



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

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
*[Sunday after Ascension Day]*  
*17th May 2026*

**Collect**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour  
Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**or** Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with  
power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by  
sin  
may find forgiveness and know  
your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Ezekiel 36.24-28**

<sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup> Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Acts 1.6-14**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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## **John 17.1-11**

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **BCP Sunday 17th May - The Sunday after Ascension Day**

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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; 4pm Restore@4

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### **Next week's Sunday 24th May - Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

Acts 2.1-21; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23

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

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist

St Lawrence: No service

The main morning service in the town, sponsored by Churches Together:

10.00am: Eucharist service at the Baptist Church taken by Rev Luke Falvey

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

Canon Graham is available every Monday 5.30 - 6.30p.m. in the Parish Forum



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### NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

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 10am Pentecost.** There will be a **Eucharistic service** with an 'Anglican inspired shape' in the **Baptist Church**, sponsored by Churches Together In Cirencester for all denominations in the town, so there will be no 10/10.30am services in our own churches.

**Mothers' Union Corporate Communion:** The next service is on **Thursday 28th May at 12noon** in St John Baptist.

**Mothers Union:** "Chill & Chatter" our next meeting is on **Thursday 28th May** at 7.30pm in the Vicarage (41 Rendcomb Drive). All welcome.

"**Ageing gracefully**" a course in the practical theology of ageing, will be facilitated by Dr Ian Donald, a retired consultant at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, and Trustee of the Harnhill Centre. The Barn, Harnhill Centre Fridays 2:00 - 3:30pm, 6 weeks **starting 29th May 2026** Course fee: £30 To enrol email: [ageing.gracefully2025@gmail.com](mailto:ageing.gracefully2025@gmail.com)

**Lumos** An Andrea Bocelli opera candlelight experience: an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting setting. **7pm & 9pm Saturday 30th May** in St John Baptist. Tickets from £22 at [www.lumos-experiences.com](http://www.lumos-experiences.com)

**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 today, 17th May.**

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**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 18 May 2pm Funeral of Kenneth Coxhead - Holy Trinity
- Mon 18 May 7.30pm Quarter peal attempt - St John Baptist
- Tues 19 May 6.30pm Bellringing practice - Holy Trinity
- Wed 20 May 2.30pm Prayers for Cirencester - The Forum
- Wed 20 May 7pm Full PCC meeting - St Lawrence
- Thu 21 May 9.30am-11am Piano tuning - Church Hall
- Thu 21 May 11am-3pm Piano tuning - St John Baptist & Town Hall
- Fri 22 May 11am Funeral of Michael Clapton - Holy Trinity
- Fri 22 May 4.30pm Wardens' meeting - Holy Trinity
- Sat 23 May 9.45am Visiting bellringers - Holy Trinity
- Sat 23 May 2pm Incantata Strings 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**