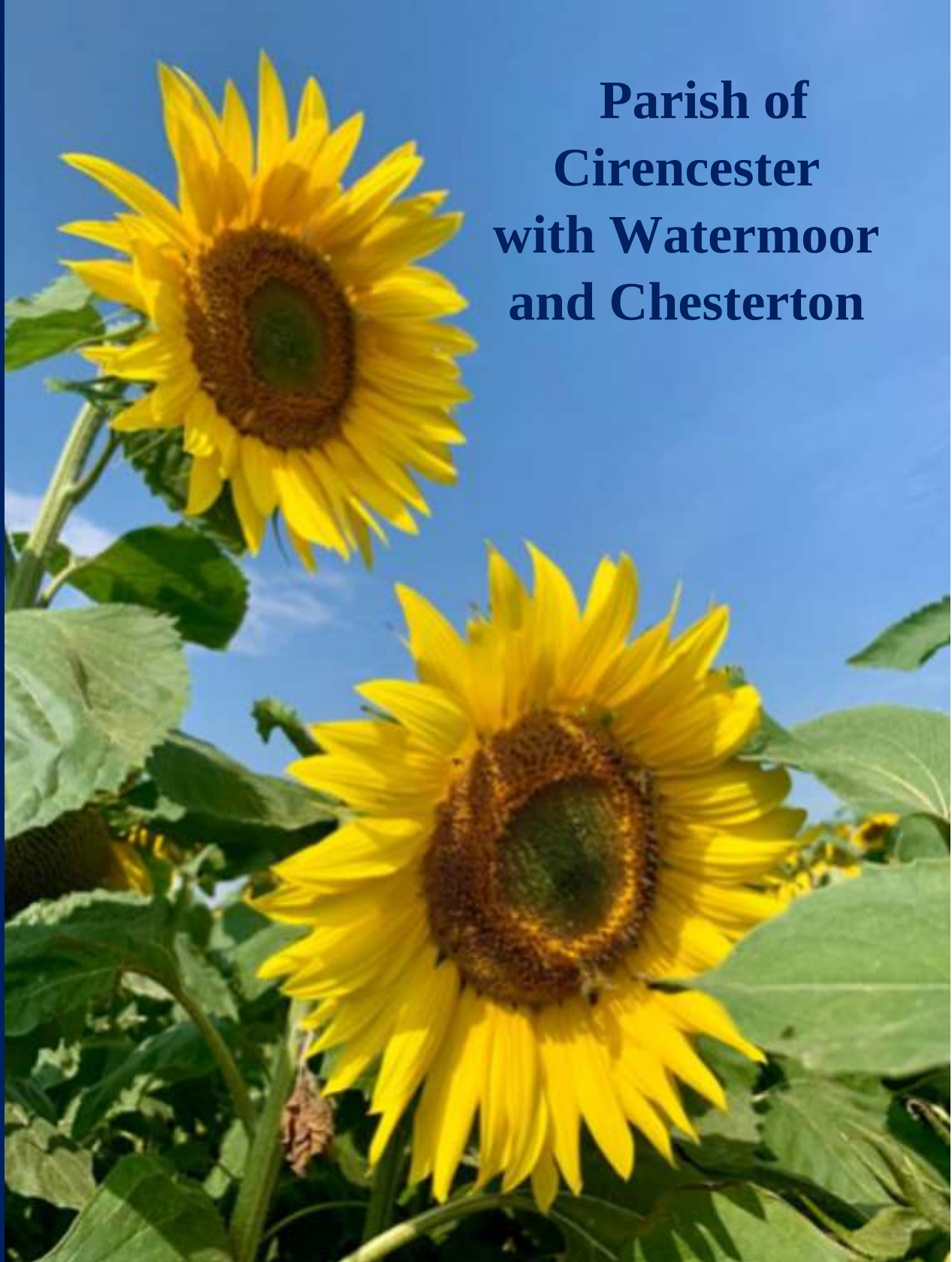


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Ordinary Time

I always think that July is the month of expectation. Perhaps this harks back to my time as a school child: for me, summer never really begins until the school holidays in July. As a child, it marked the time when I could be home, run free, lose the constraints of daily lessons and appreciate the things I loved. Then being married to a teacher and having children myself, July marked a change in the year, when the rushing around getting people to where they needed to be took a pause and we could take a little time and enjoy being a family together.



The church year by comparison might seem at odds with this: after the succession of celebrations and excitement of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, we slip into a prolonged period of ‘ordinary’ or ‘green’ (after the designated liturgical colour of vestments and church hangings at this time) time where Sundays are marked simply by an increasing number of ‘Sundays after Trinity’.

However with the early sun rises, bird song and long warmer days, it is a time that seems heavy with potential. Morning prayer seems at it most joyous: reciting the Benedictus with its promise of God’s interaction with us gives an excitement and expectation to each day ahead. Perhaps during the summer, we should therefore find time to slow down a little and revel in the promise of what is now and what is to come - to appreciate and celebrate the ordinary.

The word ‘ordinary’ can mean both unexceptional and ordained and many in the Church of England will have been ordained and made deacon this season and our prayers and hope go with those ordained this year. For many, it is a time of exceptional transition; children leaving or changing schools saying goodbye to teachers and classmates, those with exams finished, leaving university and those within the church being made deacons and ordained priests looking forward to the next stage in their journey.

During this long period of ordinary or possibly unexceptional time, it is perhaps a good opportunity to take the time to reflect. Long summer walks can be ideal for

this, as we appreciate the beauty around us without the constraints of heavy winter layers and mud and around here, We are particularly blessed with some of the most beautiful scenery in the British Isles to help us in this quest. Similarly, at the start of our worship, we are rightly encouraged to reflect on and repent of our sins; those actions that take us away from our neighbours and Christ. Perhaps our ordinary summertime reminds us that we also equally need to take time to reflect on those things that we do well, that bring joy and lift us and those around us up, those actions which bring us in closer contact with God through Christ.

Often these Christian actions and attributes might be overlooked as through practice they themselves should become ordinary, so it is good to take a moment to take stock. Ordinary time should remind us that it is in everyday relationships, work and leisure activities that our main service to God may be carried out. This is the arena of our faithfulness, the field in which we sow and nurture the seeds that will bring future joy and grow God's kingdom here.

Sometimes the challenge is not to make big changes in the way we are but to appreciate and celebrate what is good. By simply taking time to be mindful of our blessings and what we do well, we can carry on practicing being good people of faith, full of the Holy Spirit and aware of the blessings that surround us. There are many words of encouragement and wisdom in the letters of the New Testament recommending cheerfulness, kindness and quietness in our daily living; one of my favourites is from St Paul's letter to Phillippians (part of which is echoed in the book of common prayer blessing).

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice ! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Fr Julian

The Unexpected (more musings from Mark)



Mark 1:27 NIV

[27] The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching---and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”

It's Sunday morning, and we are preparing for church. Do we check the readings and try and work out the theme of the sermon? Do we think through those we want to pray for? But whatever, we are meeting family and worshipping together. We've been before, we know how it works, liturgy, readings, sermon, Communion, dismissal and coffee!

I expect that's what the Jews in Mark 1:21 we're thinking on that particular Saturday when Jesus was invited to speak.

In worship, it's easy to go with the flow, and it can be a bit of a shock when the unexpected happens. I've had a few services disturbed during my ministry; a few at Harnhill where someone screamed, or sobbed or even shouted. But the most disturbing was in a Wiltshire Church at the 8am service where a chap was restless all the way through, and then became very disturbed to find we were using wafers for communion instead of bread. His shouting and swearing had quite an effect on the congregation - where are the burly church wardens when you need them? - but we sorted it and got him to leave. I haven't felt a whole church shake with the slamming of the church door before!!

The synagogue service for these Jews was equally dramatic as a man shouted out to Jesus, but Jesus dealt with the unclean spirit in the man and continued his ministry.

But the thing that stand out for Mark as he records this story is not the shock and chaos (I had to pray shock and trauma off the congregation and allow Jesus to bring his peace before I could safely dismiss them!), but rather the amazement of the congregation. New teaching, new authority and the healing of someone who was probably a regular member of their congregation. You can imagine the conversations afterwards, no longer roast preacher for lunch, but excitement, amazement and a thirst for many to discover more.

Perhaps we're happy with the way that our services run, their peace, tranquility, normality. Or perhaps we too might like to see the occasional bit of drama resulting in the incredible grace of God at work.

Rev Paul

Love Your Burial Ground Week 2023

For a third year in a row the Friends of St John Baptist Churchyard have held events to as part of 'Love Your Burial Ground Week', a celebration of the ecology and heritage of burial grounds organised by Caring for God's Acre, a national charity - <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>



This year we had visits from two local primary schools and a nursery. On Monday 5th June we hosted Down Ampney Primary, with the whole school attending! The older years undertook some learning related to ecology as part of their geography curriculum, which included recording plant species. This exercise took place within patches of the churchyard that we have left unmown as part of national 'No Mow May'. The younger children made 'bee watering stations' which encouraged them to artfully arrange shells, pebbles and pinecones in shallow plastic dishes, find a suitable spot and then add water - practical early-learning in ecology. On Wednesday 7th June we had visits from Acorns Nursery in the morning and Powell's School later that day.

Other activities which all three groups took part in included a tree trail (we have labelled many of our specimen trees with wooded signs) that included an exercise to estimate the age of several trees using their 'girth' (circumference in centimetres at chest height). A rough estimate of age is gained by dividing the measurement by two, so our magnificence copper beech, which has a girth of 424cm, is about 212 years old. Other activities included guessing plant and animal names from pictures – all the examples being of 'nature' names removed from a major children's dictionary as deemed no longer relevant! The publisher of the dictionary designed for seven-year-olds and upwards, deleted around fifty nature words, replacing them in most instances with technology words. The book, *The Lost Words*, written by Robert Macfarlane and illustrated by Jackie Morris sought to reclaim these nature words. Our picture-word trail included the lost words 'conker', 'magpie', 'acorn' (ironically, given the name of our local nursery) and 'ivy'. Thankfully the children were very good at recognising these.

As part of our week of celebration, the Vicar blessed the churchyard, the Garden of Remembrance and the Royal British Legion Garden. He also paid special

tribute to our team for all we are doing to make the churchyard such a peaceful place accessible to locals and visitors alike – a quiet haven off the bustling market place!

The success of ‘no mow’ at St John Baptist, now in its third year, has been justified by the appearance of a large number of wildflowers, including ox-eye daisies, forget-me-nots, and mouse-ear hawkweed – all great for bees and other pollinators. This year, most unexpected but very welcome was our first orchid! The beautiful ‘pyramidal orchid’, with a spike of deep pink to purplish flowers, is a plant of open grassland (found in abundance on Rodborough Common for example) that flowers through June to August. We can only hope that this presages a colony and perhaps the appearance of other orchid species characteristic of limestone grasslands.

The Friends group continues to work hard each Wednesday morning to maintain a balance between neat areas that respect the nature of the site as a place of memorial and to encourage and support wildlife.

If you would like to be part of our work to maintain the churchyard and its monuments and ecology, please get in touch or simply turn up to our Wednesday morning volunteering sessions from 10.30 – 12.30 – there are plenty of jobs for everyone!

John Tiffney and Peter Vujakovic, Friends of St John Baptist Churchyard.

Cirencester Parish Church Bells

There seem to have been bells in the tower since its construction in the early 15th century.

In 1678 we know there were 8 because Anthony à Wood recorded in his “Itinerary” that he travelled to Cirencester and found “a very fair church with a steeple and 8 bells”



The present 3rd was cast in 1713 so we know there were 10 bells by then. In 1722 Rudhall of Gloucester cast the two trebles completing the ring of 12.

At that time at least 5 of the bells were Rudhall’s. Over the next 65 years the other

7 were all recast, some more than once, all by Rudhall. At that time the Rudhall foundry in Gloucester was the leading foundry in the country. In the 150 years they were in business they cast nearly 5000 bells. Today around 1/3 of all the bells in Gloucestershire are Rudhall's.

Cirencester was only the second church in the country to have a ring of 12. We were preceded by St Bride's, Fleet Street in London. They had 10, all cast by Rudhall in 1710. Then in 1719 Rudhall cast two more to make 12. These two bells were donated by the College Youths and London Scholars. The art of change ringing was developing rapidly at the time and there was some rivalry. The new bells were chained up so only they could ring them!

St Bride's bells were destroyed by bombing in the Second World War so Cirencester has had a ring of 12 longer than any other tower.

It's not clear where the driving force to have 12 here came from and there's not much evidence of 12 bell change ringing, but in 1767 a band of College Youths from London rang the first peal on 12 bells outside London.

For non-ringers I should explain that a peal is 5000 or more changes. That means every bell rings at least 5000 times. On 12 bells this takes about 3 ½ hours

The ringers were invited by Mr Samuel Blackwell of Williamstrip. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a great patron of the art. He gave the Cirencester ringers an oak chair, a drinking horn and a set of handbells. The handbells were lost but the horn and chair can be seen here today.

After the peal in 1767 it was 57 years before the next peal and over 100 before the next 12 bell peal.

In 1870 the Tower captain William Hinton rehung the bells. He used much of the old timber but rearranged the frame so all the bells were on one level. This was not a great success, the frame wasn't strong enough, as evidenced by the one 12 bell peal rung at this time taking over 4 hours and needing two men on the tenor.

By 1895 the 9th had become cracked, possibly because of its continuous use as a Fire Bell. It was therefore decided to cast a new fire bell to avoid using one of the ring of 12. The bell was given by The Cirencester Society in London and was cast

as a flat 6th giving a light ring of 8 and a minor 10. Taylor's of Loughborough cast the new bell, recast the 9th strengthened the bell frame and constructed a new frame above the other bells for the flat 6th.

In 1952 the 11th cracked. At the time the church was reluctant to pay for the recasting as all available funds were being used for the new church at Chesterton and for repairs to Gloucester Cathedral. Anxious to have the bells ringing for the coronation Mr C R Mullins, a local solicitor, organised an appeal to local businessmen. He easily raised the £500 needed and the 11th was recast by Taylors. In 1983 the 7th became particularly hard to ring. Gudgeon problems were diagnosed. This could have been repaired but the whole installation, never very satisfactory, was in a poor state, making the bells difficult to ring. A complete overhaul was planned. The bells were taken to the Whitechapel Foundry to be tuned. The tenor was found to be cracked and was recast. A new steel frame built and installed lower in the tower. The swinging of the bells causes the tower to sway. Lowering the bells reduced this effect and also reduced the length of rope between ringer and bell, all making the bells much easier to control. Work started in late 1984 and on the 23rd March 1985 the bells were rededicated.

An article in the Wilts and Glos Standard in April 1895 lists some ancient customs with regard to the bells which were still observed at the time. Many, like ringing the curfew bell, are long forgotten but some continue. We ring half muffled before midnight on December 31st, and then after midnight ring a short unmuffled touch to welcome the New Year. On Shrove Tuesday we ring the pancake or shriving bell for 15 minutes before midday communion. As a result of a small bequest the bells are rung between 6:00 and 6:30 on the morning of May 29th, Oak Apple Day, to commemorate the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. On 21st September we ring to commemorate the opening of the Bingham Library. The deed setting up the trust to run the library instructs the trustees to "make all possible provision for the bells of Cirencester church to be rung for a period of not less than two hours every 21st day of September" I'm sorry to say that we usually only ring a quarter-peal, taking just under an hour.

As I mentioned, after the 1767 peal there were no peals for some time, but around the time of the 1895 rehang there were several notable peals. At that time there was a pioneering band of ringers based at St Michael's in Gloucester, the St

Michael's Juniors. Led by John Austin they rang around 10 peals here including the first peal on 12 bells and the first peal of Maximus by the Gloucester and Bristol Association. One of their members, Fred May learnt to ring in Cirencester. He worked out the extension of Cambridge Surprise for 12 bells, Cambridge Maximus. They rang the first changes of Cambridge Max here and attempted what would have been the first peal but were unsuccessful.

In 1967 12 members of the Ancient Society of College Youths assembled and rang a peal to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first peal. 50 years later they rang another peal.

Altogether there's been 114 peals, a little over half of these since the 1985 rehang. A mark of how much easier it is to ring the bells now.

The bells are quite loud outside and this has given rise to some complaints. In this litigious world we have to take this seriously.

Late last year work start to install a floor above the bells positioned where the old bell frame used to be. This has two large trap-doors in it. For practices and other recreational ringing we can close the traps and make the bells much quieter outside. There are a number of references to the bells in the vestry book. In 1599 John Baker was paid 13s 4d for ringing the day bell at 4:00 in the morning from the "morrow after All Saints until Candlemas".

In 1656 it was decreed that when inhabitants desired to be buried in the church with tolling of the bell, it should be tolled for six hours and not less, at a cost of 12d an hour.

In 1661 it was ordered that when a stranger desired to hear the bells rung he pay 3s, 1s of which went to the church. The fee for inhabitants of the town was slightly less - 2s 6d, of which 6d went to the church and the rest to the ringers' club. It was also decreed that the ringers should have the liberty to ring every Thursday morning from six until ten for practice. I'm sure we're all quite pleased we don't do that now!

Peter Holden

Welcome 'Meester John'

In a recent sermon Canon Karen referred to the importance of welcome, which in so many areas cannot be underestimated.



We had a mixed experience in Cirencester. Arriving in December 2005 at Holy Trinity we were joyously received. Here was former Grammar School colleague Tony Clack respected by all for jumping out of the wooden corridor onto the Head Boy causing him some discomfort. Former colleague Peter Cottey remembered me clearly, however Malcolm Jones thought I was my brother, Bob!

At the Parish Church it was different. Penny was a Reader and applying for Ordination and I accompanied her several times when she was on duty. Sitting in the congregation on my own I was ignored.

After the fourth time this happened I changed my approach wearing a cricket blazer and MCC tie! It was so different! About half a dozen people swept down on me at the end of the service. This was three Vicars ago and it is so different now but it is an experience to remember.

We have just returned from a holiday in Parga, Greece where everyone knew the importance of welcome. The Hotel remembered us most warmly, including the title they gave me – 'Meester John'. Shops, even in which we did not spend any money, spoke warmly. 'Welcome back to Parga' greeted us everywhere.

One part of the Summer ministry of one of the local priests involved mixing with and welcoming holiday makers. He could be seen with the early morning bathers, the mid-morning coffee drinkers and sharing an afternoon ice cream. I dare say he could be seen swinging a nifty shoe with late-night revellers. Of course, I have no specific information regarding this but it would be consistent with his general approach.

This general attitude, so prevalent throughout the town, added so much to the enjoyment of our holiday. More British tour groups now visit Parga. We fly with the first class Sunvil and Jet 2 now fly from Bristol and Birmingham. We stay at the Villa Coralli and book through Miles Morgan in Cricklade Street. Day trips to Paxos, Corfu and Albania. It is an unbeatable holiday. Ask Penny or myself. Remember, I answer to Meester John.

John Light

Cirencester Choral Society

Do you love singing? Do you love choral music? Perhaps you are a former chorister or church choir member. Come and sing with us Cirencester Choral Society. We are a thriving and friendly society, who perform two main concerts a year. Rehearsing in Cirencester each week on a Tuesday evening from September to May, we currently have vacancies in all voice parts and are particularly keen to expand our tenor and bass ranks.

Apply soon to join us singing Bach's joyful Christmas Oratorio by going to the Join Us page on our website (<https://www.cirencester-choral-soc.org.uk/join-us/>) which contains information on what we expect of members in terms of musical ability and commitment.

Ros Ivison

Parish Church Tower Opening

22nd July - 10am-4pm

29th July - 10am-4pm

5th August - 10am-4pm

12th August - 10am-3pm

19th August - 10am-4pm

26th August - 10am-12 noon

9th September - 10am-4pm

Please note:

£5 per person

Children between the ages of 12-16 £3

Under 12's are not permitted to climb the tower





Longfield's Summer Fete: Fun for all the family



Longfield's opening its doors for a spectacular summer fete; an afternoon of free entertainment for all the family, on Saturday 5th August.

There'll be live music, street food, local craft stalls, toddler soft play, dancing, a treasure hunt, raffles, ice cream, cakes, games and a teddy bear parachute from 12pm to 3pm.

There'll also be an opportunity to take a look at the Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton, where Longfield provides counselling, massage, reiki, reflexology, aromatherapy, therapeutic art, tai chi, physiotherapy and gardening therapy to people with life-limiting illnesses and their carers. Visitors can chat to staff and volunteers and learn how Longfield makes the very best use of money donated or raised by its supporters.

Longfield is a Community Hospice for the people of Gloucestershire. As well as providing Hospice at Home care, Longfield also offers a range of therapy and support services for patients, families and carers at the Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton. 85% of our funding comes from the generosity of the public. For media enquiries, please contact Melanie Palmer, Media and Communications Officer at melanie.palmer@longfield.org.uk or call 01453 886868

Melanie Palmer

Friends of Cirencester Parish Church Evensong



This picture of Canon Graham and the Reverend Mark Birch was taken at the reception in Deirdre Waddell's garden in Coxwell Street following the Friends of Cirencester Parish Church annual Evensong on Sunday June 18th.

Mark who preached the sermon is a Minor Canon and Precentor in Westminster Abbey. He served his curacy in our parish from 2003.

Photo by *Pam Barnes*

Booked a package holiday? Worried about what to do if something goes wrong?

Hopefully you'll have a lovely time but if something does go wrong with your package holiday, the Citizens Advice website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) has lots of information about what to do if something goes wrong with your holiday and what compensation you may be eligible for.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

It's worth noting that there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance – check if your policy covers this.

If you're still not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline **0808 223 1133** or talk to an adviser online through the Citizens Advice website.

Elizabeth Hall

Parish Trip to London

The Parish trip to London to visit Westminster Abbey and The Houses of Parliament was organised by Eileen Chapman and took place on June 15th. The photographs were taken by Peter Cottey.



This photo shows the group outside Westminster Abbey getting instructions and the one below the start of the tour of the Houses of Parliament.





Two more pictures of
our group in London.

Photos taken by
Peter Cottey



Holy Trinity Watermoor Patronal Festival

4th June 2023

Many thanks to all who were involved in making this such a beautiful event



Photos credit
Jane Winstanley

Trinity Sunday



An egg is like the Holy Trinity – the shell, albumin and yolk together make the whole egg.

Canon Graham showed his skill at cracking and throwing eggs at the All Age Worship service at the Parish Church on Trinity Sunday on Sunday 4th June.

Social Events 2023/24

(please book these dates – tickets available nearer the events)

Saturday July 29th Summer Garden Party 3pm

Holy Trinity Grounds/Parish Hall
Bring & Share Tea
Hat competition
Outdoor games if fine
No charge



Harvest Supper Saturday 30th September 6.30pm Parish Hall, Watermoor



Christmas Tea Saturday 9th December 3pm Parish Hall, Watermoor



Games Afternoon Saturday 3rd February 2024 2.30pm St Lawrence Hall, Chesterton

Beetle Drive with Fish and Chips Saturday 20th April 2024 6pm St Lawrence Hall, Chesterton





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Tetbury Music Festival announces 20th anniversary season

23 September – 1 October 2023

Festival Patron: HRH King Charles III

For the last 20 years, Tetbury Music Festival has welcomed world-class musicians to the ancient Cotswold town, promising a week of stunning music by candlelight as the autumn nights draw in.

This season, the festival is delighted to celebrate 20 years of music-making and will do so in style with the welcome return of founding Artistic Director, the acclaimed cellist **Steven Isserlis**. Together with pianist Connie Shih, Isserlis commemorates the 50th anniversary of Pablo Casals, one of the greatest cellists of all time.

Other highlights of the 20th anniversary season include two much-anticipated festival debuts: rising star pianist **Isata Kanneh Mason**, fresh from the success of her latest album, *Summertime* (Decca Classics) and the **Doric String Quartet**, whose *Bartok Cycles* at Wigmore Hall and Aldeburgh Festival received widespread critical acclaim. The opening night will feature music for piano and two violins in both traditional and modern arrangements performed by **Kristīne Balanas, Roberts Balanas** and **Siqian Li**. The season also includes the world-renowned vocal ensemble **Tenebrae** showcasing unmatched vocal talent in what promises to be a spectacular festival finale.



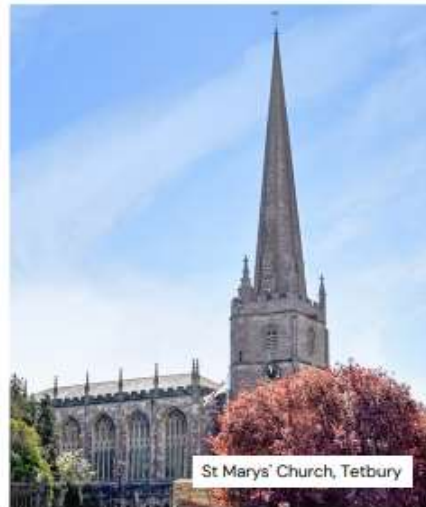
Festival Patron HRH King Charles III © Mark Tantrum

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In addition to the concert series, Tetbury Music Festival offers a selection of insightful lectures and interviews to guide the listener through each evening performance and share new ways of appreciating the context in which these fine works were written.

A visit to the ancient town of Tetbury in the Cotswolds makes the perfect cultural weekend break. The festival takes place just a stone's throw from Festival Patron HRH King Charles III's Cotswolds home, Highgrove, where the organic gardens are open during the festival. Visitors to the town can also enjoy Tetbury's numerous antique shops, fine restaurants and stunning 16th-century architecture.



St Marys' Church, Tetbury

Tickets are now on sale. Book now at <https://www.tetburymusicfestival.org/>

Notes to Editors

About Tetbury Music Festival

Tetbury Music Festival was founded in 2003 by Graham Kean, the Director of Music at St Marys' Church and Elise Smith OBE, a life-long supporter and Patron of the Arts. Acclaimed 'cellist Steven Isserlis was the first Artistic Director; conductor and 'cellist Jonathan Cohen has been Artistic Director since 2013. His Royal Highness King Charles III is the Festival's patron. The Festival is run by a volunteer Board of music lovers and Festival supporters with a wide range of skills from marketing to finance to design.

The majority of concerts takes place in the beautiful parish church of St Marys' although the Festival includes other venues from time to time. An exceptionally fine example of early Georgian Gothic architecture, the Church has an acoustic to match which attracts musicians and audience alike. Several concerts have been recorded over the years for broadcast on BBC Radio 3, who collaborated with the Festival with a Spring series for recording and broadcast in 2019.

Over the years, the festival has welcomed some of the finest classical musicians to the heart of the Cotswolds. Previous performers include Felicity Lott, Thomas Allen, Ben Grosvenor, Pavel Kolesnikov, Angela Hewitt, Radu Lupu, Mark Padmore, The Sixteen, Sarah Connolly and Rachel Podger.

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DATES FOR JULY AND AUGUST

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 Jul, Sat

12 – 3pm	Diamond Anniversary of Ordination	St John Baptist
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2 Jul, 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 Church
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group	Parish Forum

3 Jul, Mon

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

4 Jul, Tue

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

5 Jul, Wed

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

6 Jul, Thu

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

7 Jul, Fri

10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor

8 Jul, Sat

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

9 Jul, 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	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist

10 Jul, Mon

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

11 Jul, Tue

10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity

12 Jul, Wed

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

13 Jul, Thu

9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

14 Jul, Fri

10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Wedding	St John Baptist
4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor

15 Jul, Sat

10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
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16 Jul, 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 – 4pm	Baptism Families Tea Party	Parish Hall, Watermoor
4 – 5pm	Choral Evensong	St John Baptist

4 – 5pm	Restore @4	St Lawrence
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group	Parish Forum
17 Jul, 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
18 Jul, Tue		
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
19 Jul, Wed		
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2 – 4:30pm	Coffee Cake and Chat	Parish Hall, Watermoor
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9:30pm	Full PCC	St Lawrence
20 Jul, 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 Jul, Fri		
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor
22 Jul, Sat		
10am – 4pm	Tower Open	St John Baptist
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
1:30 – 2:30pm	Baptism	St John Baptist
23 Jul, 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	ATIC Service	St John Baptist
24 Jul, Mon		
9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

25 Jul, Tue

10:30–11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

6:30 – 9pm Bell Ringing

Holy Trinity

26 Jul, Wed

10:30–11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

7 – 8pm Eucharist

Holy Trinity

27 Jul, Thu

9 – 9:30am Morning Prayer

St John Baptist

10:30–11:30am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

St John Baptist

28 Jul, Fri

11am – 12pm 3 Choirs Festival - Francois Cloete Organ Recital St John Baptist

2:45 – 4:55pm 3 Choirs Festival - Stolz's Passion: A Unique Voice St John Baptist

4 – 6pm Cirencester Food Pantry Parish Hall, Watermoor

29 Jul, Sat

10am – 4pm Tower Open

St John Baptist

10:30–11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

3 – 5pm Parish Summer Garden Party

Parish Hall Watermoor

30 Jul, 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 Taize/Iona Service

St John Baptist

31 Jul, 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

1 Aug, Tue

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

2 Aug, Wed

10:30–11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

7 – 8pm Eucharist

Holy Trinity

3 Aug, Thu

9 – 9:30am Morning Prayer

St John Baptist

10 – 12pm	Hope Cirencester Play Scheme	St Lawrence
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 Aug, Fri		
1:30 – 2:30pm	Wedding	St John Baptist
4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor
5 Aug, Sat		
10am – 4pm	Tower Open	St John Baptist
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6 Aug, 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 Church
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group	Parish Forum
7 Aug, 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
8 Aug, Tue		
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
9 Aug, Wed		
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2 – 4pm	Mothers' Union Founder's Birthday Picnic Tea	Parish Hall, Watermoor
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 Aug, Thu		
9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
10 – 12pm	Hope Cirencester Play Scheme	St Lawrence
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
11 Aug, Fri		
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor

12 Aug, Sat

10am – 3pm	Tower Open	St John Baptist
3 – 7:30pm	Bell Ringing	St John Baptist

13 Aug, 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	Patronal Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist

14 Aug, Mon

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

15 Aug, Tue

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

16 Aug, Wed

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

17 Aug, Thu

9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
10 – 12pm	Hope Cirencester Play Scheme	St Lawrence
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

18 Aug, Fri

10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Wedding	St John Baptist
4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor
7:30 – 9:30pm	Cirencester Band Concert	St John Baptist

19 Aug, Sat

All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
10am – 4pm	Tower Open	St John Baptist
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

20 Aug, Sun

All day	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 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group	Parish Forum
21 Aug, Mon		
All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
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
7:30 – 9pm	Quarter Peal	St John Baptist
22 Aug, Tue		
All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
23 Aug, Wed		
All day	Art Society Exhibition	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
24 Aug, Thu		
All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
10am – 1:30pm	Hope Cirencester Play Scheme	St Lawrence
10:30–11:30am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	St John Baptist
1 – 2pm	Wedding	St John Baptist
25 Aug, Fri		
All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:30–11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor
26 Aug, Sat		
All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
10 – 12pm	Tower Open	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Wedding	St John Baptist Church
27 Aug, Sun		
All day	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
 10 – 11:30am Eucharist
 10:30–11:30am Eucharist
 1:30 – 2:30pm Baptism
 4 – 5pm ATIC Service

Holy Trinity
 St John Baptist
 St Lawrence
 Holy Trinity
 St John Baptist

28 Aug, Mon

All day Art Society Exhibition
 10:30–11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist
 St John Baptist

29 Aug, Tue

All day Art Society Exhibition
 10:30–11:30am Guided Tour
 2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour
 6:30 – 9pm Bell Ringing

St John Baptist
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 Holy Trinity

30 Aug, Wed

All day Art Society Exhibition
 10:30–11:30am Guided Tour
 2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour
 7 – 8pm Eucharist

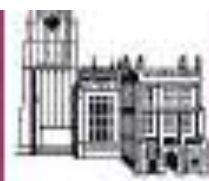
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 Holy Trinity

31 Aug, Thu

All day Art Society Exhibition
 9 – 9:30am Morning Prayer
 10:30–11:30am Guided Tour

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