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From the Vicarage: Spring, Memory, and the Hope of Easter



Shakespeare begins Sonnet 98 with the words: *“From you have I been absent in the spring, When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim, Hath put a spirit of youth in everything...”*

Though the sonnet speaks of separation, its imagery is full of life—renewal, joy, and the promise of things yet to flourish. Spring has always carried that sense of possibility.

As I write this month’s letter, preparing also for Aileen’s funeral address, I am struck by the contrast between the warmth outside and the weight of our grief. The spring sunshine pours through the window, warming both heart and soul. In the Vicarage garden the forsythia is radiant, the pear tree is ready to unfurl its leaves, and the apple tree is forming its first hints of blossom. The snowdrops have stepped aside for the bright Tête-à-Tête daffodils proudly lifting their faces to the light.

How I love the spring. The lengthening days, the promise of clocks soon to leap forward, the sense that the world is stretching awake again.

My thoughts drift to Wordsworth’s *Intimations of Immortality*, especially those lines that capture both beauty and the quiet ache of something passing:

*The Rainbow comes and goes,
And lovely is the Rose...
The sunshine is a glorious birth;
But yet I know, where’er I go,
There hath passed away a glory from the earth.
Spring reminds us of the fragility of life—how beauty comes, and how it goes.*

And so my thoughts return to Aileen.

Aileen was, in every sense, a *tour de force*. Her enthusiasm for life, her commitment to every task she undertook, and her deep faith made her a

presence you felt before she even spoke. Like spring breaking through winter's dullness, when Aileen entered a room you didn't just hear her—you felt the atmosphere lift. We mourn her passing deeply.

As Lent has unfolded, we have found ourselves stepping into the many roles she so faithfully carried. Yet she has left us a legacy that continues to bear fruit. We carry on—not out of duty alone, but because she showed us how.

A colleague captured her beautifully:

“I hold Aileen in the highest respect... She walked that fine line of being a supreme diplomat while never compromising the truth or her own integrity.”

Everything she did was for others—for the parish, for the town, and for the church she loved. No wonder Ecclesiastes felt the right reading at her funeral: *“For everything there is a season...”* Her death, though painfully untimely for us, rests in God's perfect timing for her.

As the clocks prepare to leap forward and Holy Week approaches, we are invited to reflect on our own spiritual growth. Easter is coming—the great proclamation that death does not have the final word.

At dawn on Easter Day, as we light the new fire at 6 a.m., gather for the Sunrise service, and witness the Market Place transformed by Revd Catherine's art installation proclaiming the name of Christ, we will be reminded again of the truth Aileen lived by: that in Christ, new life always breaks through.

This is our spring. Our new beginning. Our invitation to live out our faith with joy, belonging, and renewed purpose. I pray that your Lenten journey has prepared your heart for the celebration ahead—a celebration of God's love, God's light, and God's promise to be with us always.

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” —
Matthew 28:18–20

Canon Graham

He is Risen! Alleluia!

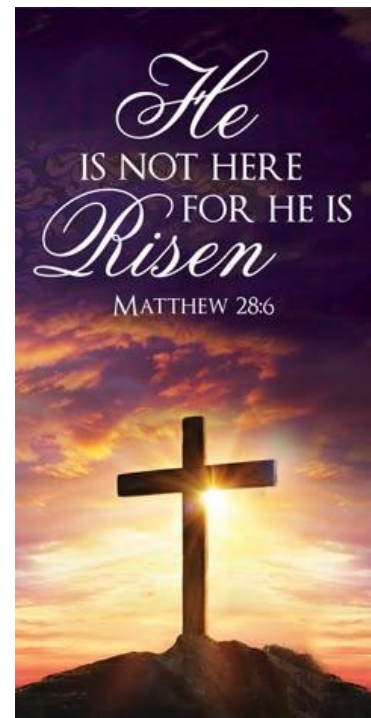
Easter stands at the very heart of the Christian faith. It is the joyful proclamation that life is stronger than death, that hope can be born even out of sorrow, and that God's love is never defeated. After the quiet reflection of Lent and the solemn days of Holy Week, Easter morning breaks with light, joy, and renewed promise.

The Easter story begins in the darkness of the tomb but does not remain there. It moves us towards the astonishing discovery that Christ is risen, and with that discovery comes a message that continues to speak powerfully into our lives today. In a world often marked by uncertainty, anxiety, and weariness, Easter reminds us that new beginnings are possible and that God is at work even when we least expect it.

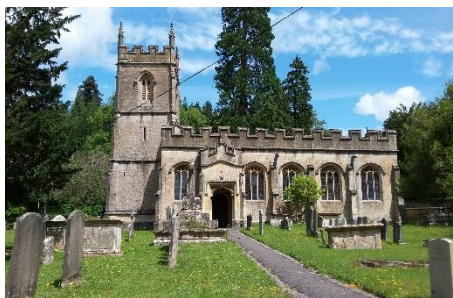
This season is also closely connected with the rhythms of the natural world around us. As flowers push through the soil and days grow longer, we are reminded that renewal is woven into creation itself. Easter invites us to notice these signs of hope and to allow them to rekindle faith, courage, and compassion within us.

Whether you join us in church this Easter, pause for quiet reflection at home, or simply enjoy the signs of spring in your daily life, we hope that the message of Easter will speak to you. May it bring reassurance in difficult times, joy in shared moments, and a renewed sense of purpose for the days ahead.

Easter is not just a single day but a season that invites us to live in the light of resurrection—carrying hope, love, and peace into our homes, our parish, and our community.



Farewell to Fr Julian and Licensing Service



Fr Julian will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of the Churn Valley Benefice at St Peter's Church, Rendcomb, on Wednesday 29 April at 7.30 p.m.

As a parish we have been privileged to see Julian 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.

All are warmly invited.



THE FRIENDS OF CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH

2026 is the 50th Anniversary of The Friends of Cirencester Parish Church. It was set up by a group of enthusiastic local people who were keen to help the PCC maintain and improve the finest mediaeval building in the town. This remains our principal aim. But we are also committed to making the building a hub for the wider community in the 21st century. From the time the church was first built, the chancel was the "holy" part of the



building, and was the responsibility of the clergy. But the nave was for everyone and its use ranged from meetings to markets. Today, concerts, lectures, matriculations and markets are regularly take place throughout the year.

Over the years, the Friends have been pleased to make major financial contributions to projects such as the new sound system and the refurbished path to the churchyard. In the next few weeks builders will be installing seven new lavatories and a kitchenette to ensure we have appropriate facilities for the large numbers of visitors we frequently welcome.

The 50th Anniversary will be marked by the visit of our Patron, the Bishop of Gloucester, to Choral Evensong on Sunday 28 June 2026. We hope that you will be able to join us at this celebration.

The Anniversary has been tinged with sadness by the recent sudden death of our Secretary, Aileen Anderson. In addition to her many other roles in the town, Aileen was an outstanding Secretary to the Friends and she will be sorely missed. But she will be delighted to hear that Stephanie Robbins has taken on the role of Secretary. In late 2025, Lynn Hilditch became our Membership Secretary, on Sam Burt moving over to be Social Secretary. Paul Burt is also a welcome new member of our team, taking on the role of Treasurer.

The benefits of becoming a Friend include invitations to our 4 annual social events. The next event takes place on Friday 15 May 2026, when Dr Owen Emmerson, the Assistant Curator of Hever Castle, will speak on Anne Boleyn, her image and the Anne Boleyn Cup. Entrance to this prestigious event is free to Members. As there will be an admission charge for non-members, perhaps this is a good time to join us. Application forms are available on the web page and in the church.

Michael Gledhill (Chairman)

Musings in Mark

2026 April Mark 9:36-37,42



He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, [37] “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”[42] “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. [14] When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. [15] Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” [16] And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Recently in Holy Trinity a mum leaned over to me as she walked past and told me they had seventeen children in the children’s group that morning. We knew there were quite a few as we heard them come back, and it was great to see them as they processed around the church during the last hymn. A range of young people, beautifully dressed, clean and tidy hair!

I mention that because the children signified in the above reading would have been nothing like that, unclean with raggedy clothes and probably a bit smelly. A part of the community preferably hidden from sight.

Yet Jesus in these three readings points them out as vital parts of his teachings. Our attitude to children reveals our attitude to him, both in terms of the positive and the negative, with the latter having a dreadful warning. Children of a very young age can give their lives to Jesus, with him getting indignant if they are kept away, and his final comment here is that we should all reflect their innocence and trust as we live in the Kingdom.

It is often said that children are the church of tomorrow, which is rather a nonsense; they are the leaders of tomorrow's church but very much part of the church today. As parents, it is our role to encourage them in their worship by involving them in ours both at church and at home, to help them make sense of all that goes on and to ensure they meet Jesus for themselves.

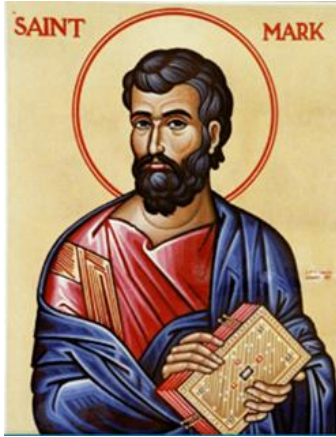
At one church I knew, it was the adults who went out for teaching leaving the children to do their 'thing' in the church, and afterwards it was the adults who had to return to settle in to the group they had been detached from, and sometimes they found it hard.

Some of us, who are no longer parents of infants, can help with the readjusting to the group that a return can generate, and help parents settle their children back into the worshipping fellowship.

After all, we were all children once, and they do seem to have quite a high place in Jesus' thinking!

Revd Paul





The Feast Day of St. Mark is celebrated annually on April 25.

St. Mark the Evangelist, one of the four Gospel writers and the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt, is commemorated on April 25, the traditional date of his martyrdom in 68 A.D. in Alexandria, where he was dragged through the streets for his faith in Christ, remaining steadfast in praise and devotion throughout his suffering. He is also recognized as the cousin of Barnabas and is believed to be the same person as John Mark mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles.

Religious Significance

St. Mark authored the Gospel according to Mark, emphasizing the ministry of Jesus, His miracles, and the call to repentance and belief in the Gospel. His feast day is observed in the Catholic Church with liturgical celebrations, including Masses and prayers invoking his guidance in spreading the Gospel.

Cultural and Local Traditions

In Venice, Italy, St. Mark is the city's patron saint, and April 25 is celebrated with the rosebud festival, where men give a single rosebud to women they love, commemorating a legend from the 8th century.

In Sardinia, local communities hold feasts offering sheep or bread as thanksgiving for providence.

In Mexico, cities like Aguascalientes and Paraíso, Tabasco, celebrate St. Mark with fairs and festivities around this date.

In Lithuania, St. Mark is considered the guardian of the earth and harvests, with traditional observances including abstaining from meat and agricultural work to honour the land. St. Mark's feast day thus combines religious veneration, historical remembrance, and local cultural celebrations, making April 25 a significant date in both liturgical and popular traditions worldwide.

Copilot

Restoring the Irish Yew Avenue: Six Months of Renewal and Care

Over the past six months, the Friends of the St John Baptist Churchyard have been working on an important restoration project in the lower part of the churchyard. The avenue of Irish yews (*Taxus baccata* ‘fastigata’), familiar to many visitors, forms a distinctive green walkway in this quieter area of the grounds. Over the years the trees had grown dense and heavy, which had created deep shade and caused the path between to become increasingly inaccessible.



After careful planning, and with excellent advice from Ray Hawes, the retired National Trust Head of Trees and Woods and a member of the congregation at Holy Trinity Watermoor, we began a programme of selective but quite bold reduction. Each yew has now been cut down to a height of around seven feet. Although this may appear drastic, it is a traditional and entirely sustainable method for managing yew, a species that responds well to hard clipping.

Our aim is to maintain the trees at this height through regular trimming, which will allow more light to reach the ground and will help create a brighter and more attractive avenue. This approach also reflects historic management practices that shaped many of the yew avenues seen in churchyards.

The distinctive Irish yew was originally discovered in Ireland, in County Fermanagh, in 1780 and then adopted widely due to its fluted, upright and multi-stemmed form; our native yew (*Taxus baccata*) is a mainly open single stemmed tree, and we have a wonderful example close to the avenue.

The difference has been noticeable almost immediately. With more sunlight reaching the ground, there is renewed potential for

wildflowers, lichens and mosses that had been struggling under the heavy shade. The area now feels more open and welcoming, and visibility has improved significantly.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the project has been the opportunity to make use of the cuttings. Rather than removing the large quantity of branches and timber, we have started to create sculpted log piles within the churchyard. These carefully shaped structures serve two purposes. They are visually interesting, providing a natural and sympathetic feature within the landscape. They are also excellent habitats for insects, fungi and small wildlife.

Yew wood is slow to decay, so these log piles will offer refuge for many years and will gradually weather into part of the wider ecology of the site. We hope that visitors will enjoy watching them change and settle as the seasons pass.

This work has been carried out by volunteers, the Friends of St John Baptist Churchyard, who care deeply about the character, history and biodiversity of our churchyard.



We warmly invite you to visit the renewed yew avenue during your next walk through the churchyard. This project is part of our ongoing commitment to caring for this special place, honouring its past while ensuring that it continues to flourish for future generations.

This work could not have been achieved without the help of the Estates Team at Cirencester Town Council who cut all the high-level branches down – our thanks to them.

John Tiffney

Medieval Passageway restored

The passageway leading to the Churchyard from the Market Place is an ancient route passing the Vestry door and providing access to the rear of the shops and flats as well as the churchyard. Due to years of neglect, the paving had become uneven and dangerous causing pedestrians to trip over especially at night due to poor lighting. There were also drainage issues and loose capping stones on the revetment walls of the Church.



Before and After

Detailed inspection revealed that a comprehensive restoration was necessary and a small steering group was established in 2022 to tackle the project. Alongside the repairs, a new archway at the Market Place entrance was designed to both enhance the space and increase disabled access, and the church notice board relocated. A new bin store was created so that the bins could be removed from the courtyard.



An experienced surveyor was appointed and the Church Architect was consulted along with the Diocesan Adviser because a Faculty (as well as Planning Permission) was required to ensure that heritage and ecclesiastical guidelines were met. Funding was sought from local and national charities, businesses, organisations and by 2024 some £90k had been raised.

Competitive tenders were sought and with professional fees and VAT

the estimated cost had risen to c £170k. The Lottery Heritage Fund was approached and as a result of their encouragement an application was made to find the balance and in December 2024 approval was given to grant £70k.

The work started in April 2025 with D A Cook Ltd of Evesham as the main contractors and Ben Prothero Blacksmiths dealing with the new archway. The work was completed in August 2025 and a small dedication service was held on 28th September 2025 with the donors and contractors in attendance.

A huge amount of time was devoted to the project by the Steering Committee, all of whom gave their time voluntarily- Martin Portus, James Harbord, Aileen Anderson, John Tiffney and particularly Meg Blumsom who undertook the bulk of the administrative work.

The accompanying video captures the restoration of the passageway thanks to Steve Fearn the official photographer of the project.

John Tiffney



Before and After

Enrolment of Mothers' Union members: March 2026



Pictures by Peter Cottey



As I am writing this the sun is streaming through the window. I have just returned from a fascinating Lent lunch talk by the Headteacher of Kingshill School. There have been excellent Lent talks by local Teachers giving us insights into how their Christian beliefs colour their working lives. MU members have prepared the bread and cheese lunches and all proceeds will go to MU projects here and overseas supporting families.

On a Sunday morning in March within the Communion service at Holy Trinity, we were delighted to welcome five new MU members. If you would like to join us, please speak with any of the Clergy who will be pleased to point you in the right direction.

At our meeting on the 1st April at 2.30 in the Parish Hall, Watermoor Road, Revd Karen Schmidt will lead us in Reflections on Lent. You don't have to be a member to come along to any of our meetings. On this day there is a Bring and Buy stall and, of course, tea and biscuits afterwards.

Thursday 2nd is Maundy Thursday - please look at the magazine calendar for special services.

Friday 3rd is Good Friday.

After the abstinence of Lent, we are able, once again, to joyfully decorate our Churches with spring flowers. We rarely consider where these may come from, but spare a thought and check their country of origin. If local, i.e. the UK, so much the better because we know they are grown, tended and harvested by people who are not exploited and are paid a living wage. If foreign grown, look for Fairtrade flowers to help protect the women who grow the blooms we love.

Sunday 5th EASTER SUNDAY - Alleluia, Christ is risen - He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Thursday 23rd April MU Corporate Communion at 12noon. This is an opportunity, in a busy week, to spend half an hour or so praying for families everywhere.

May I wish you and your family a blessed Easter full of the joy of the Risen Christ.

Pauline Farman



Thought for Good Friday

Good Friday invites us into a quiet place. It is the stillness beneath the noise of everyday life, where we pause and stand at the foot of the Cross. Here, we remember a love that did not turn away, even when surrounded by pain, misunderstanding, and abandonment.



As we look upon Christ crucified, we are reminded that God's love is not abstract or distant. It is a love that enters the darkest corners of human experience, fear, betrayal, grief, and transforms them from within. On this day, Christ carries the full weight of our brokenness so that nothing in our lives lies beyond the reach of His compassion.

Good Friday asks only this of us: to remain present. To allow the depth of Christ's love to meet us where we truly are. To bring our sorrows, our failures, and our hopes to the Cross, trusting that even in this place of suffering, God is quietly at work.

And so we wait. We wait in the shadow of the Cross, held by the promise that love is stronger than death, and that the darkness of this day is not the end of the story.



Explore how Jesus' resurrection meets our deepest human needs and changes lives.

ALIVE is an opportunity to explore the life-changing implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You can journey alongside the first followers as they encountered Jesus after he'd risen from the dead, and discover how he met their deepest needs.

More importantly, how he can meet yours.

Imagine how much richer your life would be if:

- instead of living with a sense of rejection, insecurity or a lack of self-worth, you knew at a deep level what it was to be completely and unconditionally loved.
- instead of being weighed down by past disappointments, you were filled with a new sense of hope.
- instead of feeling overwhelmed with fear and anxiety, you experienced a tremendous sense of peace.
- instead of being burdened by guilt, shame and failure, you enjoyed a new sense of freedom.
- instead of living without a real and clear sense of meaning, you found and fulfilled your true life purpose.

Who is ALIVE for?

If you've ever wondered how you can experience a better life now, then ALIVE is for you. It's a chance to explore whether Jesus Christ

came alive again after death, and if he's able to transform your life, both now and forever.

Whether you're already a part of a church family, or you're simply open to exploring new ideas, the ALIVE course is for you.

What does ALIVE explore?

ALIVE is an opportunity to look closer at the resurrection of Jesus, but more specifically, how he changed lives, and still changes lives. We look at the basic human longings for love, hope, peace, freedom and purpose that we need to have satisfied if we're going to feel fully alive.

When is ALIVE running in my area?

ALIVE is running for 5 weeks, starting at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 14th April** in St Lawrence Church Centre. All sessions will start at 7.30pm and end before 9pm.

A video and how to book a place is available on the Parish website:

<https://cirenparish.co.uk/community-and-whats-on/alive/>



St Lawrence Church Centre, 33 Countess Lillas Rd
Cirencester GL7 1UD

Highlights from the Parochial Church Council (PCC)



The most recent meeting was a Standing Committee meeting held on the 25th of February 2026.

The Standing Committee on behalf of the PCC, reviewed the recently completed Quinquennial Survey of St Lawrence Church Centre. This included a review of a background paper prepared by Brian Senior, Focal Minister at St Lawrence, which was based on this survey, and included proposals for phased maintenance. The Standing Committee dealt with several issues that required immediate attention, such as, replacement of the kitchen door to fire-rated specification, and directed the pursuing of quotes and assessments for other work on doorways and doors; and some roof work requiring scaffolding at St Lawrence. St Lawrence representatives will be working with the Finance Committee to prepare requests for grants to fund some of the required maintenance both in the short and long term.

We are very excited and pleased to report that the St John Baptist Project (servery, toilets, modifications to pews, etc.) commenced in March and it is estimated that it will take four months to complete. Additional information on the design and scope of the project is available at St John Baptist.

As mentioned last month, we continue with preparations for the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which is still scheduled for Sunday the 19th of April 2026 after the 10 am service at St John Baptist. Our upcoming PCC meeting on the 18th of March 2026 will be focused on preparations for this meeting. Last year's APCM minutes and the minutes of a Special Parochial Church Meeting are available on the website at: <https://cirenparish.co.uk/community-and-whats-on/parochial-church-council/>. This year we will be holding elections of the laity to the Deanery Synod along with the PCC. If anyone is interested in participating in either of these, please contact our Churchwarden or Assistant Churchwardens, Canon Graham or Reverend Luke. A formal convening notice for the meeting will be published by the Vicar along with additional details closer to the date.

Mark Dennis, Secretary



Life in mid-19th century Paris - an inspiration for Rossini

CIRENCESTER C H O R A L SOCIETY

Musical Director
Carleton Etherington

Rossini
Petite Messe Solennelle

Jenny Rees
Praise the Lord

Carleton Etherington
(conductor)

Hannah Grove (soprano)

Juliet Curnow (alto)

Archie Inns (tenor)

Lucas Maunder (bass)

Charles Matthews
(harmonium)

Thomas Hawkes (piano)

Saturday 2 May, 7.30 pm
Cirencester Parish Church

(doors open at 6.45 pm)



Tickets: £17 (Student £6, Child £3) (unreserved seats)

available online at www.cirencester-choral-soc.org.uk, from choir members, or
from early April, from Cirencester Town Council Local Information Centre,
Bingham House, Dyer Street, Cirencester

Cirencester Choral Society

Cirencester Choral Society's next concert will be a performance on Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle in the Parish Church on Saturday 2nd May.



Rossini began writing the work in 1863, the year Cirencester Choral Society was born, so a warm 'birthday' welcome will surely be assured!

Don't be put off by the somewhat misleading title. Although it is a setting of the Roman Solemn Mass, it is both a substantial and a jolly composition, more operatic than liturgical in style.

It was his last big work and written three decades after he had taken 'early retirement' from writing for the stage when only 37 – made possible by the success of a string of well-loved and enduring operas behind him, Barber of Seville and William Tell to name but two.

Despite ill health, Rossini had eventually settled in Paris, and famously enjoyed hosting musical soirées for the fashionable bourgeoisie at his summer villa at Passy.

The Petite Messe was scored for just 12 singers, including four soloists, with accompaniment by harmonium and piano, and was first performed in private at the villa. But even with today's larger choruses it still retains its intimate character and its popularity in the choral repertoire.



Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 4p.m. Reflective evening service to mark the beg of Holy Week

Monday 30th March

Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity 6.30 p.m.

Said Compline St John Baptist 8 p.m.

Tuesday 31st March

Stations of the Cross Holy Trinity 6.30 p.m.

Sung Compline St John Baptist 8 p.m.

Wednesday 1st April

Stations of the Cross Holy Trinity 6.30 p.m.

Followed by Eucharist at 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Trinity

starting with meal in Watermoor Hall

7.30 p.m. Liturgy of the Upper Room St John Baptist

The Watch follows until 10 p.m. St John Baptist

Good Friday, 3rd April

Morning Prayer 9 a.m. St John Baptist

Standing at the Foot of the Cross at St Lawrence 9 a.m.

Midday – 2p.m. Led reflections St John Baptist

2p.m. Liturgy of the Cross at St John Baptist

6p.m. Stations to music at the St John Baptist

Easter Day, 4th April

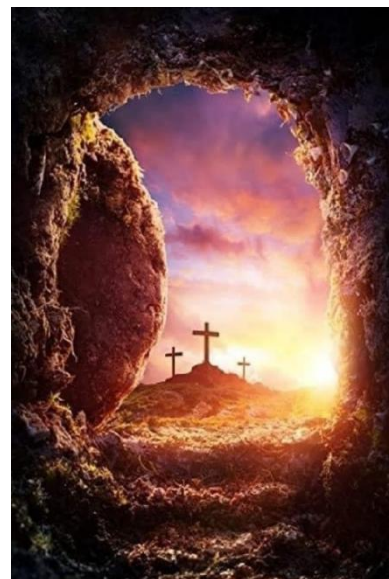
Dawn Service 6 a.m. sunrise is at 6.24 a.m. new Fire in Mkt Place

7 am-ish Hot Cross Buns in the Forum

8 a.m. Holy Communion BCP St John Baptist

10 a.m. Festal All Age at St John Baptist

4 p.m. Choral festal evensong at St John Baptist



8 a.m. Holy Communion Holy Trinity
9a.m. Bacon Rolls in Watermoor Hall
10 a.m. ALL Age at Holy Trinity
10.30a.m. St Lawrence Holy Communion
4p.m. Restore at 4 at St Lawrence



And finally...

Be careful....

A minister was being constantly criticized by a member of his congregation.



After six months of increasing acrimony the poor man could take it no more. He went out on a pleasant hot summer's afternoon for a drive in the countryside. He wound down the window and after about an hour of driving began to feel better.

As the drove down a narrow country lane, he was horrified to see a car careering towards him seemingly out of control. On its approach he realized with even greater horror that the lady driving the car was the very woman who had been harassing him.

As they passed within an inch of each other, the woman shouted the word 'PIG!'

Months of built-up tension got the better of the minister and he shouted back 'COW!'

Then he drove round the corner and hit the pig.

From a Bucket of Surprises by J John and Markl Stibbe

Dates for April



Weekdays

9:15 – 9:45am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
12 – 1pm	Eucharist - Catherine Chapel	St John Baptist

Saturdays

10 – 10:30am	Said Eucharist - Catherine Chapel,	St John Baptist
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Monday, 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

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1 Apr, Wed

9 – 10am	Drop In	St Lawrence
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
1:10 – 1:50pm	Organ Recital	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 7pm	Stations of the Cross	Holy Trinity
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

2 Apr, Thu

7 – 10pm	Maundy Thursday meal and service	Parish Hall/Holy Trinity
7:30 – 10pm	Liturgy of the Upper Room followed by The Watch	St John Baptist

3 Apr, Fri

9 – 10am	'Standing the foot of the Cross'	St Lawrence
12 – 2pm	Led Reflections	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Liturgy of the Cross	St John Baptist
3 – 5pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall
6 – 7pm	Stations of the Cross	St John Baptist

4 Apr, Sat

10 – 10:30am	Said Eucharist - Catherine Chapel,	St John Baptist
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5 Apr, Sun

6 – 7am	Dawn Service with 'new' Fire	Market Place
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	All Age Eucharist Family Service	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	All Age Festival Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Choral Festival Evensong	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore@4	St Lawrence

6 Apr, Mon

2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
5 – 5:30pm	Organ Vespers	St John Baptist

7 Apr, Tue

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	St John Baptist

8 Apr, Wed

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

9 Apr, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

10 Apr, Fri

3 – 5pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall
7:30 – 9pm	Lie Down and Listen	St John Baptist

11 Apr, Sat

10 – 10:30am	Said Eucharist - Catherine Chapel,	St John Baptist
11am – 12pm	Wedding	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9pm	Lie Down and Listen	St John Baptist

12 Apr, 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	Service of the Word	St Lawrence
1:30 – 2:30pm	Baptism	Holy Trinity
4 – 5pm	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist

13 Apr, 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

14 Apr, Tue

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9pm	'Alive' Course	St Lawrence

15 Apr, Wed

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

16 Apr, Thu

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

17 Apr, Fri

3 – 5pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall
6:15 – 7:30pm	Illuminated Orchestra	St John Baptist
8:45 – 10pm	Illuminated Orchestra	St John Baptist

18 Apr, Sat

10 – 10:30am	Said Eucharist - Catherine Chapel,	St John Baptist
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19 Apr, 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
11:30am – 1:30pm	PCC APCM	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Choral Evensong	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore @4	St Lawrence

20 Apr, 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
7:30 – 9pm	Quarter Peal	St John Baptist

21 Apr, Tue		
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9pm	'Alive' Course	St Lawrence
22 Apr, Wed		
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
1 – 2pm	Thanksgiving for Norana Burstow	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
23 Apr, Thu		
9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
12 – 1pm	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
24 Apr, Fri		
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
3 – 5pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall
25 Apr, Sat		
All day	Cirencester Art Society Spring Exhibition	St John Baptist
10 – 10:30am	Said Eucharist - Catherine Chapel,	St John Baptist
26 Apr, Sun		
All day	Cirencester Art Society Spring Exhibition	St John Baptist
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 Worship	St John Baptist
27 Apr, Mon		
All day	Cirencester Art Society Spring Exhibition	St John Baptist
9:45 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

28 Apr, Tue

All day	Cirencester Art Society Spring Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9pm	'Alive' Course	St Lawrence

29 Apr, Wed

All day	Cirencester Art Society Spring Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

30 Apr, Thu

All day	Cirencester Art Society Spring Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

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David Price (Portsmouth Cathedral)

Wednesday 5th November

Andrew Parnell (Ely Cathedral)

Wednesday 3rd December

John Wright (Cheltenham)

Wednesday 7th January

James Henderson (Sherborne Abbey)

Wednesday 4th February

Timothy Selman (Lincoln Cathedral)

Wednesday 4th March

Stephen King (Brentwood Cathedral)

Wednesday 1st April

Pavlos Triantaris (Letchworth)

Wednesday 6th May

Johannes Opfermann (Freiburg)

Wednesday 3rd June

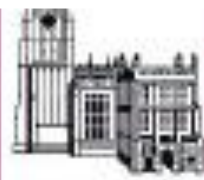
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Wednesday 1st July

Mark Brafield (Guildford)

Wednesday 5th August

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