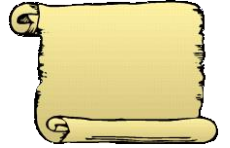


Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



Sunday 30th April
3rd Sunday of Easter

Parish Notices are posted on the Parish Website: www.cirenparish.co.uk
Office email enquiries@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 1st May, Morning Prayer will now take place at 9am. There will be no regular evening prayer sessions – these will be an ad-hoc basis only as and when clergy are available.

Holy Trinity Prayer List – From Monday 1st 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.

Holy Trinity Congregational AGM - The Annual General Meeting of Holy Trinity Congregation will take place on Sunday 14th May after the Eucharist at approx. 11.30 a.m. in the Church Hall. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able attend this meeting. If anyone has any queries please contact Peter (654038) Bryony (659024) or myself (652809)
Brenda Lissimore (Sec)

Holy Trinity Congregational Committee - The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 10th May in the Parsonage at 7.30 p.m. If anyone has any suggestions or matters they wish to raise please contact Peter Cottey (654038) Bryony Springate (659024) or myself (652809) Brenda Lissimore (Secretary)

Christian Aid 2017 Quiz - 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 and will be £8 each.
Maggie Pollard

Prayer Morning – Thursday May 4th 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

The Funeral Eucharist of the Right Reverend Michael Perham - will be held at Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday 6 May at 2.00 pm. All are welcome.

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. Our next meeting is on Wednesday May 3rd 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. They are in need of tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long-life sponge pudding, rice pudding and long-life juice.

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 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 info: Meg Blumsom 675696.

Abbey 900 Flower Festival - is to be held in the Parish Church in 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.

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 to sign up, or for more details.

Eric & Rosemary Roberts invite you to join them after morning service at the Parish Church on 7th May, in a glass of fizz to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Opera Singer **Maria Jagusz** is hosting **The Chris Treglown Award** at **Holy Trinity Church**, on **Saturday 13 May at 7:30pm**. This Musical Celebration will feature some of **MJ-UK's** most prestigious singers who are all hoping to wow both the audience and a panel of experts and win the coveted prize of £1000 to help further their careers. There will be a retiring collection for the church at the end of the evening.

Tickets are £8 (children free)

This Sunday's Services: Easter 2 – (30th 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 today at Holy Trinity or St Lawrences' churches – All Are Welcome to the Farewell Service at the Parish Church

Next Sunday's Services: Easter 3 – (7th May)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10am	Eucharist	Bishop David Jennings
6pm	Evensong	Revd Howard Gilbert

Holy Trinity

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Paul Springate
10am	All Age Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Penny Light
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Daily Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)

Morning Prayer – 9am (subject to clergy availability)

Eucharist – 12 noon (N.B. Bank holidays at 10am)

Evening Prayer – 5pm (subject to clergy availability)

Dates for the Week

Monday 1 May, Philip and James, Apostles, Bank Holiday

2:30pm Parish Church Tour

7pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir

Tuesday 2 May, Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith 373

10:45am Parish Church Tour

2:30pm Parish Church Tour

6:30pm Bell Ringing Practice (Parish Church)

Wednesday 3 May, Invention of the Cross

9am Drop in (St Lawrence)

10:30am Holy Communion (St Lawrence)

10:45am Parish Church Tour

2pm Mothers' Union (Watermoor Hall)

2:30pm Parish Church Tour

7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 4 May, English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

6am County Elections (St Lawrence & Watermoor Hall)

9am Additional Organ Tuning (Parish Church)

2pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

6pm Sing it! (Parish Church)

7:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsals (Parish Church)

Friday 5 May

2pm Choral Society staging erection

Saturday 6 May, St John the Evangelist

10:45am Parish Church Tour

3pm Gloucester Choral Society: Rehearsal – soloists & pianist

4pm Gloucester Choral Society: Rehearsal – choir arrives

7pm Gloucester Choral Society Concert (Parish Church)