



Sunday 4th March 2018

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Church Stewards/Welcomers Urgently required at the Parish Church, particularly on Sundays from 11.30am – 4.00pm (1 ½ hour slots) This role is open to all ages, if you can only help once a month or just the odd time, this would be wonderful as we find ourselves very short at the moment. During the week the desk is manned from 10.00am until 4.00pm. You meet and greet visitors to our beautiful Church and make them feel welcome. If you can help in any way please contact Katie in the parish office 01285 659317

Can you help? We desperately need more people to serve coffee after the Eucharist service on Sunday mornings at the Parish Church. This is not an onerous task as it is always set up before the service. All you have to do is serve and clear afterwards - very limited washing up! If you can help please let me know. Thank you!

Aileen Anderson

Holy Trinity Sidesman and Coffee Rotas – These two rotas are published in April each year and we are urgently searching for more volunteers. Neither role is onerous or particularly time consuming but a valuable contribution to the life of Holy Trinity Church. Each Sidesman team is on duty about 8 Sundays a year and to be on the Coffee Rota is a commitment to just 6 Sundays a year. If you would like more information or would like to join a team please contact a Warden or specifically Peter Cottey (01285 654038, pcottey@talktalk.net) for Sidesman or Maggie Shepherd (01285 659427 or mshep@waitrose.com) for Coffee Rota.

“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.

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

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)

Stroud Civil Society is presenting a talk on Gloucestershire's Medieval Churches by Steven Blake on Wednesday 7th March at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Parish Church. Tickets £7.00 – members of Stroud Civic Society £5.00 or pay at the door.

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

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on Wednesday March 7th at 2.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall. Our guest speaker is Shellaine Foggin an MU member who comes from South Africa. Her talk is entitled 'Children's Sunday School in South Africa'. All are welcome at our meetings. Many thanks,

Kathie

Holy Trinity Congregational Committee. The next meeting of the the above Committee will be on Wednesday 21st March. If anyone has any suggestions or matters they wish to raise please contact Peter Cottey (654038), Bryony Springate (659024) or myself (652809)

Brenda Lissimore (Secretary)

Annual Report. This year, once again, we will be compiling an Annual Report which covers all the activities and responsibilities of our parish. Please would leaders and church officers submit their report to the PCC Secretary (Howard Gray) by 16th March. These can be sent via email to howardgray55@outlook.com or left at the Parish Office.

Church Outing – The Church Social Committee is considering organizing a visit to the RHS Malvern Spring Festival on 11th or 12th 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).

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

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.

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.

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*

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*

This 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

Next Sunday's Services (March 11th)

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday

BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 91

Parish Church

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Colin Mattock

10.00am All Age Eucharist
Revd Rosemary Franklin
with the Mothers Union

6.00pm Evensong
Mr. Martin Green

Holy Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Paul Springate

10.00am Eucharist
Revd Howard Gilbert
with Paul Springate

St Lawrence

10.30am Eucharist Revd Penny Light

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday
Exodus 2. 1 - 10
Colossians 3. 12 - 17
Luke 2. 33 - 35
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Daily Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)

Morning Prayer – 9:00am

Eucharist – 12 noon

Evening Prayer – 4:00pm

Dates for the next week.

Monday 5th March.

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

Tuesday 6th March.

2:00pm Pastoral Visitors Meeting (Parish Church)

7:30pm House Group (85 Chesterton Park)

Wednesday 7th March. Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage 203.

9:00am Drop In (St. Lawrence)

9:30am Organ Practice- Simon Gibson (Parish Church)

10:30am Holy Communion (St. Lawrence)

2:00pm Mothers' Union (Watermoor Church Hall)

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

7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

7:00pm (for 7:30pm) Stroud Civic Society – Stephen Blake Talk (Parish Church)

Thursday 8th March. Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910. Felix, Bishop Apostle to the East Angles, 647 Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929.

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

5:30pm Church Shop Directors Meeting (Parish Centre)

6:00pm Sing it (Town Hall)

7:30pm Parish Choir Practice (Parish Church)

Friday 9th March.

10:00am Organ Practice – Keith Lewis (Parish Church)

7:30pm Cirencester Parish Handbell Ringers (St. Lawrence)

Saturday 10th March

10:00am Mothering Sunday Posie making (Watermoor Church Hall)

10.45am Stroud Choral Society Organ set up (Parish Church)

2:00pm Stroud Choral Society set up & rehearsals (Parish Church)

7:00pm Stroud Choral Society Concert (Parish Church)

7:30pm Bell Ringing (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 11th March

Mothering Sunday