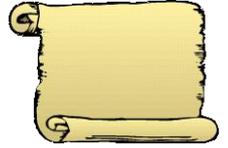


Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



Sunday 29th January
4th Sunday of Epiphany
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Parish Notices are posted on the Parish Website: www.cirenparish.co.uk
Office email 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.

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 26th 2017). For further information please contact Kathie Cottey on 01285 654038 or e-mail:- 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 2nd at 22 Abbey House at 10.30 am. Stay for coffee and biscuits.
Val Manson (01285 655900)

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!

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.

Advanced Notice - Saturday 25th March, making posies for distribution in churches to Mothers on Mothering Sunday – Watermoor Church Hall from 10am

Mothers' Union - Our next meeting on Wednesday 1st 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

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, 1st and 8th 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

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 or look at our website www.cirencestertwinningassociation.org.uk The draft programme (subject to alteration) for Itzehoe visitors: Friday 14th April - Early Evening Welcome and meal at The Parish Centre: Saturday 15th 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 16th April - Optional bring and share lunch (village hall), Cotswold Villages Tour with afternoon tea: Monday 17th April Visit to Gloucester including Cathedral and Docks, Dinner with hosts: Tuesday 18th 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.

Parish Fayre 2017 - I have been asked if there is to be a Fayre in September this year. My response has been that if the Parish and PCC support it and a small group of parishioners across the Parish are prepared to help organise it then it would be scheduled to take place on the second Saturday in September i.e. 9th. It has also been suggested that if we go ahead it might be a good idea to decide the beneficiaries before the event so that it can be included in the publicity and in particular on the raffle tickets. The PCC has offered their support and if anyone feels they would like to be involved in the organisation or would like to suggest beneficiaries please get in contact with Peter Cottey (654038 or pcottey@talktalk.net). In the past we have met just 4 times before the event and once afterwards. I am particularly looking for volunteer(s) to take charge of the Raffle which normally raises about a third of the profit.

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Many thanks for your support during the Advent/Christmas appeal for Christian Aid. I am delighted to give the totals for St Lawrence as £50.04 : Holy Trinity £291.00 and Parish Church £294.39 with the gift aid addition the total donation for this appeal is £789.29. Well done!

Maggie Pollard co-ordinator for HTW

Island of Hope – Christian Aid’s Work with Refugees on Samos. An Evening with Foteini Koutsotheodorou at Christ Church, Tetbury, The Chipping, GL8 8ET. On Saturday 4th February 7pm, Foteini works with IOCC/Apostoli and has coordinated their humanitarian response to the refugee crisis on the island of Samos. Bring some food to share and come and hear first-hand stories of the projects Christian Aid is supporting that care for refugees in Greece. For further information contact nsharp@christian-aid.org 0781 4141 100.

TODAY - Sunday 29th January at 3pm in the Parish Room: Shop Volunteers Tea - with shop news and updates

Mothers’ Union - Is holding a Charity Lunch in the Parish Centre on Wednesday February 8th from 12 noon until 1.30pm. Come and join us for delicious homemade soup, bread & cheese, fruit, tea and coffee, all for £4.50. All monies raised will go to MU projects both at home and overseas.

Women's Word Day of Prayer - This annual event, organised by Churches Together in Cirencester, is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's day of prayer on Friday March 3 2017 in the New Baptist Church at 2pm. If you are able to help please contact Gill Keens on gloskeens@btinternet.com or on 01285 652069 by Wednesday February 1. Thank you. *Rev Katie*

Parish Magazine - If anyone would like a copy of the Parish Magazine emailed to them, please could you let me know on howardgray55@outlook.com. Many thanks
Howard

Spectacles taken by mistake from Holy Trinity Watermoor - One of the sidemen at the 8am service at Holy Trinity on Sunday 22nd Jan had their spectacles (in the case) taken by mistake from the chest at the back of the church. If anyone has them, please would they return them back to the church. Many thanks!

Lunchtime organ recitals: A birthday series - Mondays, 13:10-13:50. To celebrate a 'milestone birthday' Anthony Hammond will be playing a series of free, lunchtime organ recitals at the Parish Church every Monday in February. Featuring some of his favourite pieces of organ music they will include works by Bach, Elgar, Liszt and Vierne.

NB: Please could all items for the pew leaflet be in by 5pm on Tuesdays.

This 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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Next Sunday's Services (5th February)

Parish Church

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Leonard Doolan
10.00am	Eucharist	No Service – ALL at Holy Trinity
6.00pm	Evensong	Revd Katie Richardson with Revd Canon Leonard Doolan

Holy Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Howard Gilbert
10.00am	Confirmation Service	The Right Revd Bishop Rachel Treweek

St Lawrence

10.30am	Eucharist	No Service – ALL at Holy Trinity
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Other Dates

Monday 30 January, Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

1:00pm Funeral – Albert Gardner (Holy Trinity)
7:00pm Cirencester Male Voice Choir (Parish Church)

Tuesday 31 January, John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888

2:00pm Thanksgiving Service – Peter Hill (Parish Church)
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice (Holy Trinity)

Wednesday 1 February, Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525

7:00pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
8:00pm Wedding Preparation Classes (Town Hall)

Thursday, 2 February, THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE UNDERFLOOR HEATING WORKS (PARISH CHURCH)

1:00pm Funeral – Richard Daniels (Holy Trinity)
2:00pm Little Angels (Parish Church)
5:30pm Sing it! (Town Hall)
7:30pm Parish Church Choir Practice (Parish Church)

Friday, 3 February, Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865 and Blasius, Armenian Bishop and Martyr

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

Saturday, 4 February, Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order

7:15pm Parish Wine & Cheese Evening with MJ-UK (Holy Trinity)

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)