

Sunday 24th September, 2017
15th Sunday after Trinity

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A Thank you: - I would like to say a big thank you to any of our church family who sent me cards or good wishes following my recent cochlear implant operation. After a silent month, I am glad to say that my hearing is gradually returning – though it is very distorted and I still can't hear music, television or the phone. I am hoping that things will improve slowly and that in time, I will think it has all been worth it?! Thank you again.

Jenny Parker

New Venture in the Parish: - Starting this week in the old Corner Stone premises we are holding a Tuesday morning catch up from 8:45am until 10.00am; Tea, Coffee, refreshments, crafts and games for parents and children. As well as all the other youth activities in the parish we are also running after school clubs in the Corner Stone premises on Mondays 3:15pm – 4:30pm for KS1 children and on Wednesdays 3:15pm – 4:30pm for KS2 children.

Hugo Kennard

Parish Autumn Fayre 2017 – Despite attendance at an all-time low, a minimum number of stalls and the inclement weather we managed to raise over £2100 on the day for our three chosen recipients “Cirencester Stroke Club”, “The Churn Project” and “Cirencester Open Air Pool”. Many thanks to all those who took a leap of faith and joined us, either on stalls, spending money or making a donation, on Saturday 9th September. The breakdown of monies raised by stalls is available in each church today for your information. I have been involved in the outdoor Fayre since 2001 and I believe it is time for a change and possible revitalisation if it is the desire of the Parish to continue what became a biennial event. Historically, I was informed that an Autumn Fayre was held in the Bingham Hall from 1951 until 2000 when the present version took over to celebrate Holy Trinity's 150th year. Now that the area outside the Parish Church has been redesigned, perhaps, if things are to continue, the time is right for a new venue with a new leader.

Peter Cottey

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on Wednesday October 4th at 2.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall. Our guest speaker is Revd. Gary Grady and he will be talking about his trip to India. All are welcome to our meetings, members or not. We are again collecting items, toiletries, washing powder etc. for the Family Haven in Gloucester and a basket for donations will be available at the meeting. Several bags of goodies were delivered at the beginning of August and they were gratefully received.

Kathy

Men only! - Do you know what money you and your family have at any moment in time and how much you will need next month? Some find it difficult to talk about money, so why not take the opportunity to have time out to think about it. Come and enjoy a beer and a burger on 3rd October at 7.30 in the Time Out Café at Cirencester Baptist Church and at the same time join in the discussion about how to take the stress out of organising your finances. Maybe compare internet sports bundles and car insurance costs, find out how you can possibly budget and make savings or share some good ideas. The male members of the CAP (Christians against Poverty) Money team are running this introductory evening just for men so, if you would like to join us, please email capmoney@cirencester-baptist.org.

Re-cycle Bubble wrap for shop: Many thanks to all who have given their spare bubble wrap to the church shop. No more is needed at the moment as we have a great stock of it now. *Church Shop Managers, Caroline and Bron*

The Abbey 900 Committee has revived plans to stage T S Eliot's 'Murder in the Cathedral' in Cirencester Parish Church next March and is looking for cast members! Open auditions will be held at 7.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall on Thursday 28 September and on Monday 2 October and we would be very pleased to see you. Audition forms are available from the Parish Office, the Parish Church or from Ailsa O'Connor on 01285 643343.

Harvest Clarification – Harvest will be marked in all three churches during the 10.00am/10.30am services on Sunday 1st October. Please do not confuse this with the Abbey 900 harvest community supper and flower display taking place at the Parish church the week earlier.

Food Bank News – the total collected from the parishes last month was 55.8 kg of food. Thank you for all your ongoing support. We continue to require donations of the following items at this time: tinned meat, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, long-life sponge pudding and instant mash.

Help for Syrian Families - We are in great need of volunteers, who could pick up three of our new Syrian family, and take them to College for 9.30 on Tuesdays and Fridays. They will need to be collected at 11am. Since they live at the Beeches, it is too far to walk. I know that there are many people from our different Churches and wondered if someone might be able to drop off on the way to work themselves? (There are facilities for the family to get a hot drink if they are dropped off earlier by someone en route to work....) Please get in touch with Sue Price-Rathenberg on 653025 or by email: saprice2009@gmail.com

Prayer Morning- for our churches, schools, our town and for all relevant needs will be held on Thursday October 5th at 10.30am at 22 Abbey House. GL7 2QU. Please join us and stay for coffee and biscuits afterwards. *Val Manson 655900*

Coffee, cake and clean - 30th September - To the cleaning team and to the church family at Holy Trinity, Watermoor. It would be good to have a clean and tidy up special as we prepare to celebrate our harvest festival on the 1st October. All welcome to come and help. 10-12am. I shall have a bake fest on the Friday, and there will be coffee etc available. Norah and her flower girls will be providing beauty and fragrance! There is a team working in the churchyard too. Hope that many of you will be able to come and join in. Here's hoping!
Bryony

Do come and join our church family at Holy Trinity Watermoor on the morning of Sat 30th Sept and help prepare our lovely church and grounds for our Harvest Festival the morning after! Your children could help by bringing any fresh produce i.e. Apples, carrots, potatoes, marrows etc and decorate the inside of the church with it by placing it on windowsills or round the font. They can also help me put up their art work (which we will do in Trinity Kids Sunday School next week) of fruit and veg. We always blue tack it to the ends of pews. They can also help Glos Wildlife Trust to help plant wildflower seeds in the church yard at about 11am! So do come as a family between 10am and 12 noon - would be lovely to see lots of you, and there is no need to stay the whole 2 hours - just what you can manage.

Fiona

Alzheimer's Society 'Memory Walk' - Michelle Clement (one of the serving team of St. John Baptist) is doing a sponsored walk for the Alzheimer's Society in Cheltenham on the 8th October. This is a very worthwhile cause; helping to tackle a growing problem. If you would like to sponsor Michelle there will be sponsorship forms on the welcome desk in St. John Baptist Church.
Simon Smith

MAF Flying for Life - Mission Aviation Fellowship is an international Christian aviation organisation serving around 25 developing countries to reach people in some of the world's most isolated communities. They transport essential medical supplies, food and water, relief teams and church workers, carrying help, hope and healing to reach people cut off by formidable geographical barriers, natural disasters and political unrest.

Both the Mothers Union and our Flames Junior Youth group have recently enjoyed talks by MAF representatives, and we have been asked to help them by donating used and unused postcards, which they then sell to collectors, thus raising funds for MAF. We are putting their collecting boxes into the Parish Church and Holy Trinity Watermoor. So please do bring along any postcards you receive that you don't want to keep and put them in the boxes!
Fiona Hawes

Readings for next Sunday 1st October, 2017

16th Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Ezekiel 18. vv1 – 4, 25 - end

Philippians 2. vv1 -13

Matthew 21. vv23 -32

This Sunday's Services (September 24th)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10am	Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd Julian Wilson
6pm	Community Harvest Celebration	Bishop Rachel Treweek

Holy Trinity

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Penny Light
10am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Penny Light
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Next Sunday's Services (October 1st)

Parish Church

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dr. Philip Thomas
10am	Eucharist	The Venerable Philip Andrew Revd Colin Mattock
6pm	Evensong	Richard Marlowe

Holy Trinity

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10am	Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson
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Daily Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)

Morning Prayer - 9am

Eucharist - 12 noon (N.B. Bank Holidays at 10am)

Evening Prayer – 4.30pm

Dates for the Week

Monday 25th September, Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626.

- 7:00pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)
- 7:00pm PCC meeting (section 12) (Parish Centre)

**Tuesday 26th September, Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942
St. Cyprian, Archbishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258**

- 11:00am Guided Tour (Parish Church)
- 2:30pm Guided Tour (Parish Church)
- 6:30pm Bell Ringing practice (Holy Trinity)
- 7:30pm House Group (85 Chesterton Park)

Wednesday 27th September, Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists) 1660

- 2:30pm Guided Tour (Parish Church)
- 7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 28th September,

- 2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)
- 5.30pm Sing It! (Town Hall)

Friday 29th September, Michael and All Angels

- 11:00am Funeral of the late Rodney Walker (Holy Trinity)
- 1:00pm Funeral of the late Peggy Osborne (Parish Church)
- 2:30pm Guided Tour (Parish Church)
- 2:30pm Wesley Heritage Guided Tour (Parish Church)
- 7.30pm Cirencester Handbell Ringers (St. Lawrence, Chesterton)

Saturday 30th September, Jerome, Translator of the scripture, Teacher of the Faith , 420

Tower Open Day

- 9:30am Bell ringing quarter peal (Holy Trinity)
- 11:00am Guided Tour (Parish Church)
- 1:00pm Organ Practice – H. Clist-Woodward (Parish Church)
- 7:30pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir concert (Parish Church)

Sunday 1st October, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 2:00pm Baptism (Holy Trinity)
- 3:00pm Baptism (Holy Trinity)