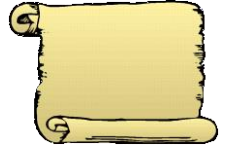


Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



**Sunday 16th April
Easter Day**

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

Vestry Meeting at 7:15pm on Tuesday 18 April at St Lawrence Church.

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. Election of Churchwardens for the Parish Church: If there are more than two candidates nominated then there will be a ballot. This will be only open to those who attend the meeting. Voters must be on the civic electoral parish register, not necessarily on the church electoral roll. There can be no proxy or postal voting, as this resolution has never been agreed by the PCC but may well be an item for a forthcoming agenda later in the year. The ballot will be a secret one and, although voters will be asked to authenticate their voting slip, the names of voters will remain confidential to the tellers and not divulged to anyone. So, in summary: in order to vote, you must attend the meeting.

Howard Gray, PCC Secretary

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.

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!!

Mothers' Union: A Big Thankyou to all those who contributed in any way to the Mothers' Union Cake Stall on Palm Sunday in Watermoor Church Hall. £137.20p was raised for MU projects both at home and overseas. Many thanks. *Kathie Cottey*

Mothers' Union members are holding a coffee morning in the Parish Church on Friday 21st April from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. Everyone is welcome. *Maggie Shepherd*

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

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.

Abbey 900 - Can you help? I am looking for volunteer storytellers to be part of an Abbey 900 school project & would be delighted to hear from you if you have some time to spare over the next few months. We will be visiting local primary schools to tell the story of life in 15th century Cirencester using props, costume and a huge story carpet. No teaching experience or acting ability required - just a willingness to join a friendly team of volunteers, a general interest in history and a few hours' availability every now and then. Please email me if you'd like to find out more aisla_oconnor@btinternet.com or phone on 07962 124035. Thanks.

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.

Africa Famine Relief Appeal – I would like to say on behalf of Christian Aid a very big thank you for your fantastic donations to the appeal. From the three churches we raised £1506.70
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.

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

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.

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 – Easter Day (16th April)

Parish Church

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

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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Next Sunday's services: Easter 1 - (23rd April)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10am	Eucharist with Baptism of Alfred Cooper	Bishop Robert Springett
6pm	Evensong	Richard Marlowe

Holy Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Penny Light
10.00am	Eucharist with first Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert with Sylvia Harker

St Lawrence

10.30am	Morning Eucharist	Revd Paul Springate
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Dates for Easter Week

Monday 17 April

10:45 Guided Tour (Parish Church)

Tuesday 18 April

10:45 Guided Tour (Parish Church)

10:50 Visiting Bell Ringers (Holy Trinity)

13:00 Thanksgiving Service – Rhondda Waldron (Holy Trinity)

15:30 Sponsors Opening of Lego Model (Parish Church)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (Holy Trinity)

18:45 Holy Communion (St Lawrence)

19:15 Vestry Meeting to elect Churchwardens (St Lawrence)

19:30 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) (St Lawrence)

Wednesday 19 April

09:00 CIA for Battery replacement work (Parish Church)

09:00 Drop in (St Lawrence)

17:30 Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)

19:00 Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 20 April

14:00 Little Angels (Parish Church)

17:30 Organ Festival Rehearsal (Parish Church)

Friday 21 April

10:00 MU Coffee Morning (Parish Church)

10:45 Fleet U3A Tour (Parish Church)

17:30 Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)

Saturday 22 April

09:00 Organ Festival Rehearsals – all day (Parish Church)

10:00 Rotary Blood Pressure Testing Day (Parish Church)

19:30 Cirencester International Organ Festival - Opening Gala Recital with Stephen Tharp (Parish Church)