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New Life in Jesus

He is Risen

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Lead article



It always seems a rush between Christmas and Easter. Lent is upon us before we know it and how many of us make proper use of this important time?

First of all I am dismissing the unimportant aspects that I am sure we all indulge in. You know what I say when I describe them as the ‘giving ups’. It might be chocolate or a lunchtime sherry, for many it used to be giving up smoking.

All these are totally negative. How do they help us as we walk in the grace of God? It is much better to be positive and it is easier than you think. Give double to the foodbank for instance. Each one of us must seek out ways where we can help neighbours or those in need. Basically, we should all use Lent as a time of reflection and try to think of how we can move forward in our Christian lives.

This year I am aiming to look at Christ’s ministry. I shall ask myself the who, the what and the why. Yes, during the year we study the various gospels but perhaps in a too episodic way. We treat the miracles, the parables and the battles that need to be fought individually. The nature of his ministry as a whole is forgotten.

What do we know about it generally? It lasted approximately three years, from Jesus being thirty until he was thirty-three. Who were his disciples and, more importantly, who were not? He chose solid, dependable working men who would be loyally strong and would grow as individuals and as a group. They knew they needed to learn and learn they did!

At no time did Jesus use members of the existing church. In fact the hierarchy of the church was that which brought him down. We read so often of high priests, scribes and Pharisees being in the opposite camp. They were not the fishers of men prepared to positively spread the Gospel Jesus required.

Jesus aimed at the people the established priests often ignored. His territory took in all on the edge of society. Think of the woman at the well as one example. The established church would have shunned her as it did with the man left battered at the roadside. It was the unlikely figure of the Samaritan who did the right thing. Jesus would have sat outside Tesco with Stuart Ayres.

Jesus was always looking outward rather than in – looking at the edge of society.

He went into areas of need with the attitude of how can I help. He was not interested in the smug and self-satisfied. This was his prevailing attitude as was his one of rewarding true faith. "Your Father has made you whole." Is a phrase we remember easily.

The nature of his mission brought him a true following but not in the establishment. From them came jealousy and the hate that brought him down.

So, during this season of Lent let us step back from our busy lives and reflect upon the enormous gift we have been given in his Son Jesus Christ. May we always choose to talk in his light.

Revd Penny



The Boleyn Cup

'Checking the alarms in the Boleyn cup safe gave the Wardens and Vergers a chance to get their hands on a piece of history.'



Picture by Chris Bowler

The Anne Boleyn cup is so named because it was given by Queen Anne Boleyn to Dr Richard Masters, physician, in thanks for his care of Anne's daughter, the future Elizabeth I. It was presented by Dr Masters to the church in 1561. The cup is gilt silver.

MOTHERS' UNION LETTER



Dear Members and Friends

As I write this letter we are approaching the fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday. Originally a holiday for those in service, so that they could return to their mother church and a good opportunity to spend time with their mothers. On the other hand Mothers' Day was started in the United States in early 20th C, is celebrated on the second Sunday in May and has no connection with the church. As usual Mothers' Union will be making posies to be given to churchgoers on Mothering Sunday.

Around the world MU is helping mothers to learn to read and acquire business skills and support their families.

In Matana, in Burundi a mother and grandmother named Lyduine learned to read through the MU programme, built a business and put all her children through school. One son became a policeman, and another a doctor.

In the United Kingdom as well as around the world, MU volunteers support families when a parent goes to prison. Skills-building sessions teach inmates cookery and crafts, as well as parenting skills. Children are supported before and during a visit, attending a prison creche, and perhaps making a card or present for their parent.

When you read this we shall be close to Easter. As our Diocesan President did in *Roundabout*, I would like to leave you with this prayer (from the new Easter Prayer card from MUE)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this day

May your love be shared amongst us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship

May we remember to give out the grace and forgiveness that you freely given us

And may we always give thanks for your sacrificial love

With love

Rosemary Roberts

DIARY DATES

April

- Sunday 2nd Palm Sunday cake stall in the Parish Hall Watermoor after the 10am service
- Wednesday 5th 2.30pm Parish Hall, Watermoor. Speaker: Revd Rosemary Franklin "Lent" Bring and Buy
- Sunday 9th Easter Day

May

- Wednesday 3rd 2.30pm Parish Hall Watermoor.
Speaker: our Diocesan President Doreen McLellan
"The Family Haven"



Easter Flowers

If you would like to help towards the cost of providing flowers for the Parish church this Easter, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the glass chest in the church by Thursday 6 April. If you wish the flowers to be dedicated to a loved one, please also add their name on the envelope.



We will be using fewer lilies but more other flowers this year as several people have found the scent of too many lilies is overwhelming and can cause them an allergic reaction, but with your help we hope to provide a wonderful display. We are now using sustainable methods of arranging the flowers whenever possible. We are completely self-funding now that the PCC and Friends of the Parish Church can no longer afford to support us, so your generosity will be much appreciated.

Pam Barnes, Parish Church Flower Guild.

Dates for Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week

Once again we are endeavouring to lay on a full programme for Holy Week so that there is something for everyone. Including in this will be the daily offices, providing the opportunity for some quiet reflection at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

2nd April Palm-Sunday Normal pattern of services

3rd April Stations of the Cross Holy Trinity 6.30pm.

4th April Stations of the Cross Holy Trinity 6.30pm.

Reflective meditation 'spending time with Benedict' in the Parish Church 4 p.m.

Compline (sung) in the Parish Church 9 p.m.

5th April Stations of the Cross Holy Trinity 6.30pm.

Compline (said) in the Parish Church 9 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

The Liturgy of the Upper Room in the Parish Church and at Holy Trinity Watermoor. 7.30 p.m.

The Watch in the Lady Chapel at the Parish Church until 10p.m.

10 p.m. onwards in the Parish Church we are hoping to run an event for our young people right through the night! Watch this space!

Good Friday

Morning Prayer at 9a.m. in the Parish Church.

Ante Communion 9 a.m. in Holy Trinity Watermoor

10 a.m. Messy Church in Watermoor hall

Midday – 3 p.m. in the Parish Church

Midday – 2 p.m. led meditation in the Parish Church

3p.m. The Liturgy of the Cross in the Parish Church

EASTER DAY

Daybreak Service 5.30 a.m. at the Parish Church

Breakfast in the Parish Forum 6.30 p.m.

8a.m. Said Eucharist at Holy Trinity CW

8 a.m. Holy Communion BCP Parish Church

10 a.m. Eucharist at Holy Trinity Watermoor

10 a.m. Festival All Age Eucharist at the Parish Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Eucharist at St Lawrence

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong (choral)



For Pete's Sake

I've been and gone and blown it,
I have, I've really blown it,
He said I would, didn't think I could,
But I have, I've blown it.



All brave I was, proud I was,
I said, "I'll not let you down,"
"I'm your man, by you I'll stand,"
But I didn't, I blew it.

It was all going so smoothly,
'Till someone said, "Oi! you're one of his,"
I said, "You what? No I'm not!"
And then I thought, 'You've blown it.'

Then things got worse, not better,
This bloke said, "I saw you there!"
I said "Sorry mate, but it's your mistake."
Then a voice said, 'You've blown it.'

Just getting warm by the fire
When a girl said, "I know that face"
I swore and shouted, "Let it go!"
Then I heard this cockerel crow,
And a friend's look said, "You've blown it!"

Then it all came back to me
With sudden harsh reality,
I screamed and wept and cried, "You fool!"
And banged my fists against the wall
And yelled, "Pete, you've blown it!"

But unseen by me in the eyes of that friend,
The look also said, "it's not the end
'cause Peter I have prayed for you,
And one day you will come through,
Even though now you think you've blown it."

And on a day I could not then see,
This friend said, "Pete, do you love me?"
Three times he asked, thrice I replied,
"You know I do!" from the heart I cried,
He said "That's good, walk by my side,
And help others who think they've blown it."

J.R.M



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A note about the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting. 23rd April 11.30 a.m. in St John Baptist
We have a number of vacancies on the PCC...
St John Baptist we need to find four new members
Holy Trinity Watermoor we need to find four new members

St Lawrence we need one new member.

We WILL NEED someone to be our PCC Secretary, as Howard closes the lid on his laptop after many years of fantastic support.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CANDIDATES FOR THE PCC NEED TO BE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL. Forms are available from Howard Gray our Electoral Roll Officer, Aileen Anderson in the Parish Church, Rev'd Alison Trinity and St Lawrence.

I urge all church members to consider playing their part in becoming a member of the PCC and involving themselves in one of the sub groups that meets to organise our parish life.



Musings from Mark

Stepping into Mark's gospel is like entering a fast flowing river. Masses of movement and flow with the reader carried along by the excitement.



Just to read the opening sentence is to feel the urgency of the story and also give a basic truth to take the reader safely through the text,

Mark 1:1 NIV

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,
It's about Jesus, and he's good news! We are going to see Jesus in many different situations from raising the dead to being challenged by the spiritually dead, but what Mark wants to let us know is that whatever the circumstances, Jesus is good news, and as Mark says, this verse is only the beginning of the story!

It's slightly ironic that generally our culture sees Jesus as restrictive, a party pooper, boring, as both the commandments, and the publicity of the church appear to emphasise the rules and limitations of behaviour, but in fact Jesus comes through the Cross to bring us freedom, freedom to enjoy life to the full (John 10:10).

Our culture also emphasises bad news in the media because it generates news stories and conflict, yet Jesus brings - and is - good news.

So it's worth keeping him close as we go through each day and allow him to open our eyes to his good, and not get caught up and lost in the decay of the world around us.

Rev Paul.

THE LOST SHEEP

“BAA! Is there anyone there?”

“ I am.”

“BAA! Can I trust you?”

“ I am the good shepherd.”

“BAA! But I can’t see you, it’s so dark.”

“ I am the light of the world.”

“BAA! That’s better, I can see you now,
Which way is home?”

“ I am the way.”

“ are you sure?”

“ I am the truth.”

“ You’re not going to kill me for your dinner, are you?”

“ I am the life.”

“BAA! That’s good - I’m famished!”

“ I am the bread of life.”

“ And thirsty!”

“ I am the true vine.”

“BAA! Oh! Look we’re back home,
But I can’t get in, the sheep pen is all closed up,
I thought you said.....”

“ I am the gate for the sheep.”

“BAA! It’s nice to be home, thank you for rescuing me;
But what about when I am old, and grey, and... dying?”

“ I am the resurrection and the life.”

“BAAAAA!”



J.R.M



JUBILATE CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS **'A JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER'**

At the Parish Church of St John Baptist, Cirencester
7.30pm on Saturday, 1st April 2023

An evening of beautiful choral music, readings and pictures, all reflecting themes for Lent, Passiontide and Easter.

*Music to include excerpts from the St John Passion - Bach,
Messiah - Handel, Requiem - Fauré, plus other titles by Byrd, Duruflé,
Higginson, Stainer & Tallis.*

Conductor ~ Ian Higginson
Accompanist ~ David Lloyd

Presenter ~ Manny Masih ~ BBC Radio Gloucestershire & Wiltshire

*Programme/Tickets **Adults: £12.00** or **Students** (under 21) **£9.00***
Reservations via the choir website or available on the door.

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Memories

I have never ceased to be surprised by Penny. I have known her for over thirty years and surprises still happen. Driving through Enfield one day she pointed to a park. ‘I ran there for Middlesex,’ she said. I discovered she was a Highgate Harrier athlete, specialising in cross-country,



Driving down Park Lane past the Hilton Hotel she said, ‘I went there when I was a member of the Playboy Club.’ You had better ask her about that....

Fifteen years ago she said. ‘We are going to Cheltenham.’ It was the time of the festival. I uttered words of caution saying the weather was dodgy and there would be much standing. ‘We are not going racing,’ was the reply, ‘we are going to a party.’ I was no wiser.

Parking was easy. The Irish do not bring many cars! We walked round a bubbling Montpelier. Pubs and restaurants were full of racegoers. ‘I think we will go in here,’ said Mrs Light, leading me into a packed O’Neill’s bar. I asked what she would like to drink. Her look was withering and I realised the answer was a Guinness - and a pint of course. When I returned from the bar she had been given a lapel of shamrock and there was space for us both. A small folk group was playing ‘Whiskey in the jar’. Penny knew all the words.

Friendship, good humour and a warm welcome were everywhere. ‘Did you have a good day?’ I asked a couple of our new Irish friends. They replied that they had had a great day. On asking how much money they had won I was told ‘nothing!’ But you do not need to win cash to have a great day out at Cheltenham.

What a wonderful statement and a true sporting one. Enjoying the event transcends winning or losing. These gentlemen had a true sense of sporting perspective. We were there for about an hour. More singing but just the one drink and then home.

Later the bar could have become rowdy and raucous and perhaps behaviour could have become reprehensible. Not when we were there! It was the epitome of good-natured sporting enthusiasm. Penny did not reveal she was an ordained Anglican priest. She was too wary. She should not have been – she would have been cheered. It was a true inclusive gathering. We were home by 9pm, thrilled and joyous. It was impossible to have been anything else.

John Light


PARISH OF CIRENCESTER
St John Baptist | Holy Trinity | St Lawrence

JUNIOR CHURCH OF CIRENCESTER PARISH CELEBRATES EASTER

Sunday 2nd April 10am – Palm Sunday - Holy Trinity
All Age for the Parish with procession alongside a real Donkey

Friday 7th April 10-12pm– Good Friday - Holy Trinity
Messy Church held at Watermoor Church Hall, join us for Easter craft, activities & fun! All welcome!

Sunday 9th April 10am – Easter Day
St John Baptist - All Age Family Service, Renewal of Baptism promises and Easter Egg Rolling
Holy Trinity - Easter Day Service with Easter Egg Hunt
Please wear your best Easter Bonnets!



Robots in Church?

We can find anything on the internet these days and ChatGPT* is one of the latest. It is a free site peopled by artificial intelligence (robots). I requested a sermon on 'Forgiveness' and this is what it produced in just 90 seconds.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, I want to talk to you about one of the most essential virtues of our faith: forgiveness. Forgiveness is an act of love and mercy that we offer to those who have wronged us. It's not always easy to forgive, but it's a vital step in our journey of faith.

As Christians, we believe that forgiveness is not just a human act; it's a divine one. We believe that God has forgiven us for our sins, and we're called to extend that same forgiveness to others. In fact, Jesus himself teaches us about the importance of forgiveness. In the Lord's Prayer, he says, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Forgiveness is a powerful force. It has the power to heal wounds, restore relationships, and bring peace to our lives. But forgiveness isn't just about letting go of the hurt and pain that someone has caused us; it's also about releasing them from the burden of guilt and shame.

When we forgive someone, we're not excusing their behaviour or saying that what they did was okay. Instead, we're acknowledging that we've been hurt, but we're choosing to let go of the anger, resentment, and bitterness that we feel. We're choosing to extend grace and mercy to those who have wronged us, just as God has extended grace and mercy to us.

But forgiveness isn't always easy. Sometimes, we hold onto our hurt and anger, and we're unwilling to let go. We feel justified in our anger and believe that the person who wronged us doesn't deserve our forgiveness. But the truth is, forgiveness isn't about deserving; it's about giving.

In Matthew 18:21-22, Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" Jesus responds, "No, not seven times, but seventy times seven." Jesus isn't saying that we should keep a tally of how many times we forgive someone, but rather, he's emphasizing the importance of forgiveness. We're called to forgive not just once or twice, but continually.

Forgiveness isn't just something we do for others; it's also something we do for ourselves. When we hold onto anger, bitterness, and resentment, it eats away at us

from the inside out. It affects our relationships with others, our relationship with God, and even our physical health. But when we choose to forgive, we free ourselves from the burden of our pain and find peace.

But forgiveness doesn't mean that we have to forget. We can forgive someone and still remember what they did. It's essential to set healthy boundaries in our relationships to protect ourselves from further harm. We can forgive someone and still choose not to have them in our lives.

When we choose to forgive, we're not only healing ourselves, but we're also creating a ripple effect of love and mercy in the world. Forgiveness is a powerful force that can transform our lives and the lives of those around us.

In Colossians 3:13, Paul writes, "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Paul reminds us that forgiveness is not just a human act, but it's also a divine one. We're called to forgive as God has forgiven us.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, let us choose to forgive today. Let us extend grace and mercy to those who have wronged us. Let us release ourselves from the burden of anger and bitterness and find peace. And let us create a ripple effect of love and mercy in the world, one act of forgiveness at a time.

May God bless us all with the strength and courage to forgive those who may have wronged us.

Amen

I find it all a little unnerving that pupils, students, even those who guide our faith could rely on artificial intelligence to communicate with their teachers, lecturers and with us. Listening to Jesus in the Galilean countryside must have been amazing. A talk from a robot gives the basics but lacks humanity. Let's hope this trend doesn't catch on!

Howard Gray

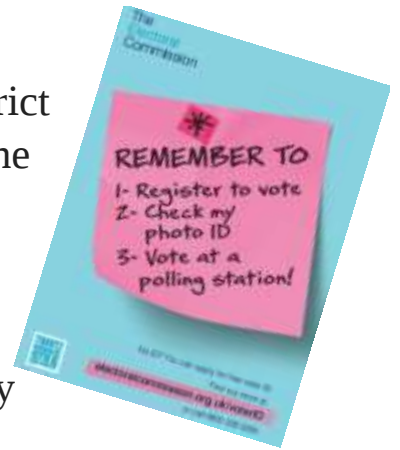
**ChatGPT will write poems, comments, essays, articles, reports etc. in just a few seconds. It is completely free to anyone, anywhere.....*



Electoral Services

I am the Electoral Services Manager at Cotswold District Council with responsibility for the conduct of elections in the District.

I'm emailing to ask for your help in telling people about new regulations coming into force at the District and Parish/Town Council Elections due to take place on Thursday 4 May.



You may be aware that from 4 May 2023, anyone voting at a polling station will need to provide photo ID before being given a ballot paper.

Anyone without an acceptable form of ID can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate.

More details about what is acceptable ID and how to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate can be found on the Electoral Commission website <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter>

Those who wish to vote must also be included on the Electoral Register. If someone isn't registered or is not sure, they can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote but this must be before midnight on Monday 17 April.

The requirement to provide ID doesn't apply to anyone voting by post. Anyone wishing to vote by post needs to submit an application to this office by 5pm on 18 April.

I attach a poster and leaflet with more details and would ask you share this information with your clients and community groups.

We can provide paper copies of the poster and leaflet – just let me know how many you would like and where to send them.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do get in touch on this email or by calling 01285 623002

Kind regards

Sarah Dalby

Electoral Services Manager/Deputy Returning Office



HIKE FOR HOME-START COTSWOLDS!

On the morning of **Wednesday 3rd May 2023**, why not spend an enjoyable couple of hours walking through the beautiful countryside of the Coln Valley, in aid of family support charity Home-Start Cotswolds?

The circular walk starts and finishes at Cripps Barn, near Bibury (GL7 5BA) and takes in the pretty village of Winson. There are no steep hills and with the kind permission of local landowners, the walk includes land not usually accessible to the public – an ‘exclusive’ on some lovely views!

After building up an appetite, you can stay on for a delicious two-course lunch cooked by the chefs at Cripps Barn (lunch places are limited so please check availability on the Home-Start Cotswolds website below).

Tickets are £15 for the walk only (including refreshments) and £30 for the walk with lunch. All proceeds will go towards supporting families in the Cotswolds with young children, who are going through difficult times. Everyone is welcome, including dogs on leads and there is free parking.

For more information and to book, please visit www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk and go to the ‘News’ tab. Alternatively you can scan the QR code below on your smartphone camera, or call 01285 885391.



**Wotton Friends of Longfield disband
after 34 years, having raised £457,000**



12 members of Wotton Friends of Longfield attended a special event at Longfield Hospice after 34 years of fundraising.

After 34 years, the volunteer-led supporter group, Wotton Friends of Longfield, made the decision to disband in December 2022, having raised £457,000 for the Minchinhampton-based hospice.

The group was originally set up by Jackie Sims, after her mother died from breast cancer in May 1987. Her mother's MacMillan nurse, Helen Hutchinson, asked Jackie if she would consider forming a support group for the hospice she hoped to set up in South Gloucestershire. This became Longfield Community Hospice and it continues to offer free care for adults with a life-limiting condition across Gloucestershire and support for their families and carers too.

The first meeting of the group was held on 15 March 1988. Jackie Sims, Joan Deveney, Adele Stockbridge, Irene Wilson, Joan Derham and Lesley Holland were among the founder members of the group which went on to raise a staggering £457,000 through a series of fundraising events. In addition to waitressing for various local Freemasonry lodges events, the group held regular fashion shows, fairs, coffee mornings and open gardens, and acted as important ambassadors for the hospice.

Twelve members of the group, including four founder members, attended a special event at the hospice on 24th February and were presented with certificates of appreciation and a glass heart ornament, by the hospice's CEO, Simon Bernstein.

Tricia Henderson-Ross, former Chair and winner of the 'Charity Fundraiser Award' at the Pride of the Cotswolds Awards in 2019, now volunteers at the hospice once a week. She said:

"We were all friends who enjoyed each other's company and coming together to raise money for such a valuable local charity seemed like a wonderful idea. Not only have we seen great progress at the hospice, but we've also had lots of fun over the years, and have some lovely memories to look back on."

Head of Fundraising and Marketing, Louise Cook, said:

"We were delighted to invite twelve Wotton Friends to the hospice to thank them for their phenomenal commitment. To fundraise for over 30 years is such an achievement, and to raise £457,000 is simply amazing!

We're lucky at Longfield to have so many loyal volunteers, but we're always looking for more. At the moment, we have several volunteering opportunities at our new warehouse in Thrupp from helping in the warehouse to driving a van. Do get in touch if you'd like to find out more. It's a fantastic way to support your local hospice."

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

Find out more about your local hospice and how we help at www.longfield.org.uk.

Twitter: @longfieldcare

Facebook: @LongfieldHospice

Instagram: @longfield_care

Dates for April

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 Apr, Sat

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7:30 – 9:15pm	A Journey Towards Easter - Jubilate Chamber Choir	St John Baptist

2 Apr, Sun

8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Choral Evensong	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore@4	St Lawrence
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group - 1st and 3rd Sundays	Parish Forum

3 Apr, 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	Parish Forum
6:30 – 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross and Eucharist	Holy Trinity
9 – 10pm	Compline	St Lawrence

4 Apr, Tue

2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Spend time with Benedict	St John Baptist
6:30 – 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross and Eucharist	Holy Trinity
9 – 10pm	Compline Sung	St John Baptist

5 Apr, Wed

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross and Eucharist	Holy Trinity
9 – 10pm	Compline Said	St John Baptist

6 Apr, Thu

9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
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10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7:30 – 8:30pm	The Liturgy of the Upper Room	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 8:30pm	The Liturgy of the Upper Room	St John Baptist
9 – 11pm	The Watch followed by Youth Event	St John Baptist

7 Apr, Fri

9 – 10am	Ante Communion	Holy Trinity
10 – 12pm	Messy Church	Parish Hall, Watermoor
12 – 3pm	Good Friday Midday	St John Baptist
12 – 2pm	Led Meditation	St John Baptist
3 – 4pm	The Liturgy of the Cross	St John Baptist
4 – 7pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor

8 Apr, Sat

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
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9 Apr, Sun

5:30 – 6:30am	Dawn Service	St John Baptist
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
8 – 9am	Said Eucharist CW	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Easter Day All Age Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Solemn Evensong	St John Baptist

10 Apr, Mon

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
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11 Apr, Tue

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
3 – 4pm	Wedding	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	St John Baptist

12 Apr, Wed

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

13 Apr, Thu

9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

14 Apr, Fri

4 – 7pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor
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15 Apr, Sat

11am – 12pm	Memorial Service Canon Rowland Hill	St John Baptist
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16 Apr, 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
1 – 2pm	Baptism	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Baptism	Holy Trinity
4 – 5pm	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore @4	St Lawrence
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group - 1st & 3rd Sundays	Parish Forum

17 Apr, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	Parish Forum
7:30 – 9pm	Quarter Peal	St John Baptist

18 Apr, Tue

6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
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19 Apr, Wed

9:30am – 5:30pm	St John Baptist Church closed	
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

20 Apr, Thu

9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

21 Apr, Fri

1:30 – 4:30pm	Memorial Jeremy Graham	St John Baptist
4 – 7pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor

22 Apr, Sat

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
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23 Apr, 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
11:30am – 1pm	Vestry Meeting & APCM	St John Baptist

4 – 5pm	ATIC Service	St John Baptist
24 Apr, 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	Parish Forum
25 Apr, Tue		
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
26 Apr, Wed		
12 – 12:30pm	Eucharist Catherine Chapel	St John Baptist
2 – 4:30pm	Coffee, Cake and Chat	Parish Hall, Watermoor
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
27 Apr, Thu		
9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	St John Baptist
28 Apr, Fri		
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 – 7pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor
29 Apr, Sat		
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
30 Apr, 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	Alternative Evening Service	St John Baptist



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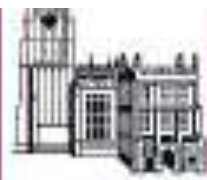
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