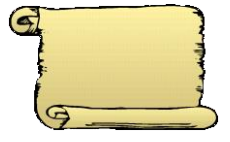


Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



Sunday 25th February 2018

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Prayer Morning – Prayers for our Church, our Schools and all relevant needs for our Parish and Worldwide concerns at 22 Abbey House, Cirencester on Thursday March 1st at 10.30am and during lent also on Thursday March 15th at 10.30am . We are a small informal group and we would love others to come and join us.

Val Manson 01285 655900

“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.

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. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday 28th 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 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*.

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 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

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)

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 1st 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.

Bruges Retreat – We are now able to confirm that there will be a retreat to Sint Andries, Bruges from Monday May 7th to Friday May 11th 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 16th as availability is limited.

Revd Rosemary Franklin

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

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 - closing date 12pm Monday 12th 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@gloscircuit.co.uk Closing date Wednesday 28th February at 12 noon.

Daytime CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money Course: 9.30 – 11.30am Mondays 12 & 26 March at Cirencester Baptist Church in Chesterton Lane. A crèche will be provided. Please join us for these 2 mornings. The CAP Money Course will teach you how to manage your money through budgeting skills and a cash-based system that works. In just a few weeks you will get to grips with your finances so you can budget, save and prevent debt. It is helpful if you can let us know that you are thinking of coming, particularly if you have small children who will be using the creche, so if you are interested please email: capmoney@cirencester-baptist.org. Also, do invite any friends you think may be interested. The course is free and there is plenty of cake & coffee too! If you can't make it, our next evening courses are Tuesdays 24 April/1 May & Wednesdays 6/ 13 June at 7.30-9.30pm.

The Men's Group next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 March 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 Fr Isidore Obi , Parish Priest at St Peter's RC Church, Cirencester. If you would like further information or have any general queries about the Men's Group, please contact David Henson on 07790 313249.

Mothers' Union. Once again we will be making posies for children to give to their Mothers on Mothering Sunday, on Saturday March 10th in Watermoor Church Hall from 10am. All are welcome to join us, tea & coffee will be available during the morning, as will toys for children to play with. Donations of greenery will be much appreciated. Many thanks
Kathie Cottley

Exploring Confirmation? There will be a confirmation service on Easter Morning (1st April), and in anticipation of this, there will be a group of people meeting to explore whether they would like to be confirmed at this service. Please contact the office, or a member of clergy, if you might be interested in this.
Revd. Howard Gilbert

Foodbank News –The total collected within the Parish for January was 107 kg of food, with 86.1kg being donated at Holy Trinity Church. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

This Sunday's Services (February 25th)

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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Next Sunday's Services (March 4th)

The Third Sunday in Lent

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Parish Church

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Canon Dr. Phillip Thomas

10.00am 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 Rosemary Franklin

Readings for next Sunday 4th March 2018

The Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20. 1 - 17

1. Corinthians 1. 18 - 15

John 2. 13 - 22

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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 26th February.

7:00pm Chroome Lecture (Parish Church)

7:00pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Holy Trinity)

Tuesday 27th February. George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633.

7:30pm Bell Ringing practice (Holy Trinity)

Wednesday 28th February.

9:00am Drop In (St. Lawrence)

1:00pm Thanksgiving Service for the late John Appleton (Holy Trinity)

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

7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

8:00pm Wedding preparation evening (Parish Church)

Thursday 1st March. David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601.

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

6:00pm Sing it (Town Hall)

7:30pm Parish Choir Practice (Parish Church)

Friday 2nd March. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672.

9:00am Organ Tuning (Parish Church)

Saturday 3rd March

Sunday 4th March.

11.00am Church Lunch (Watermoor Church Hall)