

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
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,
by the lakeside you renewed your
call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your
command
and draw the nations to the fire of
your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Genesis 8.20 - 9.17

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

²² As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

9 God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ² The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴ Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵ For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

⁶ Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind.

⁷ And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, .../

that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹² God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ ¹⁷ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

Acts 17.22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

John 14.15-21

¹⁵ ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

BCP Sunday 10th May - The Fifth Sunday after Easter : Rogation Sunday
BCP Collect and Readings beginning on Page 142

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

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 17th May - The 7th Sunday of Easter
Ezekiel 36.24-28; Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11
BCP Sunday 17th May - The Sunday after Ascension Day
BCP Collect and Readings beginning on Page 146

Next Week's Sunday Services more information: 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; 4pm Restore@4

Parish Forum open for enquiries Mon, Thu, Fri...10a.m. – Midday
Canon Graham's Open Office is NOT available this Monday 11th May 2026

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

Tomorrow at **Prayers for the Persecuted Church** (10.30am, Holy Trinity) we will be joined by Chris Lowther, an accredited **Open Doors** speaker. He will tell us more about Open Doors and answer questions. Do join us even if not a regular attender.

The Three Phantoms concert on **Monday 11th May** has been **CANCELLED**.

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 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. It promises to be a most interesting evening. **Tickets (£15)**, including wine, 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. 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**". Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm. This will include **Saint-Saens Organ Symphony** with **Thomas Hawkes** on the organ. Tickets £22 & £19 at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheltenhamsymphonyorchestra

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

The next meeting to **pray for Cirencester** will be on Wednesday 20th May at 2.30pm in the Parish Forum. This month we will be praying for our 3 Anglican Churches and all of our clergy. Please come along and join us, everyone is welcome.

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 4pm 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.**

Leading Midday (11.45 a.m.) Prayers in the Parish Church. At a recent team meeting, we discussed the importance of keeping the midday prayers. Our conversation was wide ranging and very helpful. As Vicar, I want to express my unequivocal support for our clergy and volunteers who take on this responsibility. The midday prayers form an essential part of our daily liturgical offering. They anchor us in the monastic tradition of pausing in the middle of the day for prayer. From Monday to Saturday, these prayers remain a constant in our busy lives. Please help us to maintain this important daily rhythm of what we offer to parishioners and visitors. If you know of a potential volunteer, please speak to Sylvia Harker on 01285 653425. Training will be given. Thank you.

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 11 May 10.30am Prayers for the Persecuted Church - Holy Trinity
- Thu 14 May 9.15am Seedlings - St Lawrence
- Thu 14th May 7pm Deanery Ascension Day service - St John Baptist
- Fri 15 May All day organ tuning - Holy Trinity
- Sat 16 May 7.30pm Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra - 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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