



Sunday 2nd December, 2018

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The deadline for notices in the pew leaflet is midday Wednesdays.

Canon Graham will be holding open office for anyone who wishes to meet with him, every Monday evening at The Parish Office between 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

New opening hours for Parish Office: As from Monday 3rd December the Parish office will be only open to the public from 11.00am until 1.00pm. Mondays to Fridays. Enquiries by phone 9.00am until 1.00pm as normal. Many thanks.

Congratulations to Rev'd Katie Richardson. Katie was licensed at the Bishop's Residence as our new Associate Priest. This is welcome news as Katie completes her Curacy. Thank you to Canon Howard for his support and guidance for Katie. We now welcome Katie into her new role. On Advent Sunday we will be marking this as we join with Katie in the Advent festival, marking not only the beginnings of a new liturgical year, but the beginnings of a new ministry with us. We ask God's blessing upon you Katie and we hold you in our prayers.

Canon Graham

Prayer Morning: on Thursday December 6th at 22 Abbey House, Cirencester at 10.30am. Join us to pray for our schools, our town, and all in need in this troubled world. Stop for coffee, biscuits and a chat afterwards.

Val Manson

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on Wednesday December 5th at 2.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall. The afternoon has a Christmas Theme and will finish with tea & mince pies. There will also be a raffle. Do join us for a fun afternoon and a chance to win a delicious Christmas cake, beautifully decorated by Janet, one of our members! All are welcome, members or not.

Mothers' Union is having a coffee, cake and craft stall in the Parish Church on Friday December 7th from 10am until noon. All monies raised will go towards MU projects both at home and Overseas.

Adult confirmation preparation will continue on 8th Dec, 10am at the Vicarage and on the 15th December.

Advent Group: We are running a 4 week advent group in the Crown in Cirencester starting on Monday 26th November around 8pm. It is aimed at men, but female attendance will be welcomed!! We shall be following the themes of Roots, Reminders, Road and Radiance! If you are interested in joining us for those 4 weeks, can you email me at paulspringate36@gmail.com. I shan't hold you to it, but it would give me an idea of how big a table to commandeer!

"The falling leaves, drift by our windows..." – And then make a mess all over the churchyard! So its time for the annual clearance of fallen leaves from the Watermoor churchyard. This will take place on the morning of Saturday 8th December. If you are able to help please join the working party at any time from 9.30 am onwards. There are a couple of wheelbarrows and several rakes available, but if you can bring tools of your own that would be helpful. I am certain this will be a case of "The more the merrier (and easier!)". All volunteers will be compensated with biscuits, one custard cream per barrow-load. For more details please contact me (Ian Hillier, 07518 600179). Many thanks.

Mothers' Union: Our Christmas meal this year is on Wednesday December 19th in Watermoor Church Hall 7 for 7.30pm, price £19. At great expense we have managed to book 'Cupcake & Crumble' for our after dinner entertainment! Menu choices are available from Kathie Cottey at Watermoor Church or 01285 654038 or pcottey@talktalk.net *Kathie*

Men's Group: the next meeting will be our usual December meal, which will be a Curry Night at the Indian Rasoi, Dollar Street, Cirencester, GL7 2AJ on Tuesday 4 December 2018; arrival from 7.30pm to sit down at 8.00pm. As normal, we have asked for a set menu, which would normally be £20 per head (for food) but we have some funds in our reserves and so, depending on final numbers, we would hope that the cost will be nearer £15 per head (payable on the night). We will need to let the Indian Rasoi know in advance approximately how many people we are expecting to attend and so if you would like to come to the meal, please contact David Henson on 07790 313249 no later than Sunday 2 December 2018.

Harnhill Centre of Christian healing: Vacancies : Housekeeping Team undertake many different tasks in looking after the facilities and guests, ensuring a high standard of hospitality. Hours: Wednesdays: 9am - 2pm One weekend per month: Saturday (9am-3pm) and Sunday (10am-2pm) Extra hours will be available ad hoc. The Assistant Chef will work under the guidance of The Head Chef to ensure the preparation of food in both the Manor House and Barn Conference Centre kitchens is to a high standard. All meals are prepared by the chef team, ranging from buffet breakfast / lunches to main meals, with numbers from 8-150. Hours: Average 30 hours per week. These hours will vary depending on the needs of the kitchen and guests. Please contact Alison Goddard, 01285 850283

Save our Scout Group 2nd Cirencester, Baden Powell Scout Association Group runs out of St Lawrence's, Chesterton. In desperate need of volunteers to come forward to become Leaders. No experience required, great fun and very rewarding work. If you are interested get in touch Phil Sealy: 07923 200098/ Cirencester-bpsa@outlook.com

Boxing Day "Leftovers" lunch: On Wednesday 26th December after the 12 noon Eucharist at the Parish church there will be a bring and share leftovers lunch. Please come along and join us. *Canon Graham*

Mince Pies: May I appeal to your generosity? We need lots of mince pies (shop bought) for Saturday 22nd December. Please drop them in at the Parish church vestry or the parish centre. Your contributions will really be appreciated.

Canon Graham.

The 10am service on Sunday 6 January will be a Parish Service at Holy Trinity Church. (there will not be a 10:00 am service at the Parish Church or the 10.30am service at St Lawrence.) The service will mark the final service in the Parish of Canon Howard as he prepares to assume his new position as Rector of Minchinhampton with Box. The service will be followed by coffee in the hall and then a "Bring and Share" lunch in the church (bring your own drink!). Please put the date in your diary and join the Holy Trinity congregation. Additionally if you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Canon Howard and family then please place your donation in an appropriately marked, sealed envelope and drop it in to the Parish Office or give it to one of the Wardens.

Peter Cottey (on behalf of the Holy Trinity Wardens)

Small keyboard required: A young lady who is bed bound and loves her music is looking for a small keyboard and it would be wonderful if someone who does not use theirs any more could donate it to her. Please call me on 01285 658021

Cate Luck

Christmas Greetings to people in prison: ACAT (Action by Christians against Torture) have published their list of people to send cards to, please take a name and address if you would like to do this, and follow the instructions given. Postage is £1.25 to Europe, £1.45 to the rest of the world. It means a great deal to them to know they are not forgotten, thank you!

Christingle making: Please come and help make the Christingles for our lovely Christingle service (6pm Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity Watermoor.) We will be meeting to make them on Saturday 22nd December 10am in Watermoor church hall. Coffee and mince pies provided and toys out for little ones. *Fiona Hawes*

This Sunday's Services (2nd December)

The First Sunday of Advent
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Parish Church

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Canon Dr. Philip Thomas
10:00am Eucharist Revd Katie Richardson
6:00pm Advent Carol Service Revd Canon Graham Morris

Holy Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Paul Springate
10:00am All Age Service Revd Canon Howard Gilbert

St. Lawrence

10:30am Eucharist Revd Penny Light

Next Sunday's Services (9th December)

Second Sunday of Advent
BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 49

Parish Church

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Canon Graham Morris
10:00am All Age Toy Service Revd Julian Wilson
With Revd Canon Graham Morris

Holy Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Penny Light
10:00am Eucharist Revd Canon Karen Schmidt
6:00pm Carol Service Revd Canon Howard Gilbert

St. Lawrence

10:30am Eucharist Revd Paul Springate

Readings for next Sunday 9th December
Second Sunday of Advent,
Malachi 3. 1 - 4
Philippians 1. 3 - 11
Luke 3. 1 - 6

Weekly Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)

Morning Prayer – 9:00 am. Eucharist – 12 noon

(in different chapels throughout the week, please see diary below)

Evening Prayer – 4:00 pm

Dates for the next week

Monday 3rd December: Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552.

9:00am Christmas Tree Festival (Parish Church)
9:30am Organ Practice (Parish Church)
12:00pm Eucharist (Trinity Chapel, Parish Church)
7:00pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)

Tuesday 4th December: John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith. 749 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637

9:00am Christmas Tree Festival (Parish Church)
9:00am CIA Alarm servicing (Parish Church)
9:30am Acorns Christmas Service (Parish Church)
12:00pm Eucharist (Catherine Chapel, Parish Church)
2:00pm Funeral Service for the late William Gill (Parish Church)
6:30pm Bell Ringing Practice (Parish Church)
7:30pm House Group (85 Chesterton Park)

Wednesday 5th December:

9:00am Christmas Tree Festival (Parish Church)
9:00am Drop in (St Lawrence)
10:30am Holy Communion (St. Lawrence)
12:00pm Eucharist (Lady Chapel, Parish Church)
2:00pm Mothers' Union meeting (Watermoor Church Hall)
7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 6th December: Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, 326

9:00am Christmas Tree Festival (Parish Church)
9:30am Guided Tour (Parish Church)
12:00pm Eucharist (Catherine Chapel, Parish Church)
2.00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)
6:00pm Sing it (The Town Hall)
7:30pm Parish Choir Practice (Parish Church)

Friday 7th December: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith 397

9:00am Christmas Tree Festival (Parish Church)
10:00am Mothers' Union Coffee, Cake & Craft Morning (Parish Church)
12:00pm Eucharist (High Altar, Parish Church)
7:00pm Cirencester Band Rehearsal (Parish Church)

Saturday 8th December: The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Christmas Tree Festival (Parish Church)
9:30am Organ Practice (Parish Church)
7:00pm Cirencester Choral Society Concert (Parish Church)