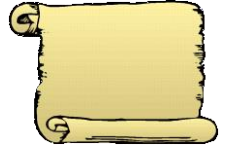


Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



Sunday 9th April
Palm Sunday

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

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) 18th 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 is holding a cake stall in Watermoor Church Hall today after the 10am service on Palm Sunday, April 9th. All monies raised are for MU projects at home and overseas. THANK YOU to all those who helped on Saturday(25th) to make the 300 posies for distribution on Mothering Sunday in the Parish Church and in Holy Trinity.

Kathie Cottey, Cirencester MU branch contact

Easter Lilies for the Parish Church. If you would like to commemorate a loved one at Easter, please consider making a donation towards the cost of lilies for the church. The Flower Team would be most grateful for your help. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Easter Lilies', with your name and the name of the person to be commemorated, and leave it in the glass chest in the church. Thank you. *Kathleen Lindesay*

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

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.

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 7th) 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 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.

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

<p>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!</p>
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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! 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 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 Many thanks!!

This Sunday's Services – Palm Sunday (9th April)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Katie Richardson
10am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson
		Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
6pm	Evensong	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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Next Sunday's services – Easter Day (16th April)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock with Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
10am	Easter Eucharist	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan with Revd Colin Mattock Revd Katie Richardson
4:30pm	Organ Recital	Dr Anthony Hammond
6pm	Evensong	Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd Canon Leonard Doolan and Revd Katie Richardson

Holy Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10.00am	Easter Eucharist with First Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert

St Lawrence

10.30am	Easter Morning Eucharist	Revd Rosemary Franklin
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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 Holy Week

Monday 10 April

- 08:30 Central heating serviced (Parish Church)
- 10:30 Prayers for the Persecuted Church (Holy Trinity)
- 10:45 Parish Church Tour
- 14:00 Lego Abbey Model arrives (Parish Church)
- 18:30 Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity followed by the Eucharist
- 19:00 Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)

Tuesday 11 April

- 10:45 Parish Church Tour
- 14:30 Parish Church Tour
- 18:30 Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity followed by the Eucharist
- 19:30 Housegroup (111, North Home Road)

Wednesday 12 April

- 09:00 Drop in (St Lawrence)
- 09:00 Staff Plenary Meeting (Parish Centre)
- 10:30 Holy Communion (St Lawrence)
- 10:45 Parish Church Tour
- 18:30 Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity followed by the Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 13 April

- 10:45 Parish Church Tour
- 14:00 Little Angels (Parish Church)
- 19:00 Maundy Thursday Service and Vigil (Holy Trinity)
- 19:30 Maundy Thursday Service and Vigil (Parish Church)

Good Friday 14 April

- 09:00 Ante Communion (Holy Trinity)
- 10:00 Messy Church (Watermoor Hall)
- 10:30 Walk of Witness from Ashcroft Church
- 12:00 Good Friday Meditations (Parish Church)
- 14:00 Good Friday Liturgy
- 14:00 3rd Hour (Parish Church)

Easter Eve - Saturday 15 April

- 09:30 Twinning Association Tower Tour