



**Sunday 18th 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*

**“Stations of the Cross”** at Holy Trinity Church will be held every Wednesday in Lent. It is a very reflective time starting at 6.30pm prior to the 7.00pm Eucharist.

**Janis and Keith Greenwood** thank the clergy and congregation for their many messages of love and support on the death of their daughter Rachel.

**John Appleton RIP** - It is with great sadness we announce the death of John Appleton, on Tue 7<sup>th</sup> February. John was involved in many aspects of church life, and the wider community. He will be missed by many of us. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 1:00pm

**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.

**Toilet Twinning during Lent** - Our project during Lent is to twin at least 4 of the toilets in our parish with those of poor families in countries in Africa and Asia, to enable communities to have clean water and learn how to build toilets. We hope you will want to contribute something, however little, towards this, and so there will be a collection plate out at each church on 3 Sundays - 18th and 25th Feb, 4th March.

*From the Social Responsibility group*

**All Age Lunch Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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*.

**Good Friday Messy Church.** Watermoor Church Hall 10 - 12 noon Friday 30th March. Crafts, worship and refreshments on an Easter theme. Come and have fun and hear the Easter Good News message too. For all families whatever their size, shape or form!

*Fiona Hawes*

**Can you help?** I will be retiring as Parish Church Dusting Team Co-ordinator as from 31<sup>st</sup> 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*

**Home Communion** – I have been asked to act as Co Ordinator for those receiving Home Communion and those whom it is felt should be receiving communion at home. In the first instance if you feel a member of our congregations has been absent from church and may need a visit please contact me and I will pass it on to a colleague or visit myself. We have recently found that there is some duplication in clergy visiting and need to streamline our resources.

*Revd. Rosemary Franklin (01285 654282 or revrmf@btinternet.com)*

**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

**The Church Shop** has Lent booklets on sale along with many Easter cards and Mothering Sunday cards to choose from. Please pop in and have a look.

**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** Lechlade with Fairford Branch is holding their annual Lent Lunch on Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> in Southrop Village Hall, 12noon for 12.30pm. MU cards etc. will be on sale. There will also be a raffle and a Bring & Buy stall. All monies raised will go to MU Projects

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** This year's service will be held in Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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*

**Bruges Retreat** – We are now able to confirm that there will be a retreat to Sint Andries, Bruges from Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> and we will be led by Revd Paul Springate. To book your place please contact Katie in the office and full payment of £175.00 should be made at this time. We would welcome people who are willing to drive their car there and there will be an additional cost for the passengers paid to the driver. Bookings should be made before March 16<sup>th</sup> as availability is limited.

*Revd Rosemary Franklin*

**Church Outing** – The Church Social Committee is considering organizing a visit to the RHS Malvern Spring Festival on 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> May. The cost, to include transport and entry to the show will be somewhere between £20 - £30, depending on numbers. If you would be interested in this, please give your names to Aileen Anderson (Parish Church), Hilary Lawrence (Holy Trinity) or Marg Austin (St. Lawrence).

**Church Camp – 13-15<sup>th</sup> 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

**Make a Mother's Day** – Once again Mothers' Union are offering gifts through 'Make a Mother's Day' that will help mothers around the world to bloom and their communities to flourish. Gifts that will help them learn to read and write, something we take for granted in the UK, or become budding entrepreneurs. Other gifts will give them a chance to establish a stable, family environment for their children. Leaflets are in each church from this week with full details of the gifts, from £6, that are available. If you order by 28 February you will receive a card from the Mothers' Union. You do not have to be a member of the Mothers' Union to take part.

*Kathie Cottie*

**Admin & IT Support Role at The Upper Room** - We are seeking a cheerful, organised, self-starting person with focus and solid office experience and strong administration & IT skills, to work part-time on Wednesdays in our Cirencester town-centre office (no company parking available), to support a small community based charity with a Christian ethos and values. We are launching an Intern Programme for young people to develop work skills and increase their confidence in community engagement, and the administrator will offer IT and admin support to the young people and the Intern Scheme Supervisor one day a week, plus some other admin for the charity.

For Further details please contact [revkimbrown10a@gmail.com](mailto:revkimbrown10a@gmail.com) - closing date 12pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Mission and Outreach Lay Worker** – Would you like the opportunity to work in a busy church in the centre of a growing market town? Cirencester Ashcroft Church is looking for someone who can work alongside well-established groups and develop them further. We are looking for someone who will build upon the strong links we have made within our community, and further develop the clubs, activities and groups we are involved in. We are seeking a Lay Worker to help bring this vision to life, working alongside the minister and the congregation. Further information from the Circuit Office, Gloucester. tel: 01452 415769 email: [office@glosccircuit.co.uk](mailto:office@glosccircuit.co.uk) Closing date Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon.

**This Sunday's Services (February 18<sup>th</sup>)**

The First Sunday in Lent

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**Parish Church**

8:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Rosemary Franklin
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock with Revd Julian Wilson
6:00pm	Evensong	Revd Katie Richardson with Mr. Richard Marlowe

**Holy Trinity**

8:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Katie Richardson
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson

**St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert
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**Next Sunday's Services (February 25<sup>th</sup>)**

The Second Sunday in Lent

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**Parish Church**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Rosemary Franklin with Mr. Richard Marlowe
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Dr. Philip Thomas with Mrs. Sylvia Harker
6.00pm	Evensong	Revd Howard Gilbert

**Holy Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10.00am	Eucharist with Baptism	Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd Rosemary Franklin

**St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Penny Light
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**Readings for next Sunday 25th February 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 17. 1 – 7, 15 - 16**

**Romans 4. 13 - end**

**Mark 8. 31 - end**

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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 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

2:00pm Funeral of the late Jacob Pilkington (Parish Church)

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

7:30pm Bell Ringing Quarter Peal (Parish Church)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

7:30pm PCC Meeting (Parish Centre)

7:30pm Bell Ringing practice (Holy Trinity)

7:30pm House Group ( 43 The Whiteway)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

9:00am Drop In (St. Lawrence)

6:30pm Station of the Cross (Holy Trinity)

7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

8:00pm Wedding preparation evening (Parish Church)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

6:00pm Sing it (Town Hall)

7:30pm Parish Choir Practice ( Parish Church)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr 155**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February. St. Matthias the Apostle**