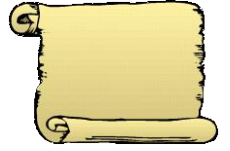


**Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton**



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Parish Notices are posted on the Parish Website: [www.cirenparish.co.uk](http://www.cirenparish.co.uk)  
Office email enquiries@[cirenparish.co.uk](mailto:cirenparish.co.uk)

You will be pleased to know that during Fr. Howard's forthcoming sabbatical, Bishop Robert (the Bishop of Tewkesbury) has asked Bishop David Jennings to work with the churchwardens in giving oversight to the parish. Many of you will know Bishop David and will I am sure be delighted at this news.

**Morning & Evening Prayer at the Parish Church** – During the vacancy, from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Morning Prayer will now take place at 9am. There will be no regular evening prayer sessions.

**Holy Trinity Prayer List** – From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, The Holy Trinity Prayer List will now be kept and updated by Katie Bannister in the Parish Office. For any prayer requests, please contact Katie.

**More Volunteers are required for the Church Shop** - Could you spare an hour and a half to sell cards and gifts at the shop inside the parish church once or twice a week? You may work on your own or in pairs and will meet visitors from all over the world. Training given. Please contact Tina Gardiner or Caroline Mockett at [churchshop@cirenparish.co.uk](mailto:churchshop@cirenparish.co.uk) or leave a message on 659317. We can also be found in the parish church at coffee time most Sundays.

**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!!

**Cirencester International Organ Festival** – Have you bought your tickets yet? You can still get tickets for the events :- Peter & the Wolf (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>), a Musical Wine Tasting (Friday 28<sup>th</sup>) and Anthony's silent movie improvisation (closing the festival on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>) from the Church Shop, the Visitor Information Centre or from [www.cirencesterorganfestival.co.uk](http://www.cirencesterorganfestival.co.uk).

**Mothers' Union.** Our next meeting is on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall. Our guest speakers are Keith & Wendy Hasler; their talk is entitled 'Street Pastors'. Do join us, members or not, for what promises to be an interesting afternoon.

**Foodbank** – the Parish total for March was 122.6kg. We are in need of tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long-life sponge pudding, rice pudding and long-life juice.

**Christian Aid 2017** - You may have heard that we are not proposing to do the house to house collections this year. However if any collectors wish to do their Street as previously, please let me know and I will arrange for you to have the necessary envelopes etc.. On Saturday 20th May at 7.30 pm we are arranging a Cheese and Wine and Quiz night fund raiser for Christian Aid. Tickets will be available shortly. If any of you would like to count on Sunday 21st you are welcome. Just let me know. It's always fun and there should be cake. *Maggie Pollard*

**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)*

**Prayer Morning** – Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am at 22 Abbey House, Cirencester, GL7 2QU – tel 655900. Prayers for our Churches, Schools, our Community, the World and all things relevant to people and situations. Stay for coffee and biscuits. Do join us! *Val Manson*

**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)

**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 [ailsa\\_oconnor@btinternet.com](mailto:ailsa_oconnor@btinternet.com) or phone on 07962 124035. Thanks.

**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.

**CAP Course** - If you would like to be more in control of your money than it controlling you then do come along to a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money course. It's free, friendly and will teach you budgeting skills and a simple, cash based system that works. In just a few weeks you will be able to get to grips with your finances so that you can budget, save and prevent debt. The course runs over 2 weeks, and ideally you need to come along to both sessions which are 2 hours long, to see the benefit of the course. It is DVD based, together with a workbook. The next one runs at Cirencester Baptist Church in Chesterton Lane on Tuesday 16th and 23rd May at 9.30am, or Wednesday evenings, 7th and 14th June at 7.30pm at CBC. Please contact [capmoney@cirencester-baptist.org](mailto:capmoney@cirencester-baptist.org) to sign up, or for more details.

**This Sunday's services: Easter 1 - (23<sup>rd</sup> April)**

**Parish Church**

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10am	Eucharist with Baptism of Alfred Cooper	Bishop Robert Springett with Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
6pm	Evening Prayer	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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**Next Sunday's services: Easter 2 – (30<sup>th</sup> April)**

**Parish Church**

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
10am	All Age Farewell Eucharist With baptism	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
6pm	Evening Prayer	Revd Howard Gilbert

**Holy Trinity**

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
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There will be no morning eucharist services at Holy Trinity or St Lawrence's churches – All Are Welcome to the Farewell Service at the Parish Church

## Dates for the Week

### **Monday 24 April, George, Martyr, Patron of England c304**

- 10:00am Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 1.10pm Organ Recital with David Hardie (Parish Church)
- 2.00pm Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 7.00pm Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing Quarter Peal (Parish Church)

### **Tuesday 25 April, Mark the Evangelist**

- 10:00am Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 1.10pm Organ Recital – Paul Walton (Parish Church)
- 2.00pm Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 6:30pm Bell Ringing Practice (Holy Trinity)

### **Wednesday 26 April**

- 09:00am Drop in (St Lawrence)
- 10.00am Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 1.10pm Organ Recital – Simon Bell (Parish Church)
- 2.00pm Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 7.00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

### **Thursday 27 April, Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894**

- 10.00am Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 1.10pm Organ Recital – Alexander Finch (Parish Church)
- 2.00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)
- 6.00pm Organ Family Concert – Peter & The Wolf (Parish Church)

### **Friday 28 April, Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr**

- 10.00am Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 1.10pm Organ Recital – James Grainger (Parish Church)
- 2.00pm Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 7.30pm A Musical Tutored Wine Tasting Evening (Parish Church)

### **Saturday 29 April, Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380**

- 10:00am Organ Festival Rehearsals (Parish Church)
- 1.30pm Wedding Rehearsal – CGM (Parish Church)
- 3.00pm Wedding – Smith & Addison (Parish Church)
- 7.30pm Closing Gala Movie Concert (Parish Church)

### **Sunday 30 April**

- 3.00pm Wedding – Barson/Gallimore (Parish Church)