



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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
3rd May 2026

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus
Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the
gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for
the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we
serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Genesis 8.1-19

8 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; ² the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³ and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; ⁴ and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵ The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷ and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹ but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹² Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

¹³ In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying.

¹⁴ In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ ‘Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’ ¹⁸ So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. ¹⁹ And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Acts 7.55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

John 14.1-14

¹⁴ ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ ⁵ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ ⁶ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

⁸ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ ⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Post Communion

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

BCP Sunday 3rd May - BCP The Fourth Sunday after Easter

BCP Collect and Readings beginning on Page 141

This 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

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 10th May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Genesis 8.20 - 9.17; Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

BCP Sunday 10th May - The Fifth Sunday after Easter : Rogation Sunday

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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. Service of the Word

Parish Forum open for enquiries Mon, Thu, Fri...10a.m. – Midday

Canon Graham's Open Office is NOT available this Monday 4th May 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)

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".

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.

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).

Mothers' Union AGM and Diocese Council meeting is on **Wednesday May 13th** at **10.30am** in **St Philip & St James Church, Hucclecote**.

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**

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

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*

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

On Saturday **May 23rd at 2pm**, **Incantata Strings** will be treating St John Baptist to a **Baroque Afternoon Recital**. All are welcome to what should be a real treat.

24th May 10.30am Pentecost Anglican style service in the Baptist Church

Come and Sing in St John Baptist Sunday 31st May at 4 pm Choose your favourite hymns and send them to the Vicar, giving a short explanation of why it is your favourite. Once the Vicar has a selection he will arrange them into a service of Songs of Praise. If we have more hymns than we need we will arrange a follow up Come and Sing. **Your Hymn choice needs to be with the Vicar by 17th May.**

From the Parish Calendar:

- Sun 3 May 12noon Baptism of Sibylla Sharp - St John Baptist
- Sun 3 May 4.45 - 6pm Quarter Peal - Holy Trinity
- Mon 4 May 5pm: Organ Vespers – St John Baptist
- Wed 6 May 1.10pm: Organ recital by Johannes Opfermann - St John Baptist
- Sat 9 May 2pm Nicholas Morrow-Brown guitar recital - 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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