



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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
26th April 2026

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and
the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your
Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be
gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the
Father.

Genesis 7

⁷ Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ² Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³ and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴ For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' ⁵ And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. ⁷ And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸ Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹ two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰ And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.

¹¹ In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹² The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. ¹³ On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, ¹⁴ they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. ¹⁵ They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶ And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. .../

¹⁷ The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹ The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; ²⁰ the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. ²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; ²² everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. ²³ He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. ²⁴ And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

Acts 2.42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10.1-10

¹⁰ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 26th April - The Third Sunday after Easter

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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; 12.30p.m. Baptism

4p.m. Evening Worship

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

St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Eucharist

Sunday Services more information: www.cirenparish.co.uk

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 3rd May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Genesis 8.1-19; Acts 7.55-60; John 14.1-14

BCP Sunday 3rd May - The Fourth Sunday after Easter

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

St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP Holy Communion; 10a.m. All Age Eucharist;

4p.m. Choral Evensong

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 10a.m. Non-Eucharist Service

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

Parish Forum open for enquiries Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri...10a.m. – Midday
Canon Graham's Open Office is NOT available this Monday 27th April 2026

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

The **Funeral of The Venerable Michael Paget-Wilkes** will take place on **Tuesday 5th May** at **Cirencester Baptist Church** at **2pm**. Donation will be given to The Church Association for Sudan and South Sudan (CASSS)

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).

An Evening with Anne Boleyn: The Friends of Cirencester Parish Church warmly invite you to "An Evening with Anne Boleyn" - a Talk and Reception in the **Parish Church** on **Friday 15th 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. 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

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

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday May 6th at 2.30pm** in the Parish Hall, Watermoor. Our guest speaker is Marrigold Rivett-Carnac. Her talk is entitled "Her Prayer Ministry".

The Churn Community Hub are celebrating 25 years of being in Cirencester. **The Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra** will be in the **Parish Church** on **Saturday 16th May** with "**A Celebration of Contrasts**". This will include a performance of **Saint-Saens Organ Symphony** with **Thomas Hawkes** on the organ. Tickets £22 & £19 available online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheltenhamsymphonyorchestra

Classical Guitar Recital. The recital by **Nicholas Morrow-Brown** at **2pm** on **Saturday 9th 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.

From the Parish Calendar:

- All Week: Art Society Spring Exhibition
- Mon 27 Apr 7pm: Cirencester Male Voice Choir Recording – St John Baptist
- Tue 28 Apr 2pm: Church Shop Directors Meeting – Parish Forum
- Tue 28 Apr 7.30pm: Cirencester Choral Society Rehearsal – St John Baptist
- Wed 29 Apr 8am: Alarm Servicing – St John Baptist
- Wed 29 Apr: NO 7PM SERVICE – Holy Trinity
- Thu 30 Apr: Sound System Maintenance – St Lawrence/St John Baptist
- Fri 1 May 12noo: Boiler Service – Holy Trinity
- Fri 1 May 7.30pm: Visiting Bell Ringers – St John Baptist
- Sat 2 May 9.30am: Church Cleaning – Holy Trinity
- Sat 2 May 7.30pm: Cirencester Choral Society May Concert – St John Baptist

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Monday to Saturday:

St John Baptist: Morning Prayer: Daily at 9am (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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