



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

The Sunday next before Lent
15th February 2026

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to
glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or Holy God,
you know the disorder of our
sinful lives:
set straight our crooked
hearts,
and bend our wills to love
your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 24.12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1.16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17.1-9

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 15th February: Quinquagesima

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

St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP Eucharist; 10a.m. Confirmation Eucharist (+Robert);
4p.m. Choral Evensong
Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist; 10a.m. Eucharist; 12.30p.m. Baptism
St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Eucharist; 4p.m. Restore@4

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 22nd February – The First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

BCP Sunday 22nd February: The First Sunday in Lent

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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. Evening Worship
Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 10a.m. Eucharist
St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Eucharist

The **Venerable Katrina Scott** will be the celebrant at the **8am BCP Eucharist** at **St John Baptist** next Sunday. She will also be at **St Lawrence** for their **10.30am** service.

Parish Forum open for enquiries Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri...10a.m. – Midday
Canon Graham's Open Office is NOT available this Monday 16th February 2026

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

Articles for 'Parish Life', the Parish Magazine: The parish magazine email has changed: It is now **cirenparishmagazine@gmail.com** Articles for each edition should be submitted to the editors, please, on the above email by the 16th day of the previous month.

Please could you return last year's **Palm Crosses** to your respective church, in readiness for Ash Wednesday.

All are welcome to the **Ash Wednesday** (February 18th) services at **St John Baptist** at **12.00noon** and at **Holy Trinity**, Watermoor at **7pm**.

The next prayer meeting to pray for Cirencester will be on **Wednesday 18th February** at **2.30pm** in the **Parish Forum**. This month we will be praying for the vision of our churches. Please come along and join us, everyone is welcome.

Jubilate Choir will be performing at **St John Baptist** on **Saturday 21st February** at **2pm**. Entry is free with a retiring collection. There will be music for everyone.

Cirencester 10K is taking place on **Sunday 22nd February**: The Market Place will be closed from **5:00am** and other roads from 8:00am to 12:00noon. A full list of affected roads, along with detailed maps of the route, are available on their website **www.runcirencester.co.uk**

Paul Springate is running **Lent Groups** again this year beginning in the week beginning 22nd February. The **Monday** group in the **Form** at **7.30pm** and **Wednesday's** at **Mary Chapman's** at **2.30pm**. The theme is "Before the Throne", based on Revelation 4, looking at how we live our lives in the presence of our father, the King. Contact: **revpaul@cirenparish.co.uk**

Mothers' Union Members Day is on **Wednesday February 25th 10am** for 10.30am at St Philip and St James Church, Hucclecote.

The **Croome Lecture** will be held at **St John Baptist** on **Wednesday February 25th** at **7.30pm**. The talk on **Local Places and The Arthurian Tradition** will be given by **Dr Mary Bateman** (University of Bristol). Entry is free and it should be a fascinating talk. All are welcome!

Lent Lunches at **St John Baptist** start on **Thursday February 26th** at **12.30pm**. The focus will be on **Leaders in Education** with **Claire Stickney** (Reception Teacher and RE lead at Powell's School). The simple Lent lunch will be provided by the **Mothers' Union** with surplus funds going to their ongoing projects. All are welcome to attend the Midday Eucharist beforehand.

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

Mothers' Union Corporate Communion is on **Thursday February 26th** at **12noon** in the **Parish Church**.

Following the success last year in the Cathedral **Faithful Generations** is coming to us on **Saturday 28th February, 12noon to 4pm** at **St John Baptist**. Everyone of grandparent generation and the children they love and care for in their families, churches and communities are invited. Explore Christian faith and spirituality through Dance, Prayer space Stories, Interactive worship ... and more This will be a **drop in** day, so everyone is welcome at any time.

Our next **Wednesday Organ Recital** (March 4th) will be given by **Stephen King, Organist Emeritus** at **Brentwood Cathedral**. The recital is at 1.10pm and entry is free with a retiring collection.

Book of Common Prayer 7.30am Wednesday at the RAU Chapel.

A big thank you to all those who attended the **Mothers' Union Soup Lunch** on February 11th. **£219.30** was raised for MU projects.

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 16 Feb 7.30pm: Quarter Peal – St John Baptist
- Wed 18 Feb 12noon: Ash Wednesday Service – St John Baptist
- Wed 18 Feb 2.30pm: Cirencester Prayer Group – Parish Forum
- Wed 18 Feb 7pm: Ash Wednesday Service – Holy Trinity
- Thu 19 Feb 1pm: Finance Sub Committee – Parish Forum
- Sat 21 Feb: 2pm: Jubilate Choir Concert – St John Baptist
- Sun 22 Feb 5am onwards: Cirencester 10K run

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Monday to Saturday:

St John Baptist: Morning Prayer: Daily at 9.15am (not Saturday)

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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