



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

Day of Pentecost
(Whit Sunday)
24th May 2026

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or Holy Spirit, sent by the
Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with
the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the
breath of love,
and renew the face of the
earth,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Acts 2.1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' **13** But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

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¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

John 20.19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 24th May - Whitsunday

BCP Collect and Readings beginning on Page 147

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

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

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 31st May - Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

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St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP and 10a.m. Eucharist; 4p.m. Songs of Praise

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

St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Eucharist

Parish Forum open for enquiries Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri...10a.m. – Midday
Canon Graham's Open Office is NOT available this Monday 1st June 2026



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NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

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

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

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

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday June 3rd at 2.30pm** in the Parish Hall, Watermoor. Our guest speaker is Revd Vicky Falvey. There will also be a bring and buy stall. All welcome.

The **(unanswered) prayer course "God on Mute"** is an opportunity to engage in honest conversation around the hardest and most personal questions we all ask about prayer: 5 weeks starting **7.30pm Tuesday 5th June** at St Lawrence. For details email briansenior@cirenparish.co.uk or see stlawrence.org.uk/prayercourse

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:

- Thu 28 May 9.15am: Seedlings – St Lawrence
- Thu 28 May 12 noon: Mothers' Union Corporate Communion - St John Baptist
- Sat 30 May 7pm & 9pm: Lumos candlelight experiences - St John Baptist
- Sun 31 May after coffee: Bring and share lunch – Parish Hall, Watermoor
- Sun 31 May 2-5.30pm: Peal for Holy Trinity's 175th anniversary - Holy Trinity

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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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