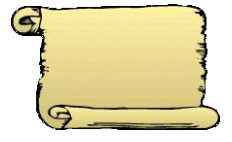


Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



Sunday 28th 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 Joan Griffin: We are saddened to report that Joan Griffin passed away peacefully. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 31st January at Holy Trinity Church at 1.30pm.
Claire & Alan Jones

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on Wednesday February 7th at 2.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall. It is our AGM and once the business side of the meeting is finished we will be entertained by Pauline Farman reading a selection of her poems and if there is time left there will be quizzes to be completed! There will also be a Bring and Buy table. Why not join us and hear about what we have been up to in 2017 and what is on offer in 2018.
Kathie Cottey

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

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

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

Pancake Party Tuesday 28th February 6pm – Parish Pancake Party in the Abbey Room, Parish Centre – where the clergy toss the pancakes – all are welcome.

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

Foodbank News – The total collected within the Parish for October was 117.8 kg of food. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Do Nothing to Change your Life! Inspired by our first Spirituality Course, “Essence”, we take time to go deeper this Lent. It’s all very accessible – no previous experience necessary. We will be engaging with God in a traditional and yet relevant way, through understanding our personal identity, through scripture, music, icons and saints, through using our creativity, and simply waiting upon God. There is something for everyone! We meet on Thursdays in Lent at Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm to 9pm. For further information contact Fr. Howard: 01285 885109 – father.howard@gmail.com

Holy Trinity Congregational Committee: The Committee are looking for a new Secretary to take over from me when I retire as from the AGM in April. It is not an onerous task and indeed, being on the committee is very interesting; being involved with the life of the church and all the work that goes on. I shall be only too pleased to have a chat with anyone who may be interested. My telephone number is 652809 or have a chat after the Eucharist Service on a Sunday morning.

Brenda Lissimore, Secretary.

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

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

This Sunday's Services (January 28th)

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Septuagesima. BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 78

Parish Church

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| 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

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| 8:00am | Holy Communion | Revd Rosemary Franklin |
| 10:00am | Eucharist | Revd Katie Richardson |

St Lawrence

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| 10.30am | Eucharist | Revd Colin Mattock |
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Next Sunday's Services (February 4th)

Parish Church

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | Revd Canon Dr. Philip Thomas |
| 10.00am | All Age Eucharist | Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd Colin Mattock |
| 6.00pm | Evensong | Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd Julian Wilson |

Holy Trinity

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | Revd Colin Mattock |
| 10.00am | All Age Eucharist | Revd Paul Springate |

St Lawrence

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| 10.30am | Eucharist | Revd Katie Richardson |
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Readings for next Sunday 4th February 2018

The Second Sunday before Lent

Candlemas

Malachi 3. 1 - 5

Hebrews 2. 14 - end

Luke 2. 22 – 40

(Holy Trinity, John 1. 1 – 14)

Sexagesima

BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 80

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 29th January.

Tuesday 30th January. Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

10:00am Parish Church Guides Training Course (Parish Church)

11:30am Funeral Service of the late Mary Houghton (Holy Trinity)

6:30pm Bell Ringing (Holy Trinity)

Wednesday 31st January. John Bosco, Priest,

Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888.

9:00am Drop In (St. Lawrence)

1:30pm Funeral Service of the late Joan Griffin (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 1st February. Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c. 525

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

6:00pm Sing it (Town Hall)

Friday 2nd February. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Saturday 3rd February. Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg,

Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865.