

# Parish Life Magazine

**Parish of Cirencester with  
Watermoor and Chesterton**



**April 2025**

## **Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and St Lawrence (Chesterton)**

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## Lead Article

Recently I was Impelled to a gathering, along with ministerial colleagues and others, where we were asked to consider what it might look like to 'become a younger church'. In truth the occasion was marked by fairly unprepossessing circumstances. We met in a cold and echoey room without real amplification and were lectured on this subject for some time. None of these factors were really the organisers fault, it had snowed during the morning, but it played particularly on character floors of mine, such that, rather than inspired to youthfulness I became aware of the moment by moment process of becoming older.



Despite which fact, as I succumbed to distraction and returned to my perpetual parochial train of thought I came to reflect, as I have continued to do in the days since, that there is much to be glad of on this front here at home in Cirencester.

For instance, and you will likely know this, we have amazing teams of dedicated and talented people working to stitch children and families into the tapestry of our parish life. They are at work in each of our churches and between them. On an average Sunday we have between 20 and 30 children actively engaged in the worship of God, learning about our common story as God's people and experiencing the God's love.

In the week Seedlings and Little Angels bring adults and Children positively in contact with our community. Week in and week out we are connected to local schools through Collective worship (assembly), Open the Book, Governor's meetings and school services. The teams who do this work are amazing and I wish to boast to you on their behalf, and encourage you to show your appreciation directly when next the chance emerges.

So, too, it is encouraging that at both St Lawrence's and Holy Trinity as I have asked 'what is your hope for this congregation' many, many people have come back to me describing a longing that more children and families to come to a knowledge of God's goodness. It is in this respect clearly our priority to become a younger church.

Even so it takes an active effort not just a passive desire for any community to achieve that aim.

Printed in our baptism service sheets across the parish is the default reading from Mark 10 'let the little children come to me'. Possibly a relief to us is that even Jesus' disciples who knew him and saw him Initially failed to recognise that Jesus wanted children to be admitted to his presence.

Having taken two noisy children to St Lawrence's last Sunday I can well understand their perspective. It's obviously going to have been easier to hear Jesus' words without children interrupting, it's obviously going to have been easier to pray quietly without a toddler giggling, it's obviously going to have been easier to engage in the musical worship, if such there was, without enthusiastic half choruses of Old McDonald being interposed.

The key requirement though, for Jesus first disciples, and so for us, is to desire that we ourselves should enter God's kingdom like little children, inevitably meaning that the little children find their place amongst us as our peers and our inspiration.

I rejoice in all that God is doing in our midst to include children and their families it gives me much hope for the future. As we continue to look to the future where, as I earnestly expect and believe, all of us will be part of the 'Younger Church' let us pray as Jesus teaches us 'your kingdom come, your will be done'.

*Revd Luke*

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

### **Holy Week**

#### **Monday 14th April**

6.30 Stations of the Cross, Holy Trinity

8pm Said Compline St Lawrence - Canon Graham

#### **Tuesday 15th April**

6.30 Stations of the Cross, Holy Trinity

8pm Sung Compline Parish Church - Bishop Robert

#### **Wednesday 16th April**

6.30 Stations of the Cross, Holy Trinity

8pm Said Compline Holy Trinity - Revd Luke

#### **Maundy Thursday 17th April**

7pm All Age Service of Thanksgiving - Holy Trinity

7.30 Liturgy of the Upper Room followed by vigil in the Parish Church

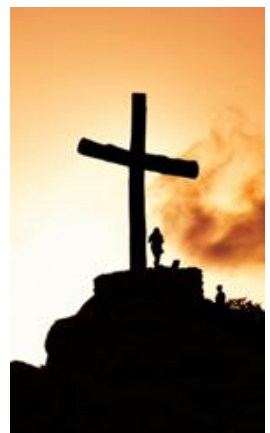
#### **Good Friday 18th April**

9am “Standing at the foot of the Cross” - St Lawrence

10am Messy Church - Holy Trinity.

12-2pm Reflections with Bishop Robert - Parish Church

2pm Liturgy of the Cross - Parish Church



**Easter Day 20th April**

**5.30am First Eucharist of Easter** in Market Place followed by refreshments in Forum

**8am Parish Church Easter Eucharist**  
(Book of Common Prayer)

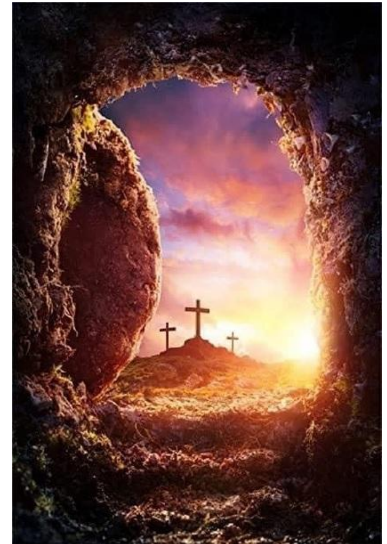
**8am Holy Trinity Easter Eucharist**  
(Common Worship)

**10am Parish Church Easter All Age Eucharist**  
with Bp Robert

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**10.30 Easter Eucharist at St Lawrence**

**4pm Solemn Choral Evensong in Parish Church**



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**Congratulations:**

**To John Lawrence**

Who has received the Cotswold District Council's recent award of Unsung Hero in recognition of 'his tireless promotion of

Cirencester as Town Crier, his involvement in the Male Voice Crier and his extensive work at St. John Baptist Church and Beam Gymnastics.'

There's no monetary reward but it's a very nice Civic recognition of John's commitment to our community.



*Nigel Robbins*



## **The Cross of Jesus**

It's all there nailed to the cross  
It's all there hanging on the tree  
It's all there, all your pain and loss  
It's all there on the cross at Calvary.

And I've been there nailed to the cross  
And I've been there hanging on the tree  
And I've been there with all your pain and loss  
And then I died and rose again in victory.

And now I'm here at my Father's side  
And now I'm here, Satan under me  
And now I'm here fully glorified  
And now I'm here to set the captives free.

And I'll be there if you ask me in  
And I'll be there in my risen power  
And I'll be there to meet your pain and sin  
And I'll be there, why don't you ask me now?

Then you'll be here sitting next to me  
Then you'll be here with my risen power  
Then you'll be here in my victory  
Then you'll be here for all eternity.

*and...*

I'll still be there if you ask me in  
I'll still be there in my risen power  
I'll still be there to meet your pain and sin  
I'll still be there, why don't you ask me now?

**J.R.M**

## Mothers' Union Letter



Dear Members and Friends,

On Saturday 15th March, Eric & I went to the village of Kempley to experience their Daffodil Weekend. The sun was shining and there were lots of new lambs in the fields. After lunch we visited the church of Saint Edward the Confessor, then walked 1½ miles to the 12th Century church of St Mary to see the amazing wall paintings, not to mention the wild daffodils everywhere we looked.

On arriving home we found that we had actually had a delivery of mail, including the Mothers' Union magazine *Connected*.

I sat down, put my feet up and read the magazine from cover to cover. There was an article about our new Royal Patron, HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh, and one from our new World Wide President Kathleen Snow, a Canadian.

She says she has a passion for MU and in her membership she has grown in faith – 'our focus on prayer has been my lifeline' and 'by using the gifts we have been given, we become the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth'. We are stronger together.

I was also struck by an article by Jonathan Aitken who was helped and supported by MU when he left prison in 2000 after serving 18 months for perjury. He said 'I have long admired the quiet (perhaps too quiet!) work that MU does for prisoners and their families. I have seen this at first hand as a prisoner, as a prison charity worker and, for the last six years as a prison chaplain'.

In our diocese we have done exactly what he described – wishing released prisoners good luck and giving them a sturdy bag for their possessions instead of the prison-issued clear plastic bag, toiletries, and sometimes clothes and vouchers for travel or coffee.

I particularly related to the article by Bishop Emma Ineson on ‘Getting On With It’ – about procrastination – my besetting sin – as I write this letter at the 11th hour!

Jesus said that when we focus on God, all the rest falls into place (Matt 6 v33). Emma quotes St Augustine ‘God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but he has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination’.

So, in this season of Lent, I am trying to focus on God through studying the Bible, committing to a regular prayer time and attending Lent groups, to come closer to Him.

Wishing you all well in your Lenten endeavours, and then a happy and blessed Easter.

With love,

*Rosemary Roberts*

### **Diary Dates:**

April

Wed 3rd                      2.30 pm. Parish Hall, Watermoor. Speaker from Remap. Bring and Buy

Sun 13th                     Palm Sunday. Cake stall in Parish Hall

Thurs 17th                  Maundy Thursday

Sun 20th                    Easter Sunday

Thurs 24th                  10.30am MU Corporate Communion, Lady Chapel, Parish Church

**I've recently found myself living alone after the breakdown of my relationship. My council tax bill is due soon, and I'm worried I won't be able to afford to pay it on my own.**

**I'm already struggling to cover the cost of my other bills. What can I do?**



You're not alone in worrying about struggling to pay your bills. It's a difficult time for people who are battling rising costs for food and essentials - as well as seeing their bills creep up.

Fortunately, there are options available to people struggling to pay their council tax, but you'll need to find out if you're eligible first. You might be entitled to pay less, or not at all, depending on your circumstances, because councils offer discounts and other reductions.

Firstly, because you're the only adult living in your home, your council tax bill can be reduced by a quarter. For example, if your bill is £1,000 for the year, you'll only have to pay £750 now that you live on your own. You'll need to tell your council someone has moved out of your home and the date that they left. You're entitled to the discount from when they moved out - even if it was a while ago.

When the council works out how many people live in a property, there are certain people that don't count - they're called 'disregarded people'. This includes under-18s, full-time students, long-term hospital patients, people with severe mental impairments, and many more.

You can check our website ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)) for more information on disregarded people. In some situations, everyone living in a home is disregarded. If this is the case, the council tax bill will be reduced by half. If everyone in a home is a student or severely mentally impaired, there'll be no council tax to pay.

If you live with an adult who isn't disregarded, but who is on a low income or receives certain benefits, you might be able to get a discount called a 'second adult rebate'. You can find out more about getting a second adult rebate on our website.

If you or someone you live with is disabled, this can also affect your council tax banding. If your home has been adapted, you can ask to be placed down one band. For example, if you're living in a band C property that has been adapted for a disabled resident, you should only be charged council tax for a band B property.

There's also something called Council Tax Reduction, which is designed for people on low incomes. Your council will ask for details about your income and circumstances, to check if you're eligible. If you are, they'll reduce the amount of council tax you have to pay. When it comes to Council Tax Reductions, different rules apply depending on whether you've reached State Pension age.

And lastly, if you're struggling to pay for essentials, your council can reduce your bill further, or cancel it altogether, under what's known as a 'discretionary reduction'. This usually only happens if you can provide evidence that you're suffering severe hardship and can't afford to pay council tax. If you're in this situation, ask your council for help.

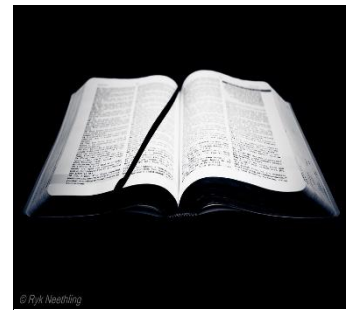
If you're not given a discretionary reduction, you might be able to appeal to a valuation tribunal. If the tribunal agrees with you, they can order your council to reduce or even cancel your council tax bill.

Whatever circumstances you're in, if you're struggling with your council tax payments, it's important to let your council know. Citizens Advice is also here to help you find a way forward, should you need our support.



## Musings in Mark

### 2025 April Mark 6:35-38 NIV



*By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. [36] Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”*

*[37] But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”*

*They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”*

*[38] “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”*

It’s been a busy time: news of John’s murder had reached them and Jesus sought a quiet place to grieve with his disciples, but the people followed them, and on getting out of the boat they were surrounded. The compassion of Jesus again took hold and they ministered to the crowd until it was late in the day, and at that point the disciples saw a problem. Food. Send them away. It must have been quite shattering to hear him return the instruction to them. You feed them! How often could we be the answers to our own prayers, but here it seems impossible. The disciples, like many Christians today, had not yet got a grip on the amazing God they were following. So they thought, not in the context of his power, but in the context of their own resources. They discover that their resources, fish and bread, and the power of Jesus, feeds 5,000 men (Mark specifically counts just the men. Commentators assess that along with women and children, 8-9 thousand could be nearer the mark).

But it does leave us with a quandary - do we trust enough in our understanding of God to bring our small resources and our faith to the God who has the power to multiply and resource huge projects? After all, ministering to people is his heart’s desire.

*Rev Paul*

## Parish Churchyard Burials 1630 - 1873

In February 2025 Mike Timbrell a local Surveyor presented the Parochial Church Council with a comprehensive plan and set of records in alphabetical order of all the names of people buried in the churchyard-where it has been possible to trace them accurately. Some 25 chest tombs are grade 2 listed by English Heritage and these are marked on the plan.



It will enable people to trace their ancestors graves more accurately than in the past. A copy of the plan and records are available for inspection by asking one of the Vergers in Church. There is also a large scale plan of the Garden of Remembrance with all the names and plot numbers marked.

Howard Gray has set up a page on the Church website - on the drop down menu under Visits. There is a brief summary of what is available-including all the other graveyards around Cirencester which have also been surveyed and recorded by Mike during 2024. By clicking on the list or the QR code on this page it is possible to view the records and the plan.

[Churchyard Burials 1630-1873 | Cirencester Parish](#)

In due course we hope to mark the important graves with a numbered marker, and to publish a booklet giving more information about the Churchyard.

*John Tiffney*

Chairman, Friends of St John Baptist Churchyard

## Capture Your Moment for Cobalt

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## Upcoming Events

For full details, please visit our website.

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Explore Cheltenham's history on a family-friendly walk, including tales of a circus elephant! Starts at 10 AM.
- **Make A Will Month** – April  
During April, local partnering solicitors have volunteered their time to write a basic will in exchange for a small donation to Cobalt.
- **Quenington Open Garden & Rare Plant Fair** – 13th April  
Stroll riverside gardens, browse rare plants, and enjoy homemade treats. Entry £8 (cash only). Open 11 AM – 4 PM.
- **Lunch at Prithvi** – 9th May  
Why not treat yourself to a 2-course lunch at this wonderful restaurant in aid of Cobalt?
- **Snowdon Sunrise Trek** – 16th May  
Climb Snowdon under the stars and witness a breathtaking sunrise, all for a great cause.
- **Highnam Open Garden** – 22nd June  
Explore the many beautiful gardens at Highnam Court in Gloucester.

Discover more about Cobalt at [www.cobalthhealth.co.uk](http://www.cobalthhealth.co.uk) emailing us at [fundraising@cobalthhealth.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@cobalthhealth.co.uk), or calling 01242 535922. Your support makes all the difference!

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## Longfield Community Hospice News

You may have seen our shops but how much do you know about your local Hospice?



Longfield Community Hospice, based in Minchinhampton, provides community hospice care for much of Gloucestershire, from diagnosis onwards.

As well as providing Hospice at Home end of life care, Longfield also offers help and support to patients, families and carers through a range of Wellbeing, Counselling and Bereavement Support services at the hospice in Minchinhampton, all free of charge.

To help fund these services, we have many ways to donate money, as well as a continuous programme of fundraising events which you can get involved with through our website.

A few things that we have coming up are:

- **Bridal Gown Sale popping up 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Five Valleys Shopping Centre.**  
A chance to pop in, browse, try on, and buy from a large selection of new designer dresses at 75% off RRP.
- A chance to sign up to **run the 2026 London Marathon in aid of Longfield Hospice.** We have a handful of runners running for us this year and you can read Lizzie's story on our website.
- **Spring Raffle** – Look out for our Spring Raffle tickets for a chance to win a cash prize whilst helping raise funds.

We are keen to be part of the community we serve and are happy to do talks to community groups or invite relevant groups in to see what we do.

If you are intrigued, do check out our website and help us to spread the word about the services we offer to anyone who may need them.

[www.longfield.org.uk](http://www.longfield.org.uk)

**HIKE FOR HOME-START COTSWOLDS:**  
**WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY at 9.30am**



Have you heard about our charity fundraiser ‘Hike for Home-Start Cotswolds’? We’re delighted to say it is back on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, helping to mark and celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We’d love it if you could join us for a 2-hour easy circular walk through beautiful private countryside that is not usually open to walkers, whilst raising funds to support our work. Home-Start Cotswolds is a local charity providing support to local families with young children who are experiencing tough times.

The walk will start and finish at the **Old Gore Barn, Fosse Cross (GL54 4BZ)**, where refreshments will be awaiting walkers on their return. **Yard Space are generously donating the venue and catering and providing a delicious 2-course lunch for those who would like to stay longer.** Why not come with friends and make a day of it!

Tickets must be bought in advance (lunch places are limited so book early). Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome and there is parking at the venue. Please visit our website to buy tickets and for more information:

**[www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk](http://www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk)**

- **Walk + refreshments = £15**
- **Walk + 2-course lunch = £30**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Email: [office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk](mailto:office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk) / 01285 885391  
Charity No. 1110632



# CIRENCESTER C H O R A L S O C I E T Y

Musical Director  
Carleton Etherington

**John Rutter**  
*Magnificat*

**Edward Elgar**  
*From the Bavarian  
Highlands*  
*Imperial March*

Millie Royle (*soprano*)

Carleton Etherington  
(*conductor*)

Musical and Amicable  
Society (*orchestra*)

Thomas Hawkes (*organ*)

**Saturday 3 May 7.30 pm**  
**Cirencester Parish Church**

(doors open at 6.45 pm)



Tickets: £17 (Student £6, Child £3) (unreserved seats)  
available online at [www.cirencester-choral-soc.org.uk](http://www.cirencester-choral-soc.org.uk), from choir members  
or, from early April, from Cirencester Town Council (Bingham House, Dyer St) and  
Cirencester Visitor Information Centre Tel 01285 654180



## **Easter Thought for the Day: The Victory of the Resurrection**

Easter is the greatest celebration of our faith - a powerful reminder that Jesus Christ has conquered sin, death, and the grave. The empty tomb is not just a historical event; it is the foundation of our hope. When the women arrived at the tomb on that first Easter morning, expecting to find His body, they were met instead with the life-changing words: *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"* (Luke 24:5-6)

These words echo through the ages, transforming despair into joy, sorrow into praise, and doubt into unwavering faith. The resurrection is not just a past event; it is a present reality. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us today. No matter how hopeless a situation may seem, no matter how dark the night, the dawn of resurrection brings new life, fresh hope, and the assurance that God is in control.

Jesus Himself declared in John 11:25, *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."* This is the heart of Easter: because He lives, we too shall live. Death has lost its sting, and the grave has lost its victory (1 Corinthians 15:55). We no longer need to be bound by fear, shame, or the weight of our past. In Christ, we are made new.

Easter is a call to renewal, not just in our circumstances, but in our hearts. As we reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and the glory of His resurrection, let us ask ourselves: *Are we living in the fullness of His victory? Are we walking as people of the resurrection, filled with faith, joy, and purpose?*

This Easter, let us embrace the risen Christ with hearts overflowing with gratitude. Let us go forth as His disciples, spreading the light of His love in a world that so desperately needs it. No darkness is too great, no burden too heavy - because Jesus lives, we have victory! Rejoice today in this truth:

**He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

*Ch.Gpt*

# *Restore @ 4*

*1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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*

**And finally....**

**One over par**



St Peter's Anglican church was facing a huge bill for maintenance. The nave roof leaked, bats had set up camp in the unused bell tower and all the gutters were blocked with leaves from the surrounding trees.

The PCC sat gloomily through their monthly meeting and despaired. There was no rich benefactor who could come to their aid and, as a rural parish, set in an area of outstanding natural beauty, there was little chance of a sprawling housing estate being built – despite the government's plans to build over a million houses on someone's back doorstep.

They needed an attraction. At least that was what the Treasurer, John Blackstone, suggested. There was little response, since no one could think of anything that could attract new people into the church.

‘What do people like to do around here?’ Blackstone persisted.

‘Play golf,’ came the terse reply from a lady in tweed. ‘My husband plays every Sunday at the Golf Club. Everyone goes there. Personally I hate golf – although I could manage a pretty good round of Crazy-Golf on Clacton seafront once upon a time.’

There was a pause and then the Treasurer said: ‘That's it! We'll have a crazy-golf course in church - for the families on week days and school holidays. We'll advertise it widely.’

Unfortunately the word got out and the PCC of St Mark's, two miles away, thought it was an excellent idea, too. Amongst their meagre congregation they had two carpenters who created a six hole crazy-golf course in a matter of a few days. The locals were thrilled and families queued at the church door, waiting their turn.

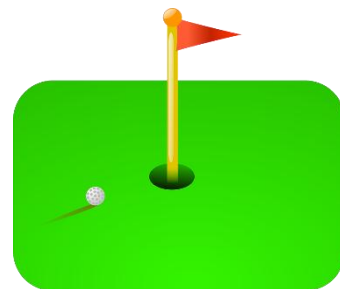
St Peter's PCC was dismayed. St Mark's had stolen a march on them. Unfair, unchristian and definitely underhand were the comments aired at their next meeting. John Blackstone said he would convey their disquiet to his opposite number at St Mark's

It turned out, however, that St Mark's church was smaller than St Peter's – quite a lot smaller, in fact. John Blackstone saw an opportunity. 'We will be installing a bigger crazy-golf course than yours,' he announced when the two met up. 'Since it was our idea in the first place, you can't say we are copying yours.'

'Oh, really?' came a non-committal response.

'Indeed we shall,' said John Backthorne, warming to his theme and with a triumphant tone in his voice. 'We will have more holes than you - which means.... we shall be holier than thou!'

*Howard Gray*



## Dates for April

### Daily

|               |                              |                 |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:15 – 9:45am | Morning Prayer               | St John Baptist |
| 12 – 1pm      | Eucharist – Catherine Chapel | St John Baptist |

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

|         |                |                 |
|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| 5 – 6pm | Evening Prayer | St John Baptist |
|---------|----------------|-----------------|

### Weekdays

|             |                                          |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| 9am – 10am  | Wednesdays Drop In at St Lawrence        |
| 10am – 12pm | The Parish Forum Open (except Wednesday) |
| 10am – 12pm | Thursdays Drop In at The Parish Forum    |

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### 1 Apr, Tue

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

### 2 Apr, Wed

|                 |                       |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Eucharist             | St Lawrence     |
| 1:10 – 1:50pm   | Organ Recital         | St John Baptist |
| 2:30 – 3:30pm   | Guided Tour           | St John Baptist |
| 6:30 – 7pm      | Stations of The Cross | Holy Trinity    |
| 7 – 9pm         | Full PCC/Accounts     | St Lawrence     |
| 7 – 8pm         | Eucharist             | Holy Trinity    |

### 3 Apr, Thu

|                 |                                   |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Guided Tour                       | St John Baptist |
| 12:30 – 1:30pm  | Lent Lunches -                    | St John Baptist |
| 2 – 3pm         | Stations of The Cross Lent Group- | St John Baptist |

### 4 Apr, Fri

|               |                         |                 |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 10 – 11am     | Lent Group              | St Lawrence     |
| 2:30 – 3:30pm | Guided Tour             | St John Baptist |
| 3 – 5pm       | Cirencester Food Pantry | Parish Hall     |
| Watermoor     |                         |                 |

### 5 Apr, Sat

|                 |                                                   |                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Guided Tour                                       | St John Baptist |
| 7:30 – 9:30pm   | St Cecilia Singers Resurrection and Light Concert | St John Baptist |

**6 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     |
| 12 – 1pm        | Baptism                          | Holy Trinity    |
| 4 – 5pm         | Choral Evensong                  | St John Baptist |
| 4 – 5pm         | Restore@4                        | St Lawrence     |
| Church          |                                  |                 |

**7 Apr, Mon**

|               |                    |                 |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 9:45 – 11am   | Little Angels      | St John Baptist |
| 2:30 – 3:30pm | Guided Tour        | St John Baptist |
| 5 – 5:30pm    | Organ Vespers      | St John Baptist |
| 5:30 – 6:30pm | Vicars Open Office | Parish Forum    |

**8 Apr, Tue**

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

**9 Apr, Wed**

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Guided Tour           | St John Baptist |
| 6:30 – 7pm      | Stations of The Cross | Holy Trinity    |
| 7 – 8pm         | Eucharist             | Holy Trinity    |

**10 Apr, Thu**

|                |                |                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 9:15 – 10:45am | Seedlings      | St Lawrence     |
| 12:30 – 1:30pm | Lent Lunches - | St John Baptist |
| 2:30 – 3:30pm  | Guided Tour    | St John Baptist |

**11 Apr, Fri**

|                 |                         |                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 10 – 11am       | Lent Group              | St Lawrence     |
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Guided Tour             | St John Baptist |
| 2:30 – 3:30pm   | Guided Tour             | St John Baptist |
| 3 – 5pm         | Cirencester Food Pantry | Parish Hall     |
| Watermoor       |                         |                 |

**12 Apr, Sat**

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|---------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7:30 – 9:15pm | Cotswold Philharmonia Premiere Concert | St John Baptist |
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**13 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         | Evening Prayer                   | St John Baptist |

**14 Apr, Mon**

|               |                       |                 |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 9:45 – 11am   | Little Angels         | St John Baptist |
| 2:30 – 3:30pm | Guided Tour           | St John Baptist |
| 6:30 – 7:30pm | Stations of The Cross | Holy Trinity    |
| 8 – 9pm       | Said Compline         | St Lawrence     |

**15 Apr, 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    |
| 6:30 – 7:30pm   | Stations of The Cross | Holy Trinity    |
| 8 – 9pm         | Sung Compline         | St John Baptist |

**16 Apr, Wed**

|               |                       |                 |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 2:30 – 3:30pm | Guided Tour           | St John Baptist |
| 6:30 – 7pm    | Stations of The Cross | Holy Trinity    |
| 7 – 8pm       | Eucharist             | Holy Trinity    |
| 8 – 9pm       | Said Compline         | Holy Trinity    |

**17 Apr, Thu**

|                 |                                             |                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Guided Tour                                 | St John Baptist |
| 7 – 8pm         | All Age Service of Thanksgiving             | Holy Trinity    |
| 7:30 – 10pm     | Liturgy of the Upper Room followed by Vigil | St John Baptist |

**18 Apr, Fri**

|             |                                     |                 |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9 – 10am    | 'Standing at the foot of the Cross' | St Lawrence     |
| 10am – 12pm | Messy Church                        | Holy Trinity    |
| 12 – 2pm    | Reflections                         | St John Baptist |
| 2 – 3pm     | Liturgy of the Cross                | St John Baptist |
| 3 – 5pm     | Cirencester Food Pantry             | Parish Hall     |

**20 Apr, Sun**

|                 |                                    |                 |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5:30 – 6:30am   | First Eucharist of Easter          | St John Baptist |
| 8 – 9am         | Easter Eucharist BCP - Lady Chapel | St John Baptist |
| 8 – 9am         | Easter Eucharist                   | Holy Trinity    |
| 10 – 11:30am    | Easter All Age Eucharist           | Holy Trinity    |
| 10 – 11:30am    | Easter All Age Eucharist           | St John Baptist |
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Easter Eucharist                   | St Lawrence     |
| 3 – 4pm         | Solemn Choral Evensong             |                 |

**21 Apr, Mon**

|                 |              |                 |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Guided Tour  | St John Baptist |
| 7:30 – 9pm      | Quarter Peal | St John Baptist |

**22 Apr, Tue**

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

**23 Apr, Wed**

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

**24 Apr, Thu**

|                 |                                    |                 |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:15 – 10:45am  | Seedlings                          | St Lawrence     |
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Mothers' Union Corporate Communion | St John Baptist |

**25 Apr, Fri**

|               |                         |                 |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 2:30 – 3:30pm | Guided Tour             | St John Baptist |
| 3 – 5pm       | Cirencester Food Pantry | Parish Hall     |

**27 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     |
| 12:30 – 1:30pm  | Baptism                          | Holy Trinity    |
| 4 – 5pm         | Taize                            | St John Baptist |

**28 Apr, Mon**

9:45 – 11am

2:30 – 3:30pm

5:30 – 6:30pm

Little Angels

Guided Tour

Vicars Open Office

St John Baptist

St John Baptist

Parish Forum

**29 Apr, Tue**

10:30 – 11:30am

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

**30 Apr, Wed**

10:30 – 11:30am

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

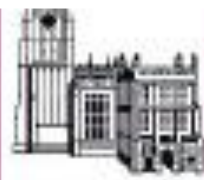
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Eucharist

Holy Trinity



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