



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

The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
18th January 2026

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole
creation
to your glory, hidden through
past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 49.1-7

49 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.
³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'
⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been
given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you
wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the
end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is
faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1.29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of
God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, “After me
comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ³¹ I myself did not
know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed
to Israel.’ ³² And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove,
and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to
baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is
the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.”’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have
testified that this is the Son of God.’

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched
Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ The two disciples
heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them
following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’
(which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come
and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that
day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John
speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his
brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated
Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are
Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

Post Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 18th January - The Second Sunday after The Epiphany

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This Week's Sunday Services more information: www.cirenparish.co.uk

St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP and 10a.m. Eucharist; 4p.m. Evening Worship

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 10a.m. Eucharist

St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Eucharist; 4p.m. Restore@4

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 25th January - The Conversion of St. Paul

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Acts 9.1-22; Matthew 19.27-20

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Parish Forum open for enquiries Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri...10a.m. – Midday

Canon Graham is available every Monday 5.30 - 6.30p.m. in the Parish Forum

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

A big **thank you** to all those who donated **poinsettias** in memory of loved ones for the decoration of **Holy Trinity** at **Christmas**. I have had many comments on how lovely the church looked, so thank you again. If there are any still in church on January 11th and you would like to take one home, please do so. *Kathie Cottey*

On **20th January** at **7.30pm** in **St Lawrence** church we are running an introduction to a new 6 week course to learn **Mindfulness** from a Christian perspective. This has strong connections with Christian meditation and contemplation, and is an accredited course for everyone. Email office@cirenparish.co.uk if you'd like to book a place.

Mothers' Union. Corporate Communion on **Thursday January 22nd** is at **12noon** in the **Parish Church**.

Mothers' Union. Chill and Chatter is on **Thursday January 22nd** at **7.30pm** in the Vicarage (41 Rendcomb Drive). All welcome.

Holocaust Memorial Day in Cirencester. Tuesday 27th January 12.30-1.15pm. Tithe Barn at the Royal Agricultural University. On the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp, we gather to tell the stories of genocide - in WW2, Cambodia, Rwanda, Yugoslavia & Darfur. We will listen, pause, pray, resolve to act & light a candle. Led by Matt Frost, RAU chaplain. Refreshments served throughout.

Contributions to pewleaflet@cirenparish.co.uk by Tuesday evening please!

Planned Giving for 2026. We should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given so generously in 2025, either by Direct Debit, Standing Order or Weekly Envelopes. New boxes of envelopes are available in church. If you have started to give by Direct Debit or Standing Order and do not require a new box of envelopes, please let me know so that the box can be removed from church. If any other members of the congregation would like to join this scheme, please give your name and telephone number to one of the Churchwardens, the Parish Office or contact me by phone on 01285 652113 or by email at PTWCiren@aol.com. Thanks. *Peter Wilson*

Members of Sunday's Book of Common Prayer (BCP) congregation have been saying lay-led **BCP Morning Prayer** at **7.30am** on **Wednesdays** in the **Chapel of St George the Martyr at the RAU** (Stroud Road entrance, plenty of parking) with coffee afterwards. They recommence on 21st January. They would welcome members of our congregations to join them. Any enquiries to Benjamin Janes via WhatsApp on 07788740404.

From the Parish Calendar:

- Sun 18 Jan 5pm: Quarter Peal – St John Baptist
- Mon 19 Jan 3.15pm: Organ Anniversary Concert & Presentation – St John Baptist
- Tue 20 Jan 5pm: Choral Scholars Evensong – St John Baptist
- Tue 20 Jan 7.30pm: Christian Wellbeing Course – St Lawrence
- Wed 21 Jan 2.30pm: Cirencester Prayer Group – Parish Forum
- Wed 21 Jan 7pm: Full PCC – St Lawrence
- Thu 22 Jan 9.15am: Seedlings – St Lawrence
- Thu 22 Jan 12noon: MU Corporate Communion St John Baptist
- Sat 24 Jan 9am: Walk through the Bible NT – St Lawrence

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Monday to Saturday:

St John Baptist: Morning Prayer: Daily at 9.15am

Midday Eucharist: Daily at noon (Saturday at 10am)

Evening Prayer: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 5pm

Little Angels: Mondays at 9.30am

Holy Trinity: Eucharist: Wednesdays at 7pm

St Lawrence: Drop In: Wednesdays at 9am

Parish Forum: Coffee & Chat: Thursdays at 10am

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