

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family
to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

1 Samuel 1.20-28

²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’

²¹ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ ²³ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. ²⁴ When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷ For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’
She left him there for the Lord.

Colossians 3.12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19.25b-27

^{25b} Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 15th March - The Fourth Sunday in Lent [Mothering Sunday - Laetare Sunday - Refreshment Sunday]

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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. Choral Evensong

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist; 10a.m. Eucharist;
4p.m. Mother's Day Run Away Service

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

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 22nd March - The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

BCP Sunday 22nd March - The Fifth Sunday in Lent [Passiontide begins]

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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

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

To mark **Mothering Sunday**, Claire McCollum is in Liverpool celebrating 150 years of the Mothers' Union and meeting mums inspired by faith to show God's love and care to those in need. BBC One at 1.15pm today and then on BBC iPlayer.

This week's **Thursday Lent Lunches** at **St John Baptist** at 12.30pm continues to focus on **Leaders in Education** with **Jo Lindley** (Head Teacher at Kingshill) The simple Lent lunch provided by the **Mothers' Union** with surplus funds going to their ongoing projects. All are welcome to attend the Midday Eucharist beforehand with the talk beginning at 1pm with a time for questions afterwards.

As a parish we have been privileged to see **Revd Julian Wilson** grow into his ministry among us, first as **Assistant Curate** and then as **Associate Priest**. We would like to offer him a **farewell gift** in thanksgiving for his time and service here. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked "**Fr J**" and give it to the **Churchwardens** of your church. A **farewell gathering** will take place at **Saint Lawrence Church** on **Saturday 25 April at 4.00 p.m.** This will include a short service of **Evening Prayer**, followed by **light refreshments**.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, messages, cards and flowers during my recent stay in hospital. It meant so much to me. I am now recovering well. *Janet Bowler*

The next **prayer meeting** to pray for Cirencester will be on **Wednesday 18th March** at **3pm (please note amended time)** in the **Parish Forum**. This month we will be praying for our neighbours & our neighbourhoods. Please come along and join us, everyone is welcome."

On **Saturday March 21st** at **7pm**, **Treorchy Male Choir** will be coming to **St John Baptist** to perform a truly wonderful concert raising funds for the Parish. Join us for an evening of fun and song! Tickets available online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pcc-of-cirencester/t-mjovraa>

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

Mothers' Union. The next meeting of **Chill & Chatter** is on **Thursday March 26th** at **7.30pm**. Please note the meeting will take place at the home of Amanda Wheatley, 55 Corinium Gate.

Mothers Union members are holding a **Cake Sale** on **Palm Sunday March 29th** in the **Parish Hall, Watermoor** after the 10am service. Donations of cakes will be most welcome. All monies raised will go to MU projects in this 150th Anniversary year.

On **April 17th**, the **Illuminated Orchestra** are coming to **St John Baptist** to give two concerts (**6.15pm and 8.45pm**) of music by Hans Zimmer and other film favourites. Tickets can be found at illuminatedorchestra.co.uk

On **April 24th** at **7.30pm**, we will be welcoming **The King's Men** to **St John Baptist**. Due to popular demand, the singers from King's College, Cambridge will be returning with what should be a wonderfully varied and exciting programme, ranging from classical to more contemporary music.

The **Three Phantoms** will be in Concert in the Parish Church on **Monday 11th May** at **7.30pm**. Tickets £29.50 available from Calon Hearts Uk. (calonhearts.org).

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 16 Mar 2.30pm: Funeral (Hazel Hill) – Holy Trinity
- Mon 16 Mar 7.30pm: Quarter Peal – St John Baptist
- Tue 17 Mar from 8am: Energy Meter Replacement – St John Baptist & St Lawrence
- Tue 17 Mar 1.15pm: Powells School Rehearsal – St John Baptist
- Wed 18 Mar 1pm: Funeral and Reception (Aileen Anderson) – St John Baptist
- Wed 18 Mar 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross – Holy Trinity
- Wed 18 Mar 7pm: Full PCC/Accounts – St Lawrence
- Thu 19 Mar 1pm: Finance Sub Committee – Parish Forum
- Fri 20 Mar 9.30am: Organ Tuning – St John Baptist
- Sat 21 Mar 7pm: Treorchy Male Voice Choir Concert – St John Baptist

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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: Stations of the Cross (during Lent): Wednesdays at 6.30pm

St Lawrence: Drop In: Wednesdays at 9am

Parish Forum: Coffee & Chat: Thursdays at 10am