



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

The Baptism of Christ
(Epiphany 1)
11th January 2026

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and
the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your
adopted children;
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 Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus
as your Son:
may we recognize him as our
Lord
and know ourselves to be your
beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Isaiah 42.1-9

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Matthew 3.13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**BCP Sunday 11th January - The First Sunday after The Epiphany/
The Baptism of Christ**

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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

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

St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Service of the Word

Next week's CW readings for 18th January - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

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

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

St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP and 10a.m. Eucharist; 4p.m. Choral Evensong

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

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

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 **Flute and Piano** recital is taking place on **Saturday 24th January 2026** in Cirencester Parish Church, **12.15-1.15pm**. **Mark Sandon-Williams (Piano)** and **Sarah Wilby (Flute)**. Retiring collection

Programme: Reinecke: Flute and Piano Sonata 'Undine' Op. 137

Debussy: L'isle Joyeuse

Franck: Flute and Piano Sonata in A major

The Parish Church has an **archive of our choir's music** from the 1980s and early 1990s, available for anyone to investigate and play tracks from, on a computer currently located under the tower. Its display needs regular 'cleaning up' after people have used it and left the screen in a mess. Would anyone like to **share in this not-very-difficult job**, please? - at the same time get to know the wealth of recorded music from that period, under the late Revd John Beck. *Please contact Eric Roberts, ferricroberts@gmail.com, or 01285 657231.*

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

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

Mothers' Union. Chill and Chatter is on **Thursday January 22nd at 7.30pm** in the Vicarage.

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*

The **Royal Agricultural University (RAU)** have been saying lay-led **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. We 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 11 Jan 3pm: - Nativity Organ Music (James Thomas) – St John Baptist
- Mon 12 Jan 10.30am: Prayers for the Persecuted Church – Holy Trinity
- Thu 15 Jan 9am: Gutter Clearance – Holy Trinity & Parish Hall
- Thu 15 Jan 1pm: Finance Sub Committee – Parish Forum
- Thu 15 Jan 2pm: Thanksgiving Service (Caroline St. Pier) – St John Baptist
- Sat 17 Jan 10am: Wedding Meetings for 2026 Couples – St John Baptist
- Sat 17 Jan 5pm: Vivaldi and Mozart Candlelight Experience – St John Baptist
- Sat 17 Jan 7pm: Vivaldi and Mozart Candlelight Experience – St John Baptist

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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