



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

*The Third Sunday of Easter*  
*19th April 2026*

**Collect**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by  
his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and  
truth;  
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** Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with  
boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim  
your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the  
Father.

**Acts 2.14a,36-41**

On the day of Pentecost <sup>14</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**1 Peter 1.17-23**

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

## **Luke 24.13-35**

<sup>13</sup> On that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **Post Communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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**This Week's Sunday Services** more information: [www.cirenparish.co.uk](http://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

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**St John Baptist:** 12noon APCM

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**Next week's CW readings for Sunday 26th April - The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2.42-47; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

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**St John Baptist:** 8a.m. BCP and 10a.m. Eucharist; 12.30p.m. Baptism

4p.m. Evening Worship

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

**St Lawrence:** 10.30a.m. Eucharist

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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**

This weekend is the last opportunity to add to **Revd Julian Wilson's** leaving present. Julian has served the parish as Asst Curate and as Associate priest for almost nine years. Completing his training here and then remaining as an associate. To honour his considerable contribution over this period of time we are having a **farewell gathering** at **St Lawrence** on **25th April** at **4 p.m.** We hope to make a presentation to Julian at that gathering. If you haven't done so already and would like to **make a contribution**, please hand it to one of the church wardens this coming weekend, and mark your envelope Fr Julian's farewell.

**An Evening with Anne Boleyn:** The Friends of Cirencester Parish Church invite you to "An Evening with Anne Boleyn" - a Talk and Reception in the **Parish Church** on **Friday 15 May** at **6.30 for 7pm**. Our speaker will be **Dr Owen Emmerson**, Curator of the current Anne Boleyn Exhibition at Hever Castle, Anne Boleyn's childhood home. The Church's replica of The Anne Boleyn Cup is presently on loan to the Exhibition. It promises to be a most interesting evening. **Tickets (£15)**, including wine, and are available now for sale and collection from the Church Shop or the Corinium Museum. Members of the Friends will not be charged, but will need a ticket to be admitted (to ensure we have sufficient seating). As the annual cost of being a member of the Friends is £20, this may be an ideal moment to join us.

*Michael Gledhill, Chairman*

The **Parish Church Coffee Group** would like some more volunteers to assist serving coffee and biscuits after Sunday services. Please contact Phil Kerton 07776011440 or [philkerton@gmail.com](mailto:philkerton@gmail.com) for more information.

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Contributions to [pewleaflet@cirenparish.co.uk](mailto:pewleaflet@cirenparish.co.uk) by Tuesday evening please!

**Mothers' Union Corporate Communion:** The next service is on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** at **noon** in St John Baptist.

On **April 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Church Shop Volunteers Needed:** For Saturdays and other days in the week. Particularly lunch times and afternoons required. Please email Caroline Mockett or Lynne Kerton at the church shop ([churchshop@cirenparish.co.uk](mailto:churchshop@cirenparish.co.uk)) for more information

**Cirencester Foodbank** has formally changed its name to **South Cotswolds Foodbank** which better represents the many towns and villages whose residents rely on the support made possible by our generosity.

**Classical Guitar Recital.** The recital by **Nicholas Morrow-Brown** at **2pm** on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** will be his personal tribute to the great English guitarist Julian Bream, CBE, and will include music by Dowland, Weiss, JS Bach, Villa-Lobos and Leonard Bernstein.

**1662 BCP Morning Prayer** in the **Chapel of St. George The Martyr, Royal Agricultural University** [accessible via Stroud Road entrance] begins again at **7.30 am** on **Wednesday 22nd April**. You are most welcome to join this short lay-led service which has an interdenominational congregation.

**From the Parish Calendar:**

- Mon 20 Apr 12noon: Funeral & Reception (Sue Emson) – St John Baptist
- Mon 20 Apr 7.30pm Quarter Peal – St John Baptist
- Wed 22 Apr 1pm: Thanksgiving Service (Norana Burstow) – St John Baptist
- Thu 23 Apr 9.15am: Seedlings – St Lawrence
- Sat 25 Apr Cirencester Art Society Spring Exhibition – St John Baptist
- Sat 25 Apr 10am: Wedding meeting – 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: Eucharist: Wednesdays at 7pm**

**St Lawrence: Drop In: Wednesdays at 9am**

**Parish Forum: Coffee & Chat: Thursdays at 10am**

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