

Parish Life Magazine

Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



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Lead Article

We have all seen the pictures. Ambulances queuing outside hospitals, a long wait for parents to be dealt with; we all know the story. On August 9th it was my husband involved.



I knew he was unwell. Lemsip had been provided and he was coughing badly. Saturday I sensed a sharp decline. The football results passed him by and significantly he said: 'We will have to miss the St Lawrence lunch.' He loved the puddings!

Later an ambulance was needed. Happily the crew had just come on duty at Moreton-in-Marsh and John was away to Swindon. I rang about midnight for an update and suddenly realised I was all alone. Neighbours were home, Bingham Close was in darkness and it was well past my bedtime. I was anxious to hear about John of course but I felt strong and ready for whatever happened.

The quick support of neighbours had been warming but there was something else, a strong, calming presence. Quite simply it was my Christian faith. It is something I have always had but how reassuring it was to find it there when I really needed it.

At a time of considerable difficulty I felt the Holy Spirit within me. Never more had I appreciated the words 'Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here.'

When I arrived at A&E on Sunday it was far from still. The activity of those working there was tremendous – many patients needing care and the medical staff, in and out, run off their feet, tired but nevertheless working to help others.

God moves in mysterious ways and his call to those in his Healing Service was there to be seen. May we always give thanks to God for medicine and scientific research and to those he has called into his Healing service.

Revd Penny

Baptism Family Tea Party

Rev Alison and I sent invitations to the families that had had a baby or child baptised in 2021 and the first six months of 2022 to ask them to a Family Tea Party to celebrate, and to catch up with the member of the clergy who baptised them! I help with as many of the baptisms as I can, and the



Mother's Union (MU) who send out cards to the families on the anniversaries of their child's baptism were invited to come along to meet them. The MU were also very generous and made some delicious cakes and served them to the families.

The Parish Hall at Watermoor was decorated with blue and white balloons as a token of the `water of baptism` and the children took these home at the end. Toys, playdough and crafts were put out for the children, and members of the MU kindly helped the children with these. They decorated giant `drops of water` with blue and white tissue paper and glitter, and made the Christian symbol of the fish out of airdrying clay which they then decorated with pretend jewels and sequins. The children also planted cress seeds in egg cups as a symbol of new life to remind them of new life in Jesus at baptism.

Canon Graham brought his guitar along and encouraged us all to sing along to some fun action songs with forfeits for the grownups chosen by the children if we got them wrong! Pat Harris brought along some interesting objects for the children to look at from her travels around the world with the MU and showed them some photographs as she explained a little of the work of the MU and its Christian care for families.

It was a lovely afternoon with much talking and laughing, and as the families went their way with thanks they were given a little gift bag (photo below) and invitations to our Little Angels, Seedlings, and Junior Church.

Fiona Hawes (Parish Children's Worker)



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NOAH'S ARK PET SERVICE

HOLY TRINITY WATERMOOR

SATURDAY 10TH SEPT

3PM

**BRING YOUR PET, A PHOTO OF
YOUR PET OR A SOFT TOY**



The Family Haven

Families at Holy Trinity Watermoor's Trinity Kids have kindly donated £117.29 (collected over the past school year) for The Family Haven in Gloucester.

The Family Haven provides a day centre for vulnerable and disadvantaged families - families living in B&B or unsuitable accommodation. For more information visit their website thefamilyhaven.com

Fiona

Dear Ms. Hawes

On behalf of the management committee, staff and families who attend The Family Haven I would like to thank you and the families of Trinity Kids Junior Church at Holy Trinity Watermoor Church for your generous donation of £117.29. I can assure you that the money will be put to very good use.

Our work is vital to so many families in Gloucestershire. Coming to The Family Haven enables them to have a hot bath, a nourishing midday meal, use our laundry and drying room and avail of our free second hand clothing store. Their children benefit from the above as well as being able to attend our excellent registered nursery with a well-equipped and secure garden. The children, some of whom have special educational needs, love the opportunity to play freely as many live in cramped conditions with no garden.

The support of people, such as yourselves, is crucial in allowing us to continue to provide our service and is greatly appreciated. It means that we can help to keep families away from abuse, poverty, exclusion and isolation. Your generous donation is an investment into the future of disadvantaged children in our county. It will help us to continue to rebuild lives and give people their self-esteem back so they can create a better future for themselves and their children.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Yours sincerely

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TAKING THE LONG VIEW

We can't pretend it isn't happening. There are **very** dark clouds on the horizon. Global warming is already killing thousands of people, and widespread droughts are devastating much of Africa. Our industries go on belching out carbon monoxide and toxic fumes; logging is devastating the Amazon jungles. The War in Ukraine is having inflationary effects not only in Europe but on much of the developed world. In the next century millions of people are going to be inundated by rising sea levels; many Pacific islands will disappear; some are already shrinking every year.



The political landscape is equally frightening. There is deepening gulf between the 5% super rich and the extreme poverty of 90% of the world's population. Democracies are being displaced by populist dictators; China is going to be the next World Power, and as an atheist communism will try to wipe out or domesticate all religions.

Many animal and insect species have already become extinct. Humans will have to give up eating meat, which will have a catastrophic effect on nations dependent on animal farming. Some futurologists are asking whether **any** human life will survive beyond 2400. The future planet Earth may eventually belong to cockroaches or blind moles living underground. That we have largely brought this on ourselves is neither here nor there. Although millions of people are in denial, it really is happening. These are not all inevitable facts but they are all terrifying probabilities.

Even if they don't all come about, what has our Christian faith to say to such dire predictions? Scripture is full of warnings about the future. For four hundred years the Prophets of Israel like Jeremiah were warning their people about a future catastrophe; if they didn't change their ways and listen to God's guidance Israel will perish. Most of the prophets were killed by infuriated rich elites. (Jeremiah was dumped in a well; nowadays we kill journalists.) When the catastrophic axe fell it cut the roots of Israel; all the royalty and elite were killed or exiled and all their wealth carried off to Babylon. It must have felt like the end of the world. But even in the darkness and despair of Babylon there were two or three solitary

prophetic voices saying that God was still faithful to his beloved people and one day would bring them home. I wonder if anyone believed them!

So what might a Christian prophet say today, confronted with our global impending catastrophes? Well, I am not a prophet. But I can make a guess at what a Christian priest might be telling people today . “We must confront this grim reality with utter truthfulness. Glib assurances from the pulpit are not convincing or reassuring.” The history of the past 2000 years should teach us that God is not going to wave a magic wand when we bring catastrophes down on our own heads.

God did not intervene when Israel condemned his Messiah to a grotesquely cruel death, nevertheless out of that catastrophe he created the Realm of the Resurrection, a new humanity, men and women who are “partakers of the divine nature”, and are also willing to sacrifice their lives to enable the Kingdom of God to take root and flower on planet Earth.

So what is left of that dream if planet Earth is reduced to rubble and ashes? (and cockroaches). The last book in the Bible is the *Revelation of John the Divine*. It is a bizarre vision of the violent and cataclysmic end of the world, the Apocalypse – which is a prophecy for our time. Towards the end of the book (Rev 19ff) there is a wonderful vision of God intervening to make a **New Creation** with a **New City** of God coming down out of Heaven, the Realm of the Resurrection where all wounds are healed, all tears wiped away from every eye and the Divine Love is moving in every heart and in all creatures.

A Christian prophet might say to his people, My dear friends, we have to accept that all human life **will** one day become impossible on our precious blue planet. But that will not be the end of the Realm of the Resurrection. God the Creator is the artist of the Impossible. (That is what Easter means).

So the question a Christian prophet needs to put to us is this: Do you trust Jesus when he promises us eternal life? Do you trust him when he tells you to “abide” in him, both in life *and* in death; even when all the rationalist arguments seem to shout “Impossible!”. I can only witness for myself, but I do. So do all the multitudes of Christian mystics, thousands and thousands of wonderful men and women, the millions of Jesus People for two millennia who have confidently affirmed the words of the Creeds - Life beyond death.

I want to end by recounting a conversation which the 14th Century Christian mystic Julian of Norwich had with Jesus as he hung on the Cross. (I have paraphrased her own words.)

Jesus says to her:

All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

But, dear Lord, How can that be? Millions of men, women and children are dying painfully of the Plague. I myself am constantly in pain. Many of my own dearest ones are dead.

Nevertheless, my dear, all shall be well!

But, Lord, how can I ever be happy in Heaven remembering all these lovely, lost people?

If you wish, my dear, I can transport you to Heaven where all this grief and pain and all memory of it will be wiped away and you will be in eternal bliss.

For a moment Julian is tempted. Then she says:-

But, dearest Lord, You are my bliss!

Then take my hand and come with me, so you will be where I am.

He is speaking from the Cross.

H.G.D.





PRESS RELEASE

15 July 2022

Longfield Hospice reveals new Community Engagement Officer.



Pic caption: Louise's role will see her out in the community spreading the word about the services Longfield offers at its Wellbeing Centre.

Longfield Community Hospice is delighted to introduce its new Community Engagement Officer, Louise Wilson, who will work as part of the care team at the hospice's base in Minchinhampton.

Having worked at the hospice for the last three years, Louise is keen to bring her extensive knowledge to this exciting new position.

When asked about her new role, Louise said:

“I am really excited to be Longfield’s new Community Engagement Officer. My role is to increase awareness of the amazing services Longfield has to offer, ensuring we help as many people living in Gloucestershire with a life-limiting illness as possible.

I’m happy to attend groups, do presentations or have a chat with any local community groups, so do get in touch if you’d like to find out more.”

The Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton offers a range of wellbeing sessions, complementary therapies and counselling. It has recently introduced free drop-in sessions, which take place every Friday morning between 10am and 12pm.

Louise explained:

“The drop-in sessions are for anyone: patients or carers. You can just come in, have a look round and get more information about the services we offer. There’s no need to book – just come along. We look forward to seeing you there!”

For more information, visit www.longfield.org.uk or telephone 01453 886868.



Honours not so Even?

One always needs to listen to Canon Graham. Occasionally comments of wisdom about international and national events drop from his lips.

‘I am fed up with the honours system,’ was the latest. This was made after reading the Church Times following the honours list what included good deeds done ‘during lockdown’. In a hit or miss list Cirencester did not feature.



This should not have surprised our ebullient Canon. This area has been ill-served in terms of honours.

Senior readers will remember the service given to Cirencester by Norman Whereat. This was immense and in many different fields but no national honour was forthcoming. Two senior parishioners who kept in touch with the town had noticed it and, realising they both thought alike, decided to do something about it. Relevant forms were obtained from the Cabinet Office, filled in and returned with marvellous letters of support from Pan Ayres and Dr Chapple. An MBE was quickly forthcoming

Other wrongs still exist, Pam Ayres should be a Dame. For many years she has entertained us in print, on radio, TV and the stage. Her work is both entertaining and accessible. Her popularity is undiminished. She serves her local community well and has always remained true to her Sandford-in-Vale roots.

Another local lady, Jilly Cooper, remains unrecognised. Perhaps we, as a public, should be more active in proposing them and then this area will get the recognition it deserves.

John Light

We're all going on a Summer Holiday.....

Photo of Graham entertaining the congregation at St John Baptist at the family service on August 7th.



Photo Credit – Pam Barnes



The Stonecounter

There are thousands of stones on Budleigh Salterton beach,
All shapes and sizes are there,
There are thin ones and fat ones,
Round ones and flat ones,
Some long, some short and some square.

There are brown ones and white ones,
Grey ones and striped ones
And some as black as can be,
Stone upon stone and stone upon stone
As far as the eye can see.

Some have been broken, some have been crushed,
And others are covered in tar,
Some have got holes in, others misplaced,
And some are terribly scarred.

Yet who cares about all these stones on the beach
And whether or not they are there?
Well, early each morn' in the grey light of dawn,
This is what you will hear.

One Two Three Four, Five Six Seven Eight,
Nine Ten Eleven and more,
One Hundred and Six One Hundred and Seven,
One Million Eight Hundred and Four.

Each and every day the Stonecounter comes
To count all the stones in his care,
He knows those that are damaged
And those that are lost;
He knows the How, the Why and the Where.

He searches the shore every inch of the way,
And even the depths of the sea,
All the time listening for that heartfelt cry,
“Mr Stonecounter, please help me!”

Then he stops and he stoops, and he reaches down
To hold that stone in the palm of his hand,
And with a touch that is tender and eyes full of love
He washes away the mud and the sand.

And as he looks at that stone so recently saved,
Still damaged but no longer lost,
He sees not a stone that nobody wants,
But a jewel of infinite cost.

And if you're thinking, ‘that’s all very well for a stone,
But it’s me that’s hurting you know!’
Then why not call the Stonecounter, Jesus,
And put your name on one of the stones?



J.R.M.

An Evening of FUN!

Sat 17th Sept 2022 - 6.30 for 7pm

Watermoor Church Hall

Tickets £5 (£3.50 under 12)

A Belly full of Laughs!

Light Supper Included

BYO Drinks - Grand Raffle


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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

CANON GRAHAM WELCOMES YOU TO EXPLORE
CONFIRMATION
AN INTRODUCTORY SESSION WILL BE HELD AT
4:30PM | SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
IN THE PARISH FORUM

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Mothers' Union report for:

September, 2022 magazine



Cirencester Mothers' Union continues to pray for families here and overseas, remembering those for whom just being a Christian is fraught with danger. We pray for families caught up in wars – particularly in Ukraine and also those affected by natural and manmade disasters in Afghanistan, America, the Phillipines and Australia as well as everyone suffering the effects of unprecedented heat and drought here in the UK.

Whilst, earlier in the year, we welcomed five new members, recently we have mourned the passing of June Godsell, Olive Platford and Jane Lewis' husband, Keith. Our condolences, love and prayers go out to their families at this sad and difficult time and we give thanks for their lives well lived.

New MU members (both male and female) are always very welcome to join this international Christian movement of four million members, supporting families across 85 countries. For further details, please speak with Canon Graham, Revd. Alison or Pat Harris.

For our **August** get-together Elizabeth Gledhill welcomed us to their beautiful home and gardens for afternoon tea. A wonderful afternoon. Thank you Elizabeth for making us so welcome. On

Mary Sumner Day (founder of the MU) - 9th August, we joined other MU members from across the Diocese at Shurdington Memorial Hall for a picnic tea; a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones and the drawing of the annual major fundraising Raffle – we were delighted to bring prizes back to members here in Cirencester. Well done!

Wave of Prayer 3rd - 5th September is exactly what it says, a Wave of Prayer across the nations joining all MU members through prayer and worship, each Branch being allocated an hour slot for this to take place locally. Our **Wave of Prayer** slot this year is **Sunday, 4th September 11am – 12 noon.** We are delighted that Canon Graham has offered to lead this for us in the **Forum**. I appreciate that it is a slightly inconvenient time, but PLEASE join us if you are able. Just an hour..... Many thanks.

Wednesday, 7th September at 2:30pm in Holy Trinity Hall, our next meeting. We are very pleased to welcome, member, Joan Townsend – the title of her talk: **'30 years of shoe boxes and no new shoes!'** That's how long Joan has been the local organiser for the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal for disadvantaged children here and overseas. It promises to be very interesting. EVERYONE very

welcome – you don't have to be a member. Thanks to Joan for, at short notice, replacing Canon Graham who had an unexpected Cathedral commitment. Canon Graham's talk has been re-arranged for early next year.

Members' Day – Wednesday, 14th September 1pm at St. Philip & St. James Church, Hucclecote. Bring own lunch. Drinks will be available. A chance to meet and chat.

MU Corporate Communion will now be celebrated on the **4th Thursday of each month starting Thursday 22nd September, 10:30am. Holy Trinity, Watermoor** followed by tea/coffee.

Cathedral Mid-day Prayers Friday, 30th September – from the Cathedral and on Zoom. Led by Cirencester Deanery.

NOT A MEMBER? INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED IN A MOVEMENT WHICH, WITH PRAYER AT ITS HEART, SUPPORTS FAMILIES ACROSS THE WORLD? SPEAK TO CANON GRAHAM, REVD. ALISON, PAT HARRIS OR KATHIE COTTEY.

Pauline Farman.



PARISH LONDON TRIP

This is a brief update on our London Trip.

We travel on a Barnes Executive Coach. Air conditioned, with a Toilet and a Fridge on board.

PLEASE may I ask you to be at The Beeches Car Park in London Road bus stop by no later than 8.45am. Our departure will be at 9am.



All further arrangements will be advised on the coach.

I can always be contacted on 07549 618 711 or eileen.35@hotmail.co.uk

Eileen Chapman


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All Together In Church

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Informal Eucharist and Activities
A chance for our busy families to worship together

4th Sunday of every month
4pm at The Parish Church

www.ciremparish.co.uk

Intercessions Worship

Canon Karen will be leading a workshop on *Intercessions in the Parish Eucharist* on **Tuesday 20th September 2pm – 4pm in the Parish Forum**. The

workshop is intended for those who already lead intercessions in our three churches, for those who would like to learn more about the purpose of intercessions in that context and for those who might consider leading the intercessions in our main Sunday services.

We shall look at what we understand by “Intercessions”, how you might prepare them and then do a practical exercise of together writing intercessions for the following Sunday’s Eucharists.

If you would like to take part, please sign the list in church. I look forward to our learning together.



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PIZZA & PLANNING

SUNDAY 11TH SEPT
5-7PM PARISH FORUM

YOUR CHILDREN (8YRS - 12YRS) ARE INVITED FOR PIZZA TO HELP PLAN THE RE-LAUNCH OF OUR PARISH YOUTH GROUP

All ideas needed!!!!

Get your thinking caps on!!



Strawberry and Cream Tea: For those unable to manage the Parish Visit to the Houses of Parliament we are arranging a Strawberry and Cream tea at the Parish Forum on Friday September 9th at 2.30pm. Please come and join us. Reply to Sylvia by email at smharker58@btinternet.com or ring 01285 653425. Please let us know if you need, or can offer transport.

The Winstone Talk 2022

Dan Jones

Invasion: Edward III & The Hundred Years' War

Saturday 29 October 6.30pm-7.30pm

Cirencester Parish Church Tickets: £10



Immortalised by Shakespeare's Henry V at the Battle of Agincourt, the Hundred Years' War set the course of Anglo-French relations for centuries and had a profound influence on medieval Britain and the English throne.

Bestselling historian and broadcaster **Dan Jones** tells the extraordinary story of the first years of the war from Edward III's dramatic invasion of Normandy, culminating in the 1346 Battle of Crecy – one of the most significant conflicts in England's history and the first time longbows were used in a large scale battle – explored in his new novel *Essex Dogs*.

Dan Jones is an award-winning historian and broadcaster. His books including *The Templars*, *Crusaders and Powers* and *Thrones* have sold more than one million copies worldwide. He has written and hosted dozens of TV show including *Secrets of British Castles*, *Elizabeth I*, *The Great Fire* and *London: 2000 Years of History*.

For more details and to book visit:

<https://www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk/events/the-2022-winstone-talk-invasion-edward-iii-the-hundred-years-war/>

Tickets can also be purchased in person and by phone from the Cirencester Visitor Information Centre at the Corinium Museum Tel: 01285 654180

The Winstone Talk is supported by The K D Winstone Charitable Trust

Photo-credit

Peter Jones 2021

Dates for September

Daily

9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
12 – 1pm	Eucharist - Catherine Chapel	St John Baptist
5 – 6pm	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist

Weekdays

10am – 12pm	The Parish Forum Open (except Wednesday)
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1 Sept, Thu

All day	Ciren Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

2 Sept, Fri

All day	Ciren Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

3 Sept, Sat

All day	Ciren Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2 – 4pm	Tower Open	St John Baptist

4 Sept, Sun

All day	Ciren Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Choral Evensong	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore@4	St Lawrence

5 Sept, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum

6 Sept, Tue

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Spend time with Benedict	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	St John Baptist

7 Sept, Wed

2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9pm	Congregational Committee	Holy Trinity

8 Sept, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

9 Sept, Fri

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
1 – 2pm	Wedding	St John Baptist

10 Sept, Sat

10am – 4pm	Heritage Open Day	St John Baptist
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
3 – 4pm	Pet Service	Holy Trinity

11 Sept, Sun

8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
12noon – 4pm	Heritage Open Day	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
12:30 – 1:30pm	Baptism	Holy Trinity
4 – 5pm	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist

12 Sept, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum

13 Sept, Tue

2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity

14 Sept, Wed

2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

15 Sept, Thu

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
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16 Sept, Fri

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

17 Sept, Sat

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

18 Sept, Sun

8 – 9am

Eucharist

Holy Trinity

8 – 9am

Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel

St John Baptist

10 – 11:30am

Eucharist

Holy Trinity

10 – 11:30am

Eucharist

St John Baptist

10:30 – 11:30am

Eucharist

St Lawrence

4 – 5pm

Choral Evensong

St John Baptist

4 – 5pm

Restore @4

St Lawrence

19 Sept, Mon

9:30 – 11am

Little Angels

St John Baptist

5:30 – 6:30pm

Vicars Open Office

The Parish Forum

7:30 – 9pm

Quarter Peal

St John Baptist

20 Sept, Tue

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

6:30 – 9pm

Bell Ringing

Holy Trinity

21 Sept, Wed

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

2:30 – 3:30pm

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

7 – 8pm

Eucharist

Holy Trinity

7:30 – 9:30pm

Standing Committee

The Parish Forum

22 Sept, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am

Seedlings

St Lawrence

23 Sept, Fri

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

2:30 – 3:30pm

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

24 Sept, Sat

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

1 – 2pm

Wedding

St John Baptist

2 – 3pm

Wedding

Holy Trinity

25 Sept, Sun

8 – 9am

Eucharist

Holy Trinity

8 – 9am

Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel

St John Baptist

10 – 11:30am

Eucharist

Holy Trinity

10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
2 – 3pm	Baptism	Holy Trinity
2 – 3pm	Baptism	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	ATIC Service	St John Baptist

26 Sept, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum

27 Sept, Tue

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity

28 Sept, Wed

2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

29 Sept, Thu

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

Other dates

Holy Trinity Church Cleaning: A reminder that the next cleaning bonanza will be on Saturday 3rd September.

Mothers' Union: Wave of Prayer is on Sunday 4th September from 11a.m. until noon, in The Parish Forum. It will be led by Canon Graham Morris.

Mothers' Union: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th September at 2.30p.m. in the Parish Hall, Watermoor. In a change to the published speaker. We are pleased to say that Joan Townsend has agreed to speak to us. Her talk is entitled "30 years of shoe boxes and no new shoes!" There will also be a bring & buy stall. All welcome, members or not.

An Open Concert is being held by Jubilate Chamber Choir in the Parish Church on Saturday 1st October at 2pm. Everyone welcome and church still open for visitors.

Parish Harvest Supper: Please save the date - Saturday October 1st at 6.30pm, Parish Hall Watermoor. Details of tickets to follow.





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**We are hiring.
Are YOU the person
we need?**

The trustees of Mothers' Union, Gloucester Diocese are seeking to employ a clerk to the Trustee Board and Administrative Assistant to the Diocesan President.

Working hours - 10 hours per week, mostly in the MU Office (open hours 10.00am to 1.00pm) on Tuesdays and Fridays, school term time. Attendance at Trustee and Diocesan meetings needed (currently on Wednesdays) on 6 occasions per year.

Membership of Mothers' Union is not a requirement but the successful candidate must be sympathetic to working for a Christian organisation and acquiring knowledge about Mothers' Union will be expected. The efficiency of Mothers' Union in this Diocese relies on the person acting in this role and so it is necessary to handle all enquiries with grace, care, and confidentiality.

Closing date for applications - Saturday 15th October 2022

Interview - in November to start work beginning January 2023.

To obtain more details, express an interest or if you have any queries, please email:

doreen.mclellan@yahoo.co.uk
tk2margaret@yahoo.co.uk

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Clerk to the Trustee Board and Administrative Assistant to Diocesan President. – Job Description

10 hours per week, school term time only.

Salary: Living wage

Start date: January 3rd 2023

Based in the Mothers' Union Office on Tuesdays and Fridays (open from 10.00am to 1.00pm); remaining hours flexible working. You will be required for 6 sessions per year to attend meetings of Trustees (4) and Diocesan Council (2) to take Minutes. These sessions are part of your weekly working hours and are currently held on Wednesdays.

The successful applicant needs to:

- be able to take accurate Minutes at meetings
- be computer literate with experience in WORD and EXCEL
- be able to work on own initiative
- possess a good telephone manner and have a friendly and welcoming demeanor, since the role involves being the public face of Mothers' Union
- undertake other tasks, occasionally, as directed by the Trustee Board

Membership of Mothers' Union is not a pre-requisite of this post but you will be expected to acquire a working knowledge of the organisation itself and the structure of the Anglican Diocese of Gloucester.

If this position interests you, please send a letter of application and your CV to:

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