

Parish Life Magazine

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Watermoor and Chesterton**



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Towards the close of the year.

As the Kingdom season liturgically prepares us for the coming Advent Season, so I ponder how quickly this year has flown by. I look back and what an exciting year it has been for us.



The lead into Easter involved Angela and I visiting the Holy Land. What an enormous privilege that was. The reinjection of pure history, anchored into the reliving of our own pilgrimage and walking where Jesus walked was so invigorating. This has energised my theological reflection beyond measure. As I sit in church listening to the word of God proclaimed, at times I find myself being catapulted back into that incredible landscape of the Judean wilderness and Jerusalem, to say nothing of Mount Tabor and the northern shores of the Sea of Galilee. From our visits to the Holy Sepulchre, the idea of celebrating John Baptist in a liturgical melee of music and word and sacrament was born, and will I hope become part of our tradition. Thanks to Bishop Robert's encouragement. Make a date now for June 24th at the Parish Church.

The year trundled on and we emerged ourselves in the busyness of the life of this parish with various celebrations. The autumn brought with it the sad news of the death of our late Queen Elizabeth II. The outpouring of love was humbling as we prepared our worship spaces for quiet prayers. The queues of people coming to light candles and sign the book of condolence in the parish church was humbling to watch. The Church of England at its best as we along with the nation prepared for the state funeral.

Late October my visit to Ghana with members of Ryde School was another spiritual high. Re-visiting Archdeacon Moses and his family, continuing the link with Nako School at WA, but also founding a new link between Powell's School Cirencester and the Cathedral School in Tamale has been very exciting.

Here and now poised ready for the switching on of the Towns Christmas lights, the Advent Fair and all the excitement that goes along with it. The Advent Trees will soon be in the church preparing for the celebration of light and love. Christmas concerts and our worship celebrate the incarnational moment where Christ bursts into our lives.

I love all the hustle and bustle as we make our way through these wonderful seasons. I urge you to engage with the many and various opportunities. Perhaps to attend one of the study sessions with Paul, make sure you have the various carol service dates marked in your diaries, and when the time for keeping Christmas

arrives, your heart and mind will be prepared, indeed attuned to the festivities that speak of Gods indulgence in the world that you and I inhabit.

I refuse to allow the commercial side of things to overshadow my spiritual preparation. I am using the same book as the study-group as part of my personal preparation - *Advent for everyone a journey through Matthew* by Tom Wright. Time set aside to ponder these wonderful mysteries is part of the discipline over these next few weeks. Not to become so engulfed in all the other preparations, but making a place in my heart to quietly welcome the Christ child.

Standing in the grotto at Bethlehem with Bishop David and our fellow pilgrims earlier this year, the awe and wonder that surrounds this season causes me to address my own perceptions of where and what is happening. That incarnational moment where Christ comes into my life is precious, that moment where I can express my oneness in being with the Lord that undergirds everything about my own faith journey as I seek to travel forward.

These incarnational moments I glimpse during the course of the year, as time and time again I see Christ through the lives of other people around me. This is what draws me in, this is what gets me on the hook as I share with those closest to me and those whose spiritual welfare I am entrusted with through my role as priest receiving the cure of souls in this place. What a privilege, what a joy.

My heart soars as we sing *Lo he comes with clouds descending* on Advent Sunday. My tears flow as I make my way to the altar on Christmas Eve hopefully with a new born baby to place the Christ Child into the manger, and then at the Epiphany which will coincide with Candlemas this time, I see that light reflected through the gifts of the people gathering to worship with me. As we hold our Christingles allowing the light of Christ to shine out from deep within.

Christina Rossetti does it again and again and again.....

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart

May you find his love and his peace as you journey though Advent to Christmas and beyond.

God bless you all. Canon Graham.

Madonna and Child

The cover photo is of an embroidery by Sir Norman Comper from the Parish Church of St John Baptist Cirencester.

Comper (1864-1960) was a Scottish architect of the great Gothic Revival persuasion noted for his churches and their furnishings.

A Christmas card showing this picture is available in the Church Shop.



CHRISTMAS

“All shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.”



Toby and Anne were a golden couple in their early twenties. They were handsome, charming, well qualified, and talented tennis players - obviously high flyers. They had a wide circle of equally talented friends, and spent holidays skiing, or with a group of friends in the Dordogne. Then to their dismay Anne found she was pregnant. They were planning to start a family “later on”, but a baby now upset all their plans and wrecked their pleasant lives, their world. They decided to have an abortion and booked an appointment in a local clinic. But the night before they went in Toby had a dream. He was a child running up to his father who had died five years ago, and calling out “Daddy! Daddy!” He woke in tears and Anne, who had woken when he cried out in his sleep, asked him what was the matter. He told her, and then said “We can’t do this, can we?” She lay in silence, and then said, “No. We can’t. I really don’t want to!”

So, Henrietta was born. She was a Down’s child. Their world fell to pieces.

Ten years later I asked them what their new life was like - “Busy but great”. Toby was working for Christian Aid. Ann was teaching in a school for autistic children. They had had two more kids. “But Hen is the heart of the family!”

Why tell this story at Christmas? Because, strangely, it tells us how even a handicapped baby can bring deep happiness. What do you suppose Mary felt when she was pregnant with Jesus? What did the neighbours say? This baby that was to bring heartbreak to her and thousands of others. “A sword will pierce your own heart too”. Yet she must have been deeply happy as she suckled her first baby. The Gospel doesn’t tell us anything about Jesus’ early life. If the tradition is right Joseph died quite young. That must have been traumatic for Mary and the whole family, for we know Jesus had brothers and sisters. Otherwise all we know of Jesus is only what the Gospels tell us of the three years of his extraordinary mission, and his cruel death. But we also know that his dying has transformed the meaning of our human life, achieved by his Resurrection and the gift of the Spirit. Joy and grief go hand in hand.

Yes, still today this baby brings Good Tiding of Great Joy to our troubled world, torn apart as it is by endless wars, by cruelty, by poverty, by environmental disaster and plagues. In the middle of the 14th Century, when 25% of the population died of the Black Death, Julian of Norwich had a vision of the bleeding, crucified Christ. He spoke these words to her through his swollen lips: “All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well!”

Julian protested: “But how can that be in this agonising world?” In effect Jesus says, “Put your hand in mine and walk with me!” He is unconquerable Love.

Here at Christmas 2022 we are standing on the brink of several precipices: global warming, financial meltdown, atheist tyrannies, extreme poverty, mass migrations, and more.

“Put your hand in mine and walk with me, and all shall be well.”

That can only reassure us if we believe that God is indeed Transcendent Love, the Creator Spirit of this vast mysterious universe, of time and eternity. Even if this planet ends in total conflagration God has bonded himself to us indissolubly in a human baby.

HGD



Holy Halloween

As a Christian alternative to the seemingly evermore scary and threatening (to many people) Halloween celebrations, Canon Graham's wife Angela, and I decided to hold once again a `drop in` Holy Halloween at the Parish Church. This was on Thursday 27th October during the half term break between 10.00 am and 3.30pm.

We had some willing volunteers to help – thankyou Hilary, Joanne, Claire and Jill for giving your time and enthusiasm to bring Jesus' light and love to all the families that attended. And attend they did! By lunchtime we had to print out more resources for our pumpkin trail! A lot of the families that came in to the church were from the local community or tourists visiting Cirencester. I stood outside the church dressed as a giant pumpkin (which probably helped as passing children immediately noticed me!) and then invited them in to take part. It was also an opportunity to explain why we were holding Holy Halloween to other members of the community who stopped to chat.



As well as hunting for our 20 pumpkins hidden around the church (each pumpkin had a letter on it which when arranged spelt out `Jesus: light of the world`), we had four craft tables. The children could make a `stained glass` candle to take the light of Jesus out into the world, make a lantern to do the same, a pumpkin `windmobile` with a gospel message to explain about our Holy Hallowe'en pumpkins, and a Holy Ghost with a lollypop inside!

We also had a large `Thankfulness` pumpkin on which the families were encouraged to write something for which they were thankful. This has been left in the Parish Church for others to see.

We hope that we did indeed let 'Jesus's light' shine out to the Parish of Cirencester at our Holy Halloween!



Fiona Hawes (Parish Children's Worker)



LONDON VISIT – NEW DATES

An update on our proposed Parish London visit. Tentative new dates are **Friday 19th May or Friday 26th May 2023**. Winter is not a good idea and Lent is in March with Easter in April, not forgetting the Coronation. I am hoping to have confirmation in early December.

Eileen Chapman



THE WISH LIST

Ben retired in the July and was looking forward immensely to pursuing his hobbies and enjoying some tempting walks in the countryside. Unfortunately, his Scottish wife, Moira, had different ideas. When he shared his wish list for retirement she gave him a withering stare across the breakfast table.



‘You wish....’ she said in a voice full of meaning. ‘What about me?’

‘You, dear?’ Ben asked, feeling an uncomfortable knot begin to form in his stomach.

‘Yes, I have a long wish list,’ Moira went on, ‘and you can help fulfil it.’ She paused expectantly and when Ben failed to respond, continued: ‘The first thing is that I wish to spend Christmas in Scotland. In Skye, where, as you know, I was born. There’s a hotel in Portree, the Skye Inn, which is renowned for its Christmases. We’ll stay for Hogmanay and maybe even Burns’ Night.’

‘But that’s a month,’ Ben protested. ‘You’ll need a whole lot of baggage for all your clothes....and things. I’ll never manage to carry it all.’

‘They have porters at the hotel,’ Moira pointed out, laconically, dismissing his justifiable concern. ‘Between then and now there are many things that need doing and you are going to organise it.’

Ben sighed. ‘Very well dear.’ When Moira was in full flow it was best to go with the tide.

‘First, the tap drips in the bathroom. It’s leaving a stain. You must call a plumber.’

Ben made a mental note.

‘Then there’s my car. One of the wiper blades is loose. Get on to the garage and ask them to fix it. Better still, you buy one and change it yourself. And while we’re on the subject of cars, I want you to have words with our neighbour. He keeps blocking mine in and I can’t reverse out properly.’

‘Get wiper blades and have words with neighbour,’ Ben murmured to himself.

‘And while you have your tool box out, you can nail down the floorboards on the landing. They creak every time you go to the loo in the night and it wakes me up.’

‘Very well, dear.’

‘Now,’ and here Moira glanced around the room, ‘my mother’s coming to stay next week and there are things we need to do before she comes. We need to repair those silk lampshades she gave us which I put out of the way in the spare bedroom. She’s bound to notice them. Oh, and hide those five Dresden figurines I took from her flat.’

‘You stole her figurines?’ Ben echoed.

‘I didn’t steal them. I liberated them!’ Moira’s eyes flashed dangerously.

‘She steals things,’ Ben whispered under his breath.

‘And you’ll need to buy some of those cheeses she likes and, for heaven’s sake, set them out properly. Display them tastefully. Don’t pile them up as you usually do.’

There was a pause. Moira seemed to have reached the end.

‘So what about *my* hobbies?’ Ben ventured.

‘*Your* hobbies?’ she repeated. ‘You are going to take up swimming and lose some weight and then you are going to take me ballroom dancing. You know how I love ‘Strictly’. When it’s dry outside you can sand and repaint the ends of the patio bench.

‘Patio bench ends. Anything else, dear?’

‘You’ll have to buy some new woollen gloves before we go to Portree. Your old ones are full of holes. Dark purple would suit you.’

Later on, Ben made a mental list of the dozen or so things to do before Christmas. As he prioritised them in reverse number order, he began to hum the tune of the Twelve Days of Christmas to himself.....

“Twelve, Plumber’s coming; Eleven, wipers wiping; Ten, boards a-creaking; Nine, ballroom dancing; Eight, shades re-silking, Seven, going to swimming ; Six, cheese displaying; Five, stolen things; Four, having words; Three, bench ends; Two purple gloves and some portorage up in Portree.”

Howard Gray



Restore @ 4

*1st and 3rd
Sunday
of each month
4pm*

*A time of contemporary, refreshing worship, prayer,
bible study, a cup of tea and a chance to chat,
all relevant to today*

*St Lawrence Church Centre, Countess Lilias Road,
Chesterton*

The Last Supper Sculpture



The last supper sculpture by Peter Barnes was inspired by the painting by Leonardo De Vinci and completed in December 2019.

It arrived on loan to Cirencester Parish Church in November and is doing a pilgrimage of the cathedrals and large churches in the UK.

The sculpture is finished as a mosaic made up by keys from computer keyboards.

The letters, numbers and symbols are used to create further interest and meaning.

There are quotes from the bible threaded throughout the mosaic,

The sculpture is truly amazing and is made up of over 50,000 keys.

For more information search “Peter Barnes Sculpture” on Facebook.

Alan Barnes (no relation of the sculptor, although I have a nephew called Peter Barnes!)



Dear members and friends,

Gifts. Everyone has been blessed with a special gift. Mothers' Union members are encouraged to use their gifts whenever/wherever possible whether it is meeting and greeting, organising skills, finance, baking or art & craft. All give us the gift of prayer.

Earlier in the year members used their gifts to make soup that many people enjoyed at our soup lunches. On Friday December 2nd we are holding a cake and craft stall in the porch of the Parish Church from 10am until noon. On sale will be items made by members using the gifts they have been given. At our next meeting on Wednesday December 7th will be entertained by members who have used their computer skills to find information about items relating to Christmas. During the course of the afternoon a raffle will be held for a Christmas cake made and decorated by one of our members. Throughout the year members knit blankets for still born babies and cardigans, hats and blankets for premature babies.

All the money raised from our various events held during the year goes to MU projects both at home and overseas. At home the main project is AFIA (Away from it all Holidays). MU funds holidays through AFIA for families in desperate need of a break. It has also funded day trips to the sea side for clients of the Family Haven in Gloucester and the Churn Project in Cirencester. Many of the children have never been to the sea side before. AFIA has also enabled children to attend year 6 residential trips when otherwise they would have had to stay at school.

Overseas, we train workers and leaders in their own communities, increasing literacy and development levels through practical programmes. The Relief fund supports practical help in emergencies, locally too.

We give thanks for all the gifts we have been given.

I hope it is not too early to wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

With love and prayers - *Kathie Cottey, MU Cirencester Branch Contact*

Dates 2022

Friday December 2nd Cake & Craft Stall, Parish Church Porch 10am until 12 noon

Wednesday December 7th MU Meeting with a Christmas theme at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall, Watermoor. Tea & mince pies and a raffle.

Thursday December 22nd Corporate Communion, 10.30am in Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, followed by coffee

Dates 2023

Wednesday January 4th 2.30pm, Parish Hall, Watermoor. Guest speaker Anton Wynn from Cirencester Food Bank

Thursday January 26th Corporate Communion, 10.30am in Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, followed by coffee.

Mothers' Union meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall, Watermoor and everyone is welcome, members or not.

Lest we Forget



Forty years ago I was Head of a Secondary School in Plymouth. The Falklands conflict was in full swing and that morning news came through of the sinking of our frigate HMS Sheffield; with loss of life and many casualties.

I knew in morning assembly I needed to say something. Many of the school families were involved in supporting our military task force, fighting to reclaim those distant isles.

I approached the lectern with the whole school in front of me. “We live in a naval town and in the forefront of war. We must expect both triumph and disaster.....”

I got no further. A boy in the third year rose and spoke; a most unusual event in a school assembly. Politely he asked if he could say something. Stunned, I agreed and I quote as accurately as I can.

“You are quite right, Sir. My family tells me of the night on the Hoe when news of the sinking of our mighty vessel ‘The Hood’ reached our town. It was perhaps the worst naval moment of the Second World War. Crowds came, as if from nowhere and stood silently on the Hoe. Were they grieving? Praying? Or in the hope that this wretched conflict would eventually end in victory with as few deaths and casualties as possible?

We spoke about it at home this morning and it was suggested I should ask you if, as a school, we could stand, remembering the crew of the Sheffield and have our own thoughts about this distant and awful war.”

He sat down and I asked everyone to stand. We did and there was a moving silence. I needed to say no more. This quiet lad had spoken for everyone, in our assembly hall, in the city and especially in the nearby dockyards.

He will be 53 years old now and will, I am sure, have led his family in remembering why it is important to remember those triumphs and disasters.

“For your tomorrow we gave our today.” We must never forget.

I never had a morning assembly interrupted before or after. It was amazingly moving. Some colleagues were in tears.

John Light



Light up a Life for Longfield Hospice this Christmas!



Longfield Community Hospice has launched its annual Light up a Life appeal, giving local people of Gloucestershire the chance to remember and celebrate someone special and attend an uplifting celebration evening in the run-up to Christmas.

As part of the appeal, Longfield is organising two celebration services, featuring festive carols, readings and the chance for people to light a candle in memory of a loved one. There are two events to choose from:

- **Thursday 1 December at Gloucester Cathedral**
- **Monday 12 December at Minchinhampton Parish Church**

This year, Carol will be supporting the appeal in memory of her Mum Margaret, who was cared for in her final weeks by Longfield's Hospice at Home team.

She said: "After Mum's cancer diagnosis, she started to fade. Mum wanted to come home.

When Longfield took over Mum's care, your team were here for me, not just Mum, which was beautiful. The relief made me cry.

Having people who are experts in the dying process come and hold your hand to guide you through it... well, it's a gift.

I'm supporting Light up a Life in memory of my wonderful Mum. Please, if you can, make a donation to Longfield today in memory of someone you love."

Longfield's Head of Fundraising and Marketing, Louise Cook, said:

"Christmas is such a special time, but it can also be a difficult time if someone you love has died. Light up a Life is a celebration dedicated to those who hold a special place in our hearts – it's the perfect way to remember your loved ones, and help keep their memory alive."

To donate, or to book your place at one of the celebration evenings, visit longfield.org.uk/light-up-a-life or call the fundraising team on 01453 886868. The events are free to attend, but booking is essential. Please arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Jo Fairburn



The Zurka Bird

Two wealthy brothers set out one Christmas to purchase the very best Christmas present they could find for their mother.

The search for this present became so fierce that the two brothers turned it into a contest to see who could find the most extraordinary present that was available.



One brother thought he had found the perfect present. He found a Zurka bird.

The Zurka bird was no ordinary bird. It was very rare and special. It was very expensive and had to be flown in from the Amazon. It could speak five different languages, could recite poetry and sing opera. It was an amazing bird.

So, one brother paid dearly for the Zurka bird and had it sent to his mother for Christmas.

Finally he could wait no longer. He called his mother and when she picked up the telephone, he almost shouted into the phone: "Mother, Mother, what did you think about the beautiful, intelligent bird, that I sent you for Christmas?"

On the other end of the line, the Mother replied: "Oh, son, it was delicious."

(From a Bucket of Surprises: compiled by J. John and Mark Stibbe)

CHRISTMAS GRUMP

I wish the Christmas hurly-burly
Just didn't start up quite so early
October is too soon for me
For autumn should be Christmas free.
And then we get those magazines
With all those lurid Christmas scenes
Of turkey, pies and stuffing mix
It almost makes me feel quite sick.



It's enough to really get you down
When shopping in the local town,
As with the jostling crowds we mingle,
To hear another Christmas jingle.
Throughout the autumn tills will ring
As parents try so hard to bring
What happiness they can to all.
It never works as I recall.

“There'll be a shortage – buy it now!”
It's just a ruse - you must allow-
To make you spend your hard-earned money
But it really isn't very funny
To see a child with little grace,
Just greediness upon his face,
Demand that Santa brings him joy
And leaves a most expensive toy.

The toy is played with for a while
And then discarded on a pile
Of other toys bestowed with care
And left alone to languish there.
Three whole months of Christmas glee
With ninety days of shopping spree!

Christmas should be just twelve days
Or so the well-known ditty says;
The sender would be really miffed
In finding up to ninety gifts.
And so forgive me when I'm surly
But Christmas comes now far too early.
The powers that be should all remember
It isn't Christmas 'til December!



HG

Advent & Christmas Schedule 2022



Please note that tickets are NOT required for any services

15th November A walk through Advent 7.30 p.m. The Parish Forum.

26th November Christmas Craft Morning for Families at Watermoor Church Hall

27th November Advent Sunday 6 p.m. Advent Carol Service in the St John Baptist

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Mondays 5th, 12th and 19th Advent Peace at Holy Trinity 7pm. A time of silent candlelit reflection. A tonic to the busy season. Time to focus on the real message of Christmas

11th 6 p.m. Carol Service at Holy Trinity

18th 6 p.m. Nine lesson and Carols in St John Baptist

21st “Here we come a wassailing”

Carol singing around the Parish, meet at the Parish Forum 7p.m.

23rd 11.a.m Shoppers Communion at St John Baptist

23rd 6.30 p.m. Punch Mince Pies and Carols at St Lawrence



24th CHRISTMAS EVE

Midday Eucharist at St John Baptist

3p.m. Christmas Carols in Church with the Town Crier

4 p.m. Christmas Nativity with Service St John Baptist with Donkey / Sheep etc

6 p.m. Christingle at Holy Trinity

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass at St John Baptist

11.30 p.m. Midnight Service at Holy Trinity

25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8 a.m. St John Baptist BCP Traditional Communion Service

10 a.m. St John Baptist All Ages Celebrate Christmas

10a.m. Family Christmas Eucharist Holy Trinity

10a.m. St Lawrence Eucharist with Carols



PARISH CHURCH TOURS

We are delighted that the tours have been able to have a complete season, mid-March to end of October since the onset of the Covid restrictions.



We have run six tours a week, and have taken over 800 visitors round our historic and wonderful wool Church. There are sixteen guides so that we each do approximately two tours each month. Tours have to fit in with Church services and other activities so it varies when they are from week to week. Tours are free, but we do ask for donations. Notices are put up in a wide variety of local venues and are also listed on the Parish website.

We are naturally delighted to see confidence is returning and our visitors have so far mainly come from within the UK, but there has also been an increase in those from abroad. Booked tours, usually arranged well in advance, from societies and special interest groups have perhaps been slower to return, but I think this will increase next year as travel confidence grows, and we look forward to that.

We often have queries about the Church directly from visitors or relayed to us from the stewards, and we spoke about those at our end of season meeting. We will research those we could not give an answer and also familiarise ourselves with other church records now stored in the Garstang Chapel during our closed season.

We look forward to starting again in mid-March 2023

Deirdre Waddell



DBS Clearance

The Diocese has told us that DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks need to be renewed every three years. We are in the process of checking the records of those who, within the Parish, have been checked in the past and whose certificate may need renewing. If you are in contact with vulnerable adults or children and are not sure if you need a certificate or renewal would you please get in touch. Similarly if “Group Leaders” believe that their helpers/members need a DBS check would they please email a list of the relevant people and their roles. lynnunderwood@cirenparish.co.uk, aileenanderson@cirenparish.co.uk or pcotter@talktalk.net



THIRD TIME LUCKY!

Coming Soon



An Evening of Fun!

21st January 2023 6.30 for 7pm

Watermoor Church Hall

A Belly Full of Laughs

*By popular demand the above show will now
Take place in January 2023.*

Tickets will be on sale at £5 each (£3.50 U/12)

From 1st December

Get your tickets early as we were sold out last time

A Social Committee Production



DATES FOR DECEMBER and JANUARY 2023



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 Dec, Thu

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Funeral Jean Richings	Holy Trinity

2 Dec, Fri

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
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3 Dec, Sat

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
7:30 – 9:30pm	Cirencester Choral Society Concert	St John Baptist

4 Dec, Sun

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Comm 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
12:30 – 1:30pm	Baptism	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Choral Evensong	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore@4	St Lawrence
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group - 1st and 3rd Sundays	Parish Forum

5 Dec, Mon

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Thanksgiving Clifford Hayden-Tovey	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum
7 – 8pm	Advent Peace	Holy Trinity

6 Dec, Tue

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
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7 Dec, Wed

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

8 Dec, Thu

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
12 – 1pm	Funeral Carol Anne Evans	Holy Trinity

9 Dec, Fri

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
7:30 – 8:45pm	Cirencester Singers Christmas Showcase	St John Baptist

10 Dec, Sat

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Wedding	St John Baptist

11 Dec, Sun

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Comm 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
11:45am–12:45pm	Dressing the Christmas Tree	St John Baptist
6 – 7pm	Carol Service	Holy Trinity

12 Dec, Mon

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum
7 – 8pm	Advent Peace	Holy Trinity

13 Dec, Tue

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity

14 Dec, Wed

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9:30pm	Full PCC	St Lawrence

15 Dec, Thu

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
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16 Dec, Fri

All day	Christmas Tree Festival	St John Baptist
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17 Dec, Sat

6 – 9pm	Coventry Cathedral Chorus - Handel's Messiah	St John Baptist
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18 Dec, Sun

8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Comm BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist and Nativity	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Restore @4	St Lawrence
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group - 1st & 3rd Sundays	Parish Forum
6 – 7pm	9 Lessons and Carols	St John Baptist

19 Dec, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum
7 – 8pm	Advent Peace	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9pm	Quarter Peal	St John Baptist

20 Dec, Tue

6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
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21 Dec, Wed

7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
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22 Dec, Thu

10 – 11:15am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	Holy Trinity
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23 Dec, Fri

10am – 12pm	Christingle Making	Parish Hall, Watermoor
11am – 12pm	Shoppers Communion	St John Baptist
6:30 – 8pm	Punch, Mince Pies and Carols	St Lawrence

24 Dec, Sat

3 – 4pm	Christmas Carols with the Town Crier	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Christmas Nativity Service	St John Baptist
6 – 7pm	Christingle	Holy Trinity
11:30pm – 12:30am	Midnight Mass	St John Baptist
11:30pm – 12:30am	Midnight Service	Holy Trinity

25 Dec, Sun

8 – 9am	BCP Traditional Communion Service	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Family Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	All Ages Celebrate Christmas	St John Baptist
10 – 11am	Eucharist with Carols	St Lawrence
11:30am – 5:30pm		Churches shut after morning services

27 Dec, Tue		
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
28 Dec, Wed		
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
1 Jan, Sun		
8 – 9am	Holy Comm 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
3 Jan, Tue		
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	St John Baptist
4 Jan, Wed		
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 Jan, Sun		
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church
8 – 9am	Holy Comm 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	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist
9 Jan, Mon		
9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum
10 Jan, Tue		
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
11 Jan, Wed		
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9pm	Congregational Committee	Holy Trinity Church
12 Jan, Thu		
9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
15 Jan, Sun		
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church
8 – 9am	Holy Comm 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 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group - 1st & 3rd Sundays	Parish Forum
16 Jan, 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
17 Jan, Tue		
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
18 Jan, Wed		
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9:30pm	Standing Committee	
21 Jan, Sat		
7 – 9pm	Parish Fun Night	Parish Hall Watermoor
22 Jan, Sun		
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Comm 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	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	ATIC Service	St John Baptist
23 Jan, Mon		
9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum
24 Jan, Tue		
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
25 Jan, Wed		
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
26 Jan, Thu		
9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
10 – 11:15am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	Holy Trinity
29 Jan, Sun		
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Comm BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

10 – 11:30am Eucharist
10:30 – 11:30am Eucharist
4 – 5pm Epiphany Carol Service

St John Baptist
St Lawrence
St John Baptist

30 Jan, Mon

9:30 – 11am Little Angels
5:30 – 6:30pm Vicars Open Office

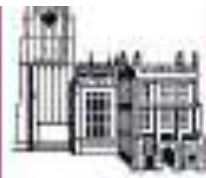
St John Baptist
The Parish Forum

31 Jan, Tue

6:30 – 9pm Bell Ringing

Holy Trinity





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