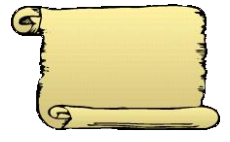


Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



Sunday 21st January 2018

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Morning and Evening Prayers on Mondays. There will be no morning or evening prayers at the Parish Church on a Monday during the month of January.

The Late Mr. Christopher Willis: (Change of date) Our dear friend Chris Willis, who regularly attended the mid-day Eucharist with his carer, has died and his funeral service will take place on Tuesday 23rd January at 2.00pm at the Parish Church. Reception afterwards. All are welcome. *Revd. Colin*

The Late Joan Griffin: We are saddened to report that Joan Griffin passed away peacefully last Sunday in Paternoster Nursing Home. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 31st January at Holy Trinity Church at 1.30pm.

Claire & Alan Jones

Holy Trinity Watermoor Welcome Lunch: following the success of our welcome lunch in November, we're really happy to be holding another one on Sunday 21 January. If you have been coming to Holy Trinity Watermoor for roughly less than a year or so, we'd love to invite you along to the Parsonage for a simple meal, hosted by Fr Howard and Susie. This is a way for people to get to know each other better, make connections and find out ways get more involved in the life of our church family. Please contact Ally Castle, a member of our congregation, for more details: 07779 301621 or allycastle@hotmail.com. Everyone welcome, including children of course!

Planned Giving for 2018: We should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given so generously in 2017, either by Direct Debit, Standing Order or Weekly Envelopes. New boxes of envelopes are available in church. If you have started to give by Direct Debit or Standing Order and do not require a new box of envelopes, please let me know so that the box can be removed from church. If any other members of the congregation would like to join this scheme, please give your name and telephone number to one of the Churchwardens, the Parish Office or contact me on Cirencester 652113. Thanks *Peter Wilson*

Praying Together in Cirencester: We continue to join together this week to pray for our churches, our community and our world, united by our faith in Christ.

Monday 22nd 7-8pm	Baptist church, Chesterton Lane
Tuesday 23rd 4pm	Methodist/URC church, Ashcroft Rd.
Wednesday 24th 10am	St Peter's church, Stratton
Wednesday 24th 7pm	Holy Trinity church, Watermoor
Thursday 25th 10.30am	Friends Meeting House, Thomas St.
Each day at 12 noon	St John Baptist (Parish Church), Marketplace

Mothers' Union: We offer our congratulations, love and prayers to the Reverend Katie Richardson who has been appointed by Bishop Rachel as Mothers' Union Chaplain for our Diocese. Katie will be the Celebrant at the MU Corporate Communion Service on Wednesday, January 31st at 12 noon in the Parish Church. Unfortunately the admission of Maggie Pollard was postponed due to snow and ice! The new date is February 11th at the 10am Eucharist at Holy Trinity. It is hoped that members from all three churches will support Maggie on February 11th. We shall also welcome to our MU Branch Betsy who has returned to the area from Scotland. If you are not a member of the MU Worldwide movement that works in over 83 countries giving evidence to its practical concern for families and would like to know more about its work and witness, please be in touch with Pat Harris, Membership Secretary. (01285 885641) *Pat Harris*

Church Shop: We are looking for more volunteers to help in the church shop on a Saturday between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. If there is any one who would like to help out, maybe once a month or just a one off to help us out, this would be wonderful. Please contact us at the parish office 01285 659317 *Caroline and Bron*

Christianity: A Primer for the Perplexed, by Hugh Dickinson: Hugh wrote this little gem of a book for an agnostic friend of his. It gets right to the heart of what it means to be a Christian and is available now in the Church shop for £5.00. Don't miss it! *Pam Barnes*

Gluten Free Wafers are available at all our churches. If you would like to receive these, please inform the clergy.

Prayer Morning: at 22 Abbey House, Cirencester on Thursday February 1st at 10.30am. Join us to pray for the churches, schools, our town and all relevant needs. Stay for coffee and biscuits afterwards. *Val Manson*

Mothers' Union members are holding a coffee morning in the Parish church on Friday 26th January from 10.00am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

The Cirencester Parish Men's Group next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 February 2018, the venue (as usual) being the upstairs function room at The Crown, 17 West Market Place, Cirencester GL7 2NH: arrival from 7.45pm, for 8.15pm start. The speaker at this meeting will be Revd John Thompson, Lead Chaplain at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. We very much look forward to seeing you there! *David Henson*

Can you help? I will be retiring as Parish Church Dusting Team Co-ordinator as from 31st March this year and am looking for a volunteer to replace me. We have a team of 24 people, most of whom have been together since the church restoration project was completed. The team members work on their own allotted area at a time to suit themselves. Anyone who can not continue will inform the coordinator and help to find a replacement. It would be wonderful if someone can take over this role from me and keep the team going. If you can help please telephone me on 01285 653315 *Jennie Griffith*

This Sunday's Services (January 21st)

The Third Sunday of the Epiphany

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Parish Church

8:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Katie Richardson with Richard Marlowe
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock with Mrs. Sylvia Harker
6:00pm	Epiphany Carol Service	Revd Howard Gilbert

Holy Trinity

8:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Paul Springate
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Penny Light
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Next Sunday's Services (January 28th)

Parish Church

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Rosemary Franklin with Revd Julian Wilson
6.00pm	Plough Service	Revd Julian Wilson with Professor Joanna Price (Vice Chancellor of the RAU)

Holy Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Rosemary Franklin
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock
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Readings for next Sunday 28th January 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18. 15 - 20

Revelation 12. 1 – 5a

Mark 1. 21 - 28

Septuagesima

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Dates for the next week

Daily Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)

Morning Prayer – 9:00am (except Mondays)

Eucharist – 12 noon

Evening Prayer – 4:00pm (except Mondays)

Monday 22nd January. Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, First Martyr of Spain, 304

Tuesday 23rd January.

1:00pm reception into church of the coffin of the late Mr. Willis (Parish Church)

2:00pm Funeral Service of the late Mr. Christopher Willis (Parish Church)

6:30pm Bell Ringing practice (Parish Church)

7:30pm House Group (2 Elizabeth Way)

Wednesday 24th January. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622.

9:00am Drop In (St. Lawrence)

10:00am Engineer preparing for ISing Pop (Parish Church)

2:00pm Stratton School for ISing Pop (Parish Church)

2:00pm Funeral service for the late Mr. Paul Sturman (Holy Trinity)

7:45pm Corinium Community Choir (Parish Church)

7:45pm PCC meeting (Parish Centre)

Thursday 25th January. The Conversion of Paul

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

6:00pm Sing it (Town Hall)

Friday 26th January. Timothy and Titus, companions of St. Paul

10:00am Mothers' Union Coffee morning (Parish Church)

Saturday 27th January.

3:00pm Glos & Bristol church bellringers meeting (Town Hall)

3:30pm Glos & Bristol church bellringers (Parish Church)

Sunday 28th January.

3:00pm Church Shop Volunteers Tea Party (Parish Centre)

6:00pm Plough Service (Parish Church)