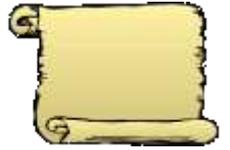




Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



Sunday 22th January  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Notices are posted on the Parish Website: [www.cirenparish.co.uk](http://www.cirenparish.co.uk)

Office email [enquiries@cirenparish.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cirenparish.co.uk)

**Sunday 5th February - Special Service at Watermoor**

Bishop Rachel will be with us for a Confirmation service at Holy Trinity, Watermoor at 10.00am on Sunday 5th February.

**There will be NO 10.00am service at the Parish Church, or 10.30am at St. Lawrence.**

**ALL** are invited to the Confirmation at Holy Trinity.

**Abbey 900** - A tree (*Quercus Rubra*) is to be planted in the Abbey Grounds by Bishop Rachel at 3.00pm on the 22nd February 2017 as part of the opening events of a year-long celebration of Abbey 900. Should anyone wish to financially support this please send your donation or pay in at Barclays Bank CCDT (A) Account Sort Code 20-84-58 Account Number 53573842 Ref Trees. Donations may be Gift Aided.

A Flower Festival is to be held in the Parish Church at the beginning of June and if you would like to donate to this event please send what you can to Barclays Bank CCDT (A) Account Sort Code 20-84-58 Account 53573842 Ref Flowers. Any donations may be Gift Aided; please see the Abbey 900 leaflets available in Church.

**Thank you** so much to all 36 ladies and chaps who came and put a few stitches in the new Augustinian Banner for Abbey 900 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. We were delighted with the response and the enthusiasm of all the many who came to help. Representatives from many local groups in the town came and there was a happy atmosphere all day. Numbers were also swelled by visitors to the church and the Abbey 900 committee. We will show the banner to the Churn Project sewing group and the Quaker Meeting House group when it is nearer completion. Many thanks to John Lawrence for his cheerful help with putting up and clearing away tables and chairs for us. *Deirdre Waddell*

**Mothers' Union** in Cirencester has a new project for 2017. We are aiming to make blankets for stillborn babies. It is hoped that completed blankets will be blessed at the 10am service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Mothering Sunday (March 26<sup>th</sup> 2017). For further information please contact Kathie Cottey on 01285 654038 or e-mail:- [pcottey@talktalk.net](mailto:pcottey@talktalk.net). Patterns are now also available from the Mothers' Union table in the Parish Church.

**Prayer Morning** – for all the needs of our community – our schools, churches and for the needs of the people throughout the world – on Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 22 Abbey House at 10.30 am. Stay for coffee and biscuits. *Val Manson (01285 655900)*

**Thank you** to everyone who sent us a card or dropped a present into the Vicarage. I was unwell before Christmas and my 7 year old nephew and niece helped me by handing me things to open, whilst removing all the tags! It was a great Christmas at church and we want everyone who was involved to know how much we enjoyed it and appreciated all the hard work that showed Christ's hospitality to the largest congregations we have seen in our time here.

*Lynne Doolan*

**Cheese and Wine Evening with entertainment from members of MJ-UK –**

Saturday 4th February. Tickets £8 (to include a glass of wine) are now on sale in all 3 churches. Please see Aileen Anderson (St. JB) Susie Gilbert (HTW) and Marg Austin (St. L). This promises to be a great evening. Don't miss out!

**Planned Giving for 2017** – We should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given so generously in 2016, either by Direct Debit, Standing Order or Weekly Envelopes. New boxes of envelopes should be 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 a Churchwardens or contact me on Cirencester 652113. Thanks. *Peter Wilson*

**The Children's Society** - The Christingle Services at Holy Trinity and the Parish Church and the Christmas Card signed by many of the Holy Trinity congregation (for a donation) collected over £1010 for The Children's Society. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**H.T. Congregational Committee** - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 January. Anyone who has any suggestions or matters they wish to raise please contact Peter Cottey (654038) Bryony Springate (659024) or myself (652809) *Brenda Lissimore (Secretary)*

**2017 Cirencester International Organ Festival - 22nd-29th April** - We're delighted to announce the line-up for the 2017 Cirencester International Organ Festival. Tickets and a full programme are available now via <http://cirencesterorganfestival.co.uk/>

**Some highlights:** We have an amazing opener to the 2017 festival this year with international virtuoso, Stephen Tharp. This is Stephen's first (and only planned) recital in the UK in over 10 years. Described by The Diapason as '*the best organist in America*' Stephen has played more than 1400 concerts across 48 tours worldwide, building one of the most well-respected international careers in the world. A once in a lifetime concert, coming to Cirencester and not to be missed. **Tickets £12**

Back by popular demand Anthony Hammond will be closing the festival with one of his exciting and innovative improvised silent movies. This will be the highest grossing film of the silent movie era, '*The Big Parade*', commemorating the centenary of America's involvement in WW1 (April 2017)

In addition to our free week-day lunchtime concerts we have two new events:  
Thursday 27th April - Family Gala Concert: Peter & the Wolf - with organ (Hugo Kennard), poetry and pictures. Friday 28th April - Gala Wine Recital. yes, you read that right. A wine recital. This year you can hear Heilscher's *California Wine Suite* played alongside a tutored wine tasting! Perfect for wine and music lovers.

**Advance Notice** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, making posies for distribution in churches to Mothers on Mothering Sunday – Watermoor Church Hall from 10am

**Mothers' Union** – our next meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.30pm in Watermoor Hall is our AGM. It will be followed by an illustrated talk by Peter and Kathie Cottey on their recent visit to Canada. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall. All are welcome

**Foodbank** – Thanks have been received for the 105.3kg of donations in November from the three churches in the Parish. On Saturday 18 March they will be having a Food banquet. It will include 3-course dinner, bar, band etc. They'd really like people to save the date and also get in touch if they would like to donate raffle prizes etc.

**Men's Group Meeting** - Thank you to everyone who came along to our January quiz night and helped to make the evening such a success. Our next MG meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 February, the venue as usual being the upstairs function room at The Crown, 17 West Market Place, arrival from 7.45pm, for 8.15pm start. Our speaker at the meeting will be Peter Ewart, who will be talking to us about the work of the Cirencester Street Pastors. We very much look forward to seeing you there! Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March. Our speaker will be Roy Archer, whose talk will be entitled "*Pacifist, Socialist and Christian (but not necessarily in that order)*". On Tuesday 4 April it will be Tony Clack talking to us that evening about "*The Joy of Flying*". If you would like further information about our upcoming meetings, or have any general queries about the Men's Group, please contact David Henson on 07790 313249.

**CAP Money Course** - It's a brand new year and for some of us money is tight, what with the expense of Christmas and those sales bargains that were just too difficult to refuse. Why not come along to our next friendly and informal CAP money course to learn some skills to better equip you to manage your money, whether you have too much, too little or just enough? The next course is running on two consecutive Wednesday evenings, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February in Cirencester Baptist Church's new church and community building in Chesterton Lane (opposite the Shell Garage/Budgens) 7.30-9.30pm. Attendance is free but you do need to come to both weeks to really benefit from the course. To sign up or find out more email [capmoney@cirencester-baptist.org](mailto:capmoney@cirencester-baptist.org)

**Cirencester Twinning Association** - Are you interested in cultural exchange/foreign languages and meeting new people? Cirencester is delighted to be welcoming visitors from our twin town in Itzehoe, Germany at Easter 2017. If you have a spare room or would like to join in the fun, please contact Cirencester Twinning Association at [cirencestertwinning@gmail.com](mailto:cirencestertwinning@gmail.com) or look at our website [www.cirencestertwinningassociation.org.uk](http://www.cirencestertwinningassociation.org.uk) The draft programme (subject to alteration) for Itzehoe visitors: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Early Evening Welcome and meal at The Parish Centre: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Guided Town Walk of Cirencester, Optional Visit to the Town Museum, Town Centre Concert – Evening (Abbey 900), pub evening with fish and chip supper: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Optional bring and share lunch (village hall), Cotswold Villages Tour with afternoon tea: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April Visit to Gloucester including Cathedral and Docks, Dinner with hosts: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Farewells Alternatively, you can support the fundraising for this weekend by purchasing a Cirencester calendar £7.99 from the Town Council Office, Bingham Gallery, Dyer Street.

## This Sunday's Services (22nd January)

### **Parish Church**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
6.00pm	Plough Service	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan with Revd Canon Philip Thomas

### **Holy Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert with Revd Katie Richardson

### **St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock
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## Next Sunday's Services (29th January)

### **Parish Church**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Rosemary Franklin
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Katie Richardson
6.00pm	Epiphany Carols	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan

### **Holy Trinity**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10.00am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan

### **St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Howard Gilbert
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NB: Please could all items for the pew leaflet be in by 5pm on Tuesdays.

## Other Dates

### **Monday 23 January**

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

### **Tuesday 24 January, Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622**

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice (Holy Trinity, Watermoor))

### **Wednesday 25 January, The Conversion of Paul**

9:30am Piano Tuning (Parish Church)

11:15am Piano Tuning (Town Hall)

1:00pm Piano Tuning - Watermoor Church Hall

7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity, Watermoor)

8:00pm Wedding Preparation Classes (Town Hall)

### **Thursday, 26 January, Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul**

2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)

5:30pm Sing it! (Town Hall)

7:30pm Parish Church Choir Practice (Parish Church)

### **Friday, 27 January**

7:00am Fire & Intruder Alarm Servicing (Parish Church)

12:00noon Fire & Intruder Alarm Service (Parish Centre)

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

### **Saturday, 28 January, Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274**

10:00am PCH Friends Standing Committee (Parish Centre)

### **Sunday, 29 January**

1:00pm Shop Volunteers Tea and Update (Parish Centre)

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January**

There will be an opportunity every day during this week to get together, worship and pray together at one of our local churches,

Monday 23rd.	7:00pm	Baptist Church, Chesterton Lane
Tuesday 24th	4:00pm	Ashcroft Church
Wednesday 25th	10:00am	St Peters Church, Stratton
Wednesday 25th	7:00pm	Holy Trinity Church

### **Services at St John Baptist (Parish Church)**

Morning Prayer – 8.30am (subject to clergy availability)

Eucharist – 12 noon (N.B. Bank holidays at 10am)

Evening Prayer – 5.00pm (subject to clergy availability)