



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

Easter Sunday
5th April 2026

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of
your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

or God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 31.1-6

31 At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. .../

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

John 20.1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 5th April - EASTER DAY

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

St John Baptist: 6a.m. Dawn Service with Fire (Market Place);

8a.m. BCP Communion; 10a.m. Festival Eucharist;

4p.m. Festal Evensong

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist; 10a.m. All Ages Eucharistic Family Service

St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Easter Day Eucharist

Next week's CW readings for 12th April - The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,22-32; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

BCP Sunday 12th April - The First Sunday after Easter

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

St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP and 10a.m. Eucharist; 4p.m. Evening Worship

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 10a.m. Eucharist; 1.30p.m. Baptism

St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Service of the Word

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

Canon Graham's Open Office is NOT available this Monday 6th April 2026

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

Organ Vespers will be running this **Monday 6th April** at **5pm**. Come along for prayers and organ music at the end of the day.

We will be lighting up the magnificent 12th century **Parish Church** blue to shine a light on people with **Parkinson's**, and the people who love and care for them. We will be honoured to be joined by the **Mayor of Cirencester** and a representative of the **Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire**, representing King Charles. Please join us from **7.15pm** on **Saturday 11th April**. *Parkinson's UK (Cirencester & Stroud Branch)*

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.

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

Mothers' Union. A big thank you to all those who attended the **Lent Lunches** in the Parish Church. £570.51 was taken in donations. Also thank you to all those who supported the **Cake Sale** on Palm Sunday, £140.35 was raised. All monies raised will go to funding Mothers; Union Projects.

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).

Advance Notice: **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. More details in due course. Tickets £22 & £19 available online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheltenhamsymphonyorchestra

Book of Common Prayer lay-led **Morning Prayer** is celebrated at **7.30am** on Wednesdays in the Chapel at the **RAU** (Stroud Road entrance).

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 6 Apr 5pm: Organ Vespers – St John Baptist
- Wed 8 Apr 2pm: Youth Choir (Jo Weatherall) – St John Baptist
- Thu 9 Apr 9.15am: Seedlings – St Lawrence
- Thu 9 Apr 2.30pm: U3A Cheltenham Guided Tour – St John Baptist
- Fri 10 Apr 6pm: Wedding Rehearsal – Holy Trinity
- Fri 10 Apr 7.30pm: Lie Down & Listen – St John Baptist
- Sat 11 Apr 11am Wedding (Jones & Renshaw) – Holy Trinity
- Sat 11 Apr 7.30pm: Lie Down & Listen – 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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