinity**

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

#### **St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock
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## Next Sunday's services (9<sup>th</sup> April)

### **Parish Church**

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

### **Holy Trinity**

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

### **St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Paul Springate
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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 3 April - Richard, Bishop of Chichester**

All day Organ tuning (Parish Church)  
4.00pm Hour of Silent Prayer (Parish Church)  
7.00pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)

### **Tuesday 4 April - Ambrose, Bishop**

9.00am Powells rehearsal (Parish Church)  
10.45am Guided tour (Parish Church)  
12.45pm Santa Monica School Choir recital (Parish Church)  
2.30pm Guided tour (Parish Church)  
6.30pm Bellringing (Parish Church)

### **Wednesday 5 April**

9:00am Drop In (St Lawrence, Chesterton)  
9:00am Powells rehearsal (Parish Church)  
2:00pm Mothers' Union (Watermoor Hall)  
2.30pm Guided tour (Parish Church)  
6.30pm Stations of the Cross (Holy Trinity)  
7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

### **Thursday 6 April**

9.00am Powells rehearsal (Parish Church)  
12.30pm Cancer Research Tea Party (Watermoor Hall)  
2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)  
6.00pm SingIt! (Parish Church)  
7:30pm Parish Church Choir Practice (Parish Church)

### **Friday 7 April**

9.00am Powells Easter Service (Parish Church)  
10.00am Watermoor School Easter Service (Holy Trinity)  
1.00pm Wedding – Pollock & Saxby (Parish Church)  
2.15pm Pewsey U3A Guided Tour (Parish Church)  
3.00pm Choral Society Stage Building (Parish Church)  
7.30pm Cirencester Parish Handbell Ringers (St Lawrence, Chesterton)

### **Saturday 8 April**

9.00am Parish Church Serving Team Meeting  
10.45am Parish Church Tour (Parish Church)  
12.30pm Choral Society Set-up and rehearsal  
3.00pm Bell Ringing Peal (Holy Trinity)  
7.00pm Ciren Choral Concert (Parish Church)