



**Sunday 23rd December, 2018**

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

**On behalf of the clergy team** may I express our heartfelt thanks for all the Cards we have received expressing good wishes and the compliments of the season. We are unable to return these good wishes individually, but please be assured of our love and our prayers for each and every one of you.

We send you our greetings for Christmas and the New Year. We rejoice as we remember the birth of our Lord, and we pray his blessing on each and everyone. Canon Graham on behalf of the Clergy Team.

**Parish Office:** will be closed from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 until Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

**Boxing Day “Leftovers” lunch:** On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Mothers’ Union.** Our next meeting is on Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at 2.30pm in Watermoor Church Hall. Our guest speaker is Revd. Paul Springate. He will be talking about his time at Harnhill. All are welcome to our meetings, members or not.

*Kathie Cottey*

**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*

**Canon Howard Gilbert's Licencing 26th January 3pm Minchinhampton**

We are putting on a coach to travel to Fr Howards licencing service at Minchinhampton at 3pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. The coach will be leaving from the Parish Church at 1:30 to travel to Minchinhampton and returning at 6pm. There are 50 seats available and the cost is £6.00 per person. To reserve your seat please contact Katie Bannister (katie@cirenparish.co.uk) or by phone (01285659317) and pay her by cash or by cheque made payable to PCC Cirencester. Please do let us know if you would like a space as soon as possible.

**Parish Retreat to Bruges:** The retreat for 2019 will be from May 27th until May 31st and includes the Ascension Day parade through Bruges. We have reserved 15 places and to reserve your place please contact the office and we are asking for a deposit of twenty pounds. More information will follow in the New Year.

*Rosemary Franklin*

**Can you help at Holy Trinity?** Do you pass or could pass the Parish Office on a Friday? If so would you be able to pick up the Pew Leaflets for Holy Trinity, starting in January 2019, and get them to the church before the 8am service on a Sunday – Friday or Saturday would do, you don't have to get up that early on a Sunday? Please contact Peter Cottey if you are able to help, even if it is not every week. (pcottey@talktalk.net or 654038)

**Foodbank totals for November:** Parish Church 23.7 kg and Holy Trinity Church 50.15 kg. Many thanks for all contributions.

**Prayer Morning:** do come and join us for prayers on Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 10.30am at 22 Abbey House, (telephone 655900) and stay for coffee and a chat.

**House Group:** on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at 85 Chesterton Park.

**This Sunday's Services (23rd December)**

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 52

**Parish Church**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dr. Philip Thomas
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson With Revd Canon Graham Morris
6:00pm	9 lessons & Carols	Revd Canon Graham Morris With Revd Canon Howard Gilbert

**Holy Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Graham Morris
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Howard Gilbert

**St. Lawrence**

10:30am	Eucharist	Revd Rosemary Franklin
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**Next Sunday's Services (30<sup>th</sup> December)**

First Sunday of Christmas

BCP Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 61

**Parish Church**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Katie Richardson
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Karen Schmidt
6:00pm	Evensong	Mr. Martin Green

**Holy Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Penny Light
10:00am	Eucharist	Revd Julian Wilson

**St. Lawrence**

10:30am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Margaret Bettis With Revd Canon Graham Morris
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Readings for next Sunday 30th December

First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2. 18 – 20, 26

Colossians 3 12 - 17

Luke 2. 41 - end

## **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 24th December: Christmas Eve**

12:00pm Eucharist (Trinity Chapel, Parish Church)  
2:00pm Crib Service (Parish Church)  
4:00pm Crib Service (Parish Church)  
6:00pm Christingle Service (Holy Trinity)  
11:30pm Midnight Mass (Holy Trinity)  
11:30pm Midnight Mass (Parish Church)

#### **Tuesday 25th December: Christmas Day**

8:00am Christmas Day Eucharist (Parish Church)  
8:00am Christmas Morning Eucharist (Holy Trinity)  
10:00am Family Christmas Worship (Parish Church)  
10:00am Family Christmas Worship (Holy Trinity)  
10:00am Christmas Day Worship (St. Lawrence)

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Steven, Deacon, First Martyr**

12:00pm Eucharist (Lady Chapel, Parish Church)  
12:30pm Bring and share leftovers lunch (Parish Church)

#### **Thursday 27th December: John, Apostle and Evangelist**

12:00pm Eucharist (Catherine Chapel, Parish Church)

#### **Friday 28th December: The Holy Innocents**

12:00pm Eucharist (High Altar, Parish Church)

#### **Saturday 29th December: Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170**

12:00pm Eucharist (Trinity Chapel, Parish Church)