

Parish Life Magazine

**Parish of Cirencester with
Watermoor and Chesterton**



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Magazine Thought



Whilst thinking about what I would write for the magazine I have kept coming back to 'Beginnings'. This has triggered thoughts of 'why?' It is the middle of August not a time for beginnings, it is a time of pausing, refreshment maybe a slower pace of life. We are into the Trinity season and I wonder how you view that. A time of no big festivals or frantic preparation for what lies ahead.

My thoughts then went back to events of this year and I began to understand. We have had a large number of funerals this summer, September starts a new school year. All signal beginnings for some in one way or the other. For the bereaved families they have to adjust to life without their loved one, a new beginning. For parents and children a new school year may mean new class, new teacher, new school, adjustment to a slightly different way of life, a new beginning. For many I know ill health has occurred this year, adjustments have to be made, new medicines, adapting to what one can do and what one cannot do, a new beginning.

So where do we turn for help with these adjustments to our lives? It would be easy to say church and the bible but I am pretty sure that they will come quite low down on your list. Family, friends and others in, or who have experienced, a similar situation is more likely.

There is in the bible lots of good suggestions and I have found the readings for morning prayer in the last few weeks have helped. We have read Job who throughout all his tribulations he never forgot God. His friends all had lots of good advice but not of much help to him. Again in the letter of James he keeps telling us not to lose sight of God and what he says. It may be a chance remark someone makes that helps us to make our beginning, or to reassess where we are in our life and whether we need to fully stop, take a deep breath before we move on. This may not seem like a beginning but it is in a different way. Every turn in our lives are new beginnings and when we reflect on our past

lives we can see where we were and where we are now.

As Christians we are people of hope and at this time with the world in such a mess we need to hold onto this. For all the dreadful things that are happening – war – monsoons – famine – lack of rain – starvation – we must have hope and pray for new beginnings so that all the people affected can start to live the lives they are meant to, the lives God wants for them. A new beginning – what a wonderful hope.

Rosemary Franklin

The Very Reverend Hugh Dickinson

Hugh died in early August having led a full life well into his nineties.

He was one of the most intelligent and knowledgeable people I have ever met and always willing to share his understanding of the Christian faith with others.



He was a regular contributor to this magazine and I always looked forward to receiving his contributions which were always thought provoking, relevant and (sometimes) controversial. He thought deeply about how the Christian faith could be made relevant to present times and to those who were not regular church-goers. He was not afraid to point out where the church was going wrong!

In 2016 he published a booklet *Christianity – A Primer for the Perplexed* which many people have found helpful.

He was also knowledgeable about science, the Universe, need to protect our planet and current affairs well into his nineties.

Despite having served in high office within the church (as Dean of Salisbury Cathedral) he was extremely humble. When he sent me

articles he always said publish this if you think it's worth it and if you have space.

I have republished below one of his final articles which appeared in late 2023. He talks about "the endless warfare, miseries and obscenities of our human story" which is so relevant today with wars in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and many other places.

Alan Barnes

ALL SHALL BE WELL?

I have been reading the magnificently illustrated book published by the British Museum during the eye opening Exhibition of the Assyrian Empires during the 2000 years before the birth of Jesus. There are thousands of huge carved gypsum panels illustrating the dramatic wars of great Emperors like Ashurnipal, in which hundreds of thousands of warriors, women and men perished horribly. These beautifully carved panels are like giant strip cartoons in which every detail of the weapons, and the wounds they inflicted on the corpses of the dead is meticulously recorded, as are the terrified columns of fleeing women and children, and the jumbled ruins of captured and looted cities. And large rivers blocked by dead bodies.

The fact that so little is widely known about these civilisations compared to all the publicity given to ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome, is partly due to the fact that they were not excavated until about 1850, and the huge treasures of thousands of cuneiform inscriptions not deciphered until then or later. For all its beauties it reminds us remorselessly about the endless warfares, miseries and obscenities of our human story. "Homo homini vulpus". Humankind devours its kin.

If that is the appalling truth about us, how can all ever be well? The only light in this darkness is given to me by Julian of Norwich who suffered horribly during the horrors of the Black Death. And then there

is light through her given by her absolute trust in Jesus, that Jesus who himself trusted in the Absolute Love of the Father even when he was enduring the physical agony and spiritual desolation and death in the pit of Hell. Julian had experienced in both her body and her soul a love and beauty and a Life that were Absolute BEYOND time and space where death pain and evil are endemic. Jesus also knew that absolute love which lives beyond the pit of Hell, which burns in time and space and where death is endemic. So whatever happens to our lovely blue green planet in time and space there is a Realm BEYOND. “There is a Yonder at the heart of things” So we can trust and have a realistic hope. So I believe.

HGD

Bible Trivia Quiz



Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah: he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter: she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?

A. Ruth-less.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson: he brought the house down.

*From a Bucket of surprises compiled by J. John and Mark Stibbe
(Monarch books)*



What about them?

Jesus is about to throw one of his famous parties. The invitations are ready to be distributed when one of his disciples (you or me?) sees the list and is horrified to see the names of a family that Jesus has invited.

I said to the Lord,
‘Lord, what about them, you know, them?’
He said to me,
‘Son, what about them, you know, them?’
I said, ‘Well, you’re on the whats-it, you are God’s Son.

You must be aware of the things they’ve done.
The things they’ve been into,
Their parents and grandparents before;
The wheeling and dealing, need I say more?
It’s been in all the papers which I suppose you’ve not read,
And everyone knows them, Lord, enough said?

Now I know they have said sorry and promised to stop
but your reaction to that, Lord, well, well over the top.
You’re throwing this party and you’ve asked them to come’
You’ll end like Peter and John,
‘Oh! Silver and gold have I none.’

You should do things in stages ’till they prove themselves,
Perhaps washing up in the kitchen or cleaning some shelves.
Later, maybe, serving drinks and taking food round,
Just gradually testing to ensure they are sound.
Then, after some months, if you’re pleased with what’s done
Well, they can be real guests at the party and join in the fun.’

‘Lord, I’m asking you simply to think this thing through
.....so I said to the Lord, ‘Lord, what about them?’
And he said to me, **‘Son, what about you?’**

JRM

The Tallis Choral Foundation

Sounds of the Sistine Chapel by Candlelight



Saturday 11th October | 5:30 PM | Tewkesbury Abbey

Celebrating 500 years since the birth of Palestrina, The Tallis Choral Foundation come to Tewkesbury Abbey with a candlelit performance of Renaissance masterworks.

At the heart of the programme is Allegri's iconic Miserere mei, Deus - long associated with the mystery and majesty of the Sistine Chapel. The programme also features music by Palestrina, Victoria, and haunting plainchant.

Rooted in the mission of the Tallis Choral Foundation, the performance brings together singers across generations for an evening of exceptional choral music in one of the UK's most atmospheric spaces.

Tickets now on sale. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sounds-of-the-sistine-chapel-tickets-1570281005759>

A little more about us:

Tallis Choral Foundation

The Tallis Choral Foundation is a newly established UK-registered charity (status pending), created to support and expand the work of the acclaimed vocal ensemble formerly known as The Tallis Consort. Rooted in a commitment to artistic excellence and education, the Foundation exists to bring exceptional choral music to audiences while offering meaningful performance opportunities to gifted young singers.

At the heart of the Foundation is a belief in music's power to inspire and connect. By bridging generations of performers and cultivating the talents of emerging artists, the Tallis Choral Foundation is helping to ensure a vibrant future for choral music in the UK and beyond.

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Sounds of the Sistine Chapel - Tewkesbury Abbey

Cirencester Foodbank.

Hello everyone, Roger's back !



Along with others I get regular updates from Food Bank on what items they need or have a surplus of along with any news items, I recently had an update from them which I feel is good to share regarding the folks who use the service, remembering it is a charity run organisation [Trussell Trust] so they are grateful for the donations they receive. Anyway, back to the reason for this article; I was amazed at the stats as they went against what I had assumed to be the case, with single men being the highest percentage users [what does that say ?] it really is an eye opener to read all the stats in relation to each other, nearly half have health issues and 75% rely only on benefits, it is reassuring to note our schools are referring families to this service.

Those among you who enjoy working figures can have fun with these s many people must occur in several findings. I will stress these are my own thoughts and no one else's.

I have attached the latest wanted list as an example, it will change from time to time.

We've found a new list of items requested. They are...

Angel Delight Brown Sauce, Cat Food, Chocolate, Gluten Free Products, Hot Dogs, Tinned Meat, Instant Coffee, Long-Life Juice Mayonnaise, Multipack Crisps, Snacks, Shampoo, Snacks Sponge Puddings, Tinned Curry, Tinned Mushrooms, Tinned Peas Tinned Soup, Tinned Sweetcorn, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables , Toilet Cleaner, Tomato Sauce, Washing Powder

Cirencester Foodbank currently doesn't need anymore of these items: Baked Beans, Biscuits, Dog Food, Pasta, Rice, Tinned Custard, Tinned Fish, Tinned Pulses.

21st July 2025

Dear Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of Cirencester Foodbank, I want to extend our upmost thanks for giving us 61.35 kg of donations during June and for your support which helps local people in crisis.

You may have already seen that, at the beginning of July, we released this years South Cotswold Food Poverty report.

The report reveals the persistent – and often hidden – scale of food poverty in the South Cotswolds, urging local policymakers and residents to take action through targeted, community-based support.

Cirencester Foodbank's latest data shows working families, single men and isolated communities facing rising food insecurity — with nearly half of referrals linked to poor health and housing debt.

Key findings from the report:

- 35% of referrals involved people in work
- 70% of referrals named women, but single-adult households were more likely to be men
- 72% of men referred lived alone; 75% relied solely on benefits
- 47% also have physical or mental health issues
- 50% of clients receiving debt advice through the Foodbank were also struggling with housing-related debt
- 41% of family referrals came directly from schools
- 37% were first-time foodbank users
- 20% of cases were triggered by unexpected expenses

You can watch the launch of the report on our Youtube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/@cirenfoodbank> and read the full report which is on our website at cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/news/south-cotswold-food-poverty-report-2025

Best wishes,



Anton Wynn

Head of Cirencester Foodbank

Cirencester Foodbank supports the southern area of the Cotswold District, which includes Cirencester, Tetbury, Fairford, Northleach, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

Angels in Disguise

More from Roger....



This next bit is nothing to do with food Bank but I thought some of our readers might find it interesting.

So, on a separate note an interesting situation occurred to me last weekend. To give a little background, a few years ago I gave myself a hernia trying to move a loaded pallet of carrots, it has been repaired but I still try to be careful on certain lifting or heavy jobs.

Anyway, I was involved in a fairly heavy physical job recently (moving a skip so we could empty the midden at Holy Trinity). I was using levers and rollers to assist and lighten the job, all was going fairly well when just 8ft from the final spot it needed to occupy, one of the rollers jammed on a stone or twig underneath.

It was stuck. I couldn't move it and still had to be careful of straining, so I resolved to leave it where it was and get help the next day.

Then I heard an unexpected voice behind me saying, "Hang on mate". On turning I saw that a young man had arrived behind me and had seen what I was trying to do,

He and I grabbed a piece of the skip and pushed and it flew into place. He said, "ok there?" I was very pleased and thanked him several times and he smiled and walked off.

When he had gone I thanked our Lord for his assistance and for arriving just as I was giving up.

Makes you think doesn't it ?

Praise the Lord!

Roger Hester (Holy Trinity Warden)



Walkers at a previous Walk for Longfield

FINAL- PRESS RELEASE

**Walk (& Talk) for
Local Hospice –
September 6th**

Longfield Community Hospice’s popular fundraising walk is back — and this year, the charity is putting talking at the heart of it.

This soul-enriching walk brings people together for fresh air and good conversation. This year, the hospice’s counsellors will be walking the journey alongside Longfield supporters and the local community – just as they do with the patients they support through counselling services.

“This event is about more than fundraising,” said Lena Pabreza, Senior Counselling Manager at Longfield. “It’s about community, connection, and showing that people affected by a life-limiting diagnosis or grief are not alone.”

The walk starts from Longfield Hospice in Minchinhampton on Saturday 6 September 2025 from 3pm to 7pm. Longfield are inviting people to bring along friends, family and even the dog for a relaxed walk across Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons: breathtaking panoramic views guaranteed.

After everyone has got their steps in, there is a chance to return to the hospice grounds for live music, food, drink and garden games.

Those who wish to can donate or raise sponsorship on top of the registration fee to support the hospice's free services, which include expert palliative care, wellbeing therapies, bereavement support, and comfort for patients and families across Gloucestershire.

Whether walking in memory of someone special or wanting to support the charity, **everyone is welcome**. Walkers do not need a connection to Longfield to join in. The walk is suitable for all ages and abilities, with a choice of 5 or 10k routes.

Register your place today to walk, talk, and make every step count for Longfield Community Hospice.

The registration fee is from £7.50 for adults and £5 for children with additional costs for food. Walkers can sign up at: longfield.org.uk/walk or call friendly fundraising team on 01453 886868.

Longfield Community Hospice is based in Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire. As well as providing Hospice at Home care, Longfield also offers help and support to patients, families and carers through a range of Wellbeing and Bereavement Counselling services at the Hospice and Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton.

For media enquiries please contact: media@longfield.org.uk

Phone: [01453 886868](tel:01453886868) longfield.org.uk

Walk. Talk. Eat. Drink. Have Fun.

Sat 6 Sept 2025

3pm - 7pm



LONGFIELD
Community Hospice

Walk (& Talk) for Longfield

Our popular walk is back — and this year, we're putting talking at the heart of it.

Choose from a 5k or 10k route starting from our hospice grounds. Our counsellors will be walking the journey with you – just as they do with patients we support through our counselling services.

After your walk, stay and enjoy live music, delicious food, refreshing drinks and relaxing garden games.

Sign up at:
longfield.org.uk/walk

From £5 Child / £7.50 Adult Additional cost for food

Scan to Book



longfield.org.uk/walk

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**From the Parish Magazine of
January 1911**

Clergy Stalls at Holy Trinity.

The contributions at present received or promised amount to £30 14s. Estimates for the work have been received from three different firms; the lowest was that submitted by Mr W H Saunders, £45 10s, and this has been accepted.



Mr. Saunders is prepared to do a part of the work for £30 15s, viz, the desks and platforms without the seats, and it would be possible to substitute chairs for the seats at all events for a time; but it seems a pity to do only a part of the work when barely £15 more is needed to do the whole, and Mr. Saunders estimates that it would cost £2 2s 6d extra to complete the work at a subsequent date.

It would hardly be right to give the order without some guarantee that the money will be forthcoming. It may sometimes be necessary for the church to run into debt, but the proposed clergy stalls, though they promise to be of great advantage to the congregation as well as to the clergy and choir, cannot be regarded as an absolute *necessity*.

The order will not therefore be given until the money is either collected or promised. Many have already given most generously; perhaps there are some who are still intending to give contributions and others who might even be willing to increase the contributions which they have already offered. If so will they be so good as to send in one of the envelopes provided in church for the purpose as soon as possible? We shall not need the money for at least two months, but if sufficient *promises* are received it will be possible to give the order in time for the work to be completed by Easter.

AJK

Musings in Mark

2025 Sept Mark 7:20-23



He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. [21] For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come— sexual immorality, theft, murder, [22] adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. [23] All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

It’s in the context of a challenge from the Jews that he and his disciples were failing to observe the food laws that Jesus makes this observation. The implication was that by failing to wash hands, pots and kettles, the disciples were making themselves unclean.

Jesus makes a very interesting statement in verse 15, *“Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”*

It was thought - and was then still taught - that unclean foods and failing to observe meal traditions made the person ‘unclean’, or as here, defiled. Yet Jesus turns the whole concept on its head; we are not defiled by foods or traditions, but by what we express, and he lists a dozen behaviour patterns and also attitudes that defile us. Because we have allowed them to live inside us.

Perhaps we can understand how some activities defile, adultery, murder, theft or deceit, but it is also other attitudes that defile us, to be malicious about another, to slander, speak ill of another - which one could term gossip - arrogance, the idea that I know or am best. Even folly, elsewhere described as being unbelieving of God in our lives.

I find it quite challenging that this list, not a few of which are found in the Christian Church, actually defile the individual that expresses these attitudes; it doesn’t defile those of which we speak, but ourselves.

So much of this list is ignored because we don’t feel that we do such bad things as those, but when we look at Jesus’ teaching we find we

can murder another through anger and hatred, we steal people's reputations by what we say about them, we commit adultery in our minds, not necessarily our beds and our words and humour can express many of the others.

We are called to be upbuilding, strengthening and encouraging, perhaps enabling others who meet us to feel that in some way they have met with Jesus.

Quite a challenge!

Rev Paul

Highlights from the Parochial Church Council (PCC)



The PCC last met on the 9th of July 2025. Updates were received on several projects including two that will initially be funded by private anonymous donations. Firstly, we are proceeding with replacing the audio-visual equipment at St Lawrence, namely projector, screen, speakers, microphones and amplifier; and, secondly, a monthly advertising spot in *The Local Answer* has been retained for a year to promote selected activities of the Parish. The first advertisement is in the August edition and is promoting *The Wellbeing Journey* course being conducted at St Lawrence.

Additionally, updates on two major projects at St John Baptist were received. Firstly, we are still awaiting final decision from the Diocesan Advisory Council (DAC) on the St John Baptist Project to install seven loos, install a servery in the South Aisle and replace existing Scott pews with lightweight stackable pews, to make the church a more attractive venue for the congregation, visitors and income-generating events. We expect to receive final approval from the DAC to proceed with the project soon, although with strong guidance from the DAC and its consultees we have dropped the replacement of the pews from our

faculty application.

Secondly, we were pleased to note that the St John Baptist Churchyard Project — including new paving stones, work on the drains, ironwork, lighting, relocation of the Church noticeboard on the pathway leading from the Market Square to the Churchyard, and installation of bin storage — is proceeding well and should be completed by the end of August 2025.

Finally on projects, the PCC agreed to proceed with installation of Solar Panels at St John Baptist pending the submittal and approval of a necessary Faculty to the DAC and a planning application to the Council. It is estimated payback of this project will be about 9 years and result in savings of £48,780 over a 25 year period.

Under safeguarding, Reverend Luke Falvey and Aileen Anderson, Churchwarden and Safeguarding Officer, visited the Diocesan Safeguarding Team to discuss our Safeguarding programme and use of the Dashboard system on their website to track and monitor compliance with the various requirements. Using this tool, a Safeguarding Action Plan will be submitted to and regularly reviewed at future PCC meetings.

In July, the *Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements* for the year ending 31 December 2024 were completed and approved by the PCC. Since this was not submitted to and discussed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May 2025, a Special Parochial Church Meeting was convened on 27 July 2025. Minutes of these meetings are available on the PCC section of the Parish website along with other information on the PCC.

Finally, the PCC was pleased to note that Brian Senior has recently transferred his licence as a Reader to our Parish, and his ministerial focus will be as a Focal Minister at St Lawrence.

Mark Dennis, Secretary

Mothers' Union Letter



Dear Members and Friends,

A highlight of the summer for me was the Quiet Day at Harnhill on the 19th June. It's a wonderful place to be quiet in, and our speaker was Bishop Bob Evans. His talks entitled 'Available for God'; 'Faithful to God'; and 'Travelling with God' were inspiring and interspersed with slides of paintings, poems and music. After each talk we had space for reflection. The day was sunny and warm and we were able to wander around the garden, meet old friends and browse in the bookshop.

The day finished with a short service of Holy Communion, after which we set off for home with lots to think about.

Another highlight of the Mothers' Union year was the Mary Sumner Day Picnic on August 9th. Arranged by Elizabeth Reay, members were invited to celebrate the day in and around Down Hatherley church. The Picnic was held in the gardens of the Old Rectory, where Elizabeth grew up and where her brother lives. *(See Photos below)*



Bacon butties and soft drinks were served and MU stalls displayed cards and gifts.

The afternoon concluded with a service for Mary Sumner Day in the church led by the Revd Rosemary Franklin.

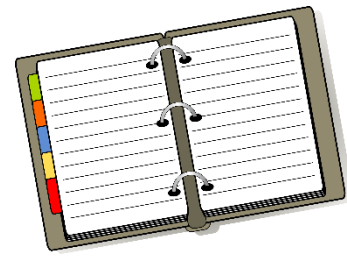
Sadly we lost three of our members during the summer: Jean Wright died on 12th May, Cynthia Brett on 14th May, and Jane Lewis on 26th June. Each of their Thanksgiving services was a true celebration of their lives.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

With love,

Rosemary Roberts

Diary Dates:



September

- Wed 3rd 2.30 pm. Parish Hall, Watermoor. Speaker: Revd Katie McLure 'The Life of a Hospital Chaplain'.
Bring and Buy
- Thurs 4th Wave of Prayer 1pm – 2pm
- Wed 17th 1pm Members' Day at St Philip & St James Church, Hucclecote
- Thurs 25th 10.30am MU Corporate Communion, Lady Chapel, Parish Church
- Thurs 25th 7.30pm Chill & Chatter
- Fri 26th 12noon Cathedral Prayers, Cirencester with Fairford Deanery
- Sat 27th Mothers' Union Provincial Gathering, The King's Centre, Oxford

October

- Wed 1st 2.30pm Parish Hall, Watermoor
Speaker: Revd Catherine Lomas 'Iconography – Seeing God's World Differently'



MU Picnic
Photos by Peter Cottey



VIVAMENTE VOICES CONCERTS

Dorset-based choir, Vivamente Voices, is delighted to have the opportunity to perform some of their favourite songs for you as part of their weekend tour.

Songs include

Adele * Ed Sheeran * Calum Scott
Wizard of Oz * Carousel * Guys and Dolls



Fri 26th Sept

**The Minster
Cheltenham**

44 Clarence Street GL50 3PL

5.00pm

FREE ENTRY

Retiring collection in aid of the
Friends of Cheltenham Minster



Sat 27th Sept

**Holy Trinity
Cirencester**

32 Watermoor Road GL7 1JR

2.00pm

FREE ENTRY

Retiring collection in aid of
Holy Trinity Church

A Brief Biography of Vivamente Voices

Vivamente Voices is a vibrant community choir from Wimborne in Dorset. They rehearse regularly throughout the year, performing in a number of concerts, community events and festivals. Their repertoire is varied and includes classic and contemporary pop, songs from the musicals and a little gospel. A choir with a big heart, they have donated over £15k to local good causes in recent years.

Whether in rehearsals, workshops, day trips or weekend tours, the choir have a great deal of fun in sharing their love of singing with each other and their audiences.

The choir are delighted to be performing recitals in Cheltenham Minster and Holy Trinity Cirencester while on tour in the area in September. The repertoire includes: music from the film *Cats*, from the musicals *Guys and Dolls*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Carousel*; songs by Adele, Calum Scott and Ed Sheeran and a beautiful Zulu prayer for peace.

And finally....

By their initials ye shall know them



We have heard of J D Vance – Vice president of the United States

Then there was W B Yeats – 19th Century Irish poet

And W G Grace – a famous English cricketer

Also D H Lawrence – well known English author

And A A Milne – author of *Winnie the Pooh*

Of course we all know H G Wells – famous English author

And J R R Tolkien – author of *The Lord of the Rings*

Also P D James – English writer and life peer.....

.....but have we heard of W D Forté – the oil magnate?

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

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
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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

1 Sep, 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

2 Sep, Tue

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
11am – 12pm	Thanksgiving for George Field	Holy Trinity
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	St John Baptist

3 Sep, Wed

10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9pm	Organ Festival	St John Baptist

4 Sep, Thu

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
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5 Sep, Fri

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

6 Sep, Sat

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

7 Sep, 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	All Age Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Choral Evensong	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore@4	St Lawrence

8 Sep, Mon

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9 Sep, Tue

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6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity

10 Sep, Wed

7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
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11 Sep, Thu

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

12 Sep, Fri

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
3 – 5pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall

13 Sep, Sat

10 – 11am	Tower Open	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Wedding	St John Baptist

14 Sep, 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	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist

15 Sep, Mon

9:45 – 11am

Little Angels

St John Baptist

7:30 – 9pm

Quarter Peal

St John Baptist

16 Sep, Tue

2:30 – 3:30pm

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

6:30 – 9pm

Bell Ringing

Holy Trinity

17 Sep, Wed

10:30 – 11:30am

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

7 – 8:30pm

PCC Standing Committee

St Lawrence

7 – 8pm

Eucharist

Holy Trinity

18 Sep, Thu

10:30 – 11:30am

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

2:30 – 3:30pm

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

19 Sep, Fri

3 – 5pm

Cirencester Food Pantry

Parish Hall

20 Sep, Sat

10am – 1:30pm

Tower Opening

St John Baptist

10:30 – 11:30am

Guided Tour

St John Baptist

2 – 3pm

Wedding

St John Baptist

4 – 8:30pm

Bell Peal

St John Baptist

21 Sep, 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

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St Lawrence

4 – 5pm

Thanksgiving for the Heritage of the Town

Choral Evensong

St John Baptist

22 Sep, Mon

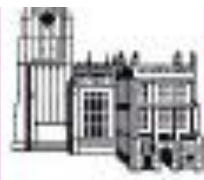
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Little Angels

St John Baptist

10:45 – 11:45am	RAU Matriculation	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
24 Sep, Wed		
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
25 Sep, Thu		
9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
10:30 – 11:30am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
26 Sep, Fri		
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
3 – 5pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall
27 Sep, Sat		
1:30 – 2:30pm	Wedding	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Vivamente Voices Recital	Holy Trinity
28 Sep, 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
1:30 – 2:30pm	Baptism	Holy Trinity
4 – 5pm	Evening Worship	St John Baptist
29 Sep, Mon		
9:45 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	Parish Forum
30 Sep, Tue		
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

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