



Sunday 11th 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

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

Mothers' Union members are holding a coffee morning in the Parish Church on Friday 16th February from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

Pauline Lucker: Following a long illness, Pauline sadly died in Leckhampton Hospice in the early hours of Saturday January 20. Her funeral service will be held at the Parish Church on Wednesday February 14 (Ash Wednesday) at 2pm. This church and congregation meant a great deal to Pauline, and she wrote her own funeral service before she died. Please do come along to support Pauline's husband Ernie and her daughter Nicola. Thank you. There will be a private service the following day at Cheltenham Crematorium. *Sylvia Harker and Rev Katie*

John Appleton RIP - It is with great sadness we announce the death of John Appleton, on Tue 7th February. John was involved in many aspects of church life, and the wider community. He will be missed by many of us. Details of his funeral to follow.

A date for your diary - Monday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Church, Cirencester Archaeological & Historical Society with Cirencester Civic Society present 'The Annual Croome Memorial Lecture' Christopher Catling MA FSA and Dr. Richard Reece will be speaking on CIRENCESTER: The development and buildings of a Cotswold Town. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Parish Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this free lecture.

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

All Age Lunch Sunday 4th March 12pm, Watermoor Hall : Tickets available from Susie Gilbert (susannah.gilbert@gmail.com, 885109) and Hilary Lawrence at HTW. Tickets £3 adults, £2 children to include jacket potatoes with hot and cold fillings and dessert. Please do come and join us, whatever your age. It is always a lovely occasion with yummy food! All offers of help on the day or in cooking fillings gratefully accepted – please speak to *Susie or Hilary*.

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

Women’s World Day of Prayer: This year’s service will be held in Friday March 2nd at Cirencester Ashcroft Church at 2.00pm. The Service has been prepared by the Christian women from Suriname in South America. All are welcome to come and share in this service of praise and thanksgiving for God’s wonderful creation.

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 dorothymarshall38@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

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, Winchcombe <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

If you have any more sportswear or glasses we are still receiving these at the Parish Office up until the start of May

Katie Bannister

**Readings for next Sunday 18th February 2018
The First Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 9. 8 - 17
1 Peter 3. 18 - end
Mark 1. 9 - 15**

BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 86

This Sunday's Services (February 11th)

The Sunday next before Lent
Quinquagesima BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 82

Parish Church

8:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Rosemary Franklin
6:00pm	Evening prayer	Mr. Martin Green

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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Holy Trinity

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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 12th February.

10:30am Prayers for the Persecuted Church (Holy Trinity)

2:30pm Funeral of the late Mabel Fletcher (Holy Trinity)

7:00pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)

Tuesday 13th February. Shrove Tuesday

12 noon Funeral of the late Robert Cosway (Holy Trinity)

6:00pm Parish Pancakes (Parish Centre)

7:00pm Bell Ringing practice (Holy Trinity)

Wednesday 14th February. Ash Wednesday

9:00am Drop In (St. Lawrence)

2:00pm Funeral of the late Pauline Lucker (Parish Church)

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

7:30pm Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist (Parish Church)

Thursday 15th February. Sigfrid Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045.

Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730

10:30am Visiting Bellingers – Four Shires Ringers (Holy Trinity)

11:00am Funeral of the late David Flynn (Parish Church)

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

6:00pm Sing it (Town Hall)

7:30pm Parish Choir Practice (Parish Church)

Friday 16th February.

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

Saturday 17th February. Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977