



Sunday 4th February 2018

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Vacancy: The post of Vicar of Cirencester will be re-advertised on 2nd and 9th March 2018. Shortlisting will take place on Wednesday 28th March and the interviews will take place on Friday 20th April. We can also confirm that the Diocese has purchased 41, Rendomb Drive, a detached house in the corner of a cul-de-sac, to be the new vicarage. No decision has yet been taken regarding the Dollar Street property. Thank you,

Ros Dolton

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

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 13th February 6pm – Parish Pancake Party in the Abbey Room, Parish Centre – where the clergy toss the pancakes – all are welcome.

Christmas Card Photo competition :- Every year we have a different design for the Parish Church Christmas cards. For next Christmas we were wondering if any of you budding photographers in the congregation have taken any photos of the Parish Church this winter which we could use for this coming years cards? If you have and would like to e mail them to us at churchshop@cirenparish.co.uk by the end of February, this would be great. The winner will receive some complimentary Christmas cards with their photo on.

Caroline and Bron

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

Simply Connect!: 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. 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

Mothers' Union Gloucester Diocese is looking to appoint a Secretary to work 10 hours per week. For further details please contact the Diocesan Presidents Dorothy Marshall at dorothismarshall38@blueyonder.co.uk or Helen Barton at helen.barton22@yahoo.com or the current secretary at info@mugloucester.org.uk or telephone 01452 528621. Closing date for applications: 27 February 2018 (noon). Many thanks

Kathie Cottey

Parish Church Serving Team: Interested in joining a friendly and encouraging Team within our Church Community ? – The Serving Team welcomes people of all ages who, as a part of our Serving Team, help support the clergy and congregation with the smooth running of services. Some points to mention if you are interested in joining the Serving Team:

1. All new Servers will receive full training for what they will do before, during and after the services.
2. We operate a rota system so that everyone has the opportunity to serve with a refreshing variety of activities for all, developing personal skills which can be applied in everyday life.
3. The Serving Team includes male and female servers of all age ranges and traditions, this helps with continuing the vibrant and developing nature of Serving at the Parish Church.

So, if you are interested in finding out more, perhaps trying it out or observing nearer at hand with no further obligation, or wish to join as a regular server, please contact Head Server and Sacristan Daniel Bristow (01452 534829) to arrange a convenient time for you to come along and see how we do things or have a chat and explore how you might wish to contribute - you will be warmly welcomed.

Church Camp – 13-15th July: We are planning another amazing Church Camp again this year! I'm sure we will have lots of families, but it is also for those who won't be bringing children. We will be going to Hayles Fruit Farm, Winchcomb - <http://www.haylesfruitfarm.co.uk> Lots of fun activities and worship, as well as a chance to relax and chat, we'll be able to pick our own strawberries for tea too! Please contact Jacqui Squires, at Cirencester.deanery@gmail.com or on 01285 885109

Thank you from Cirencester Deer Park School : I am extremely grateful for the £62.00 raised through a retiring collection and the generous donations of second hand sportswear and glasses etc. My colleague, Stacey Bluett and her team of year 10 volunteers will be taking these to Lolito when they go to Ghana in July 2018.

Chiquita Henson Headteacher

This Sunday's Services (February 4th)

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Sexagesima. BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 80

Parish Church

8:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dr. Philip Thomas
10:00am	All Age Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert
6:00pm	Evensong	Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd Julian Wilson

Holy Trinity

8:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Katie Richardson
10:00am	All Age Eucharist	Revd Paul Springate

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson
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Next Sunday's Services (February 11th)

Parish Church

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Rosemary Franklin
6.00pm	Evensong	Mr. Martin Green with Mrs. Jacqueline Henson

Holy Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10.00am	Eucharist with Baptism	Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd. Katie Richardson

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Paul Springate
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Readings for next Sunday 11th February 2018
The Sunday next before Lent

2 Kings 2. 1 -12
2 Corinthians 4. 3 - 6
Mark 9. 2 – 9

Quinquagesima
BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 82

Dates for the next week

Daily Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)

Morning Prayer – 9:00am

Eucharist – 12 noon

Evening Prayer – 4:00pm

Monday 5th February. St. Agatha Virgin Martyr.

7:30pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)

Tuesday 6th February. The Martyrs of Japan, 1597.

Accession of Queen Elizabeth II. 1952

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

6:30pm Bell Ringing (Parish Church)

Wednesday 7th February.

9:00am Drop In (St. Lawrence)

10:30am Holy Communion (St. Lawrence)

2:30pm Mothers' Union A.G.M. (Watermoor Church Hall)

7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

8:00pm Marriage preparation evening (Parish Church)

Thursday 8th February.

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

2:00pm Funeral of the late Mr. Peter Parkin (Holy Trinity)

6:00pm Sing it (Town Hall)

Friday 9th February.

12:00noon Funeral of the late Mr. Clifford Meatheringham. (Holy Trinity)

**Saturday 10th February. Scholastica, sister of Benedict,
Abbess of Plombariola, c. 543**

Sunday 11th February.

2:00pm Baptism (Holy Trinity)