



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

The First Sunday after Trinity
7th June 2026

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust
in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our
mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Hosea 5.15 - 6.6

- ¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favour:
- 6** 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.'
- ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
- ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Romans 4.13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹² But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP and 10a.m. Eucharist; 12noon Baptism;
4p.m. Mayor's Civic Service

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist; 10a.m. Non-Eucharistic Family Service

St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Eucharist; 4p.m. Restore@4

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 14th June – The 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 19.2-8a; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35 - 10.8

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

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist; 10a.m. Eucharist; 1p.m. Baptism

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

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

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

All are invited to come and share in the Mayor Making service TODAY Sunday afternoon at St John Baptist 4 p.m. Cllr Andy Jopp will be welcomed as Cirencester's new Mayor.

The next SJB Congregational Meeting is on Wednesday 10th June at 7.00 pm in The Parish Forum. All are welcome to attend. Any questions or suggestions to Peter Ewart (07748 760519 peter@ewart.uk.com).

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

A number of **Tower Open Days** are planned in the Parish Church over the next few months. The first being on **Saturday 13th June** from **10am until 4pm**.

Summer Charity Concert. On **Saturday 13 June** at **7pm** in the **Parish Church** featuring the **Wiltshire Piano Duo, Corsham and Colerne Military Wives Choir** and our very own **Cirencester Male Voice Choir**. Tickets £12 from the Bingham House or online at www.cirencestermvc.co.uk

The next **prayer meeting** to pray for **Cirencester** will be on **Wednesday 17th June** at **2.30pm** in the **Parish Forum**. This month we will be praying for all the non Anglican Churches & and their leaders. Please come along and join us, everyone is welcome.

A warm invitation is extended to you to join us for **The Friends Choral Evensong** Celebrating its **50th Anniversary** at **6 p.m.** on **21st June**. Guest Preacher: **The Bishop of Gloucester**. We shall be delighted to welcome you as we mark this special milestone in the life of our community.

From the Parish Calendar:

- Sun 7 Jun 2.45pm: Quarter Peal Bell Ringing – St John Baptist
- Mon 8 Jun 10.30am: Prayers for the Persecuted Church – Holy Trinity/Parish Hall
- Tue 9 Jun 9.30am: Art group painting in celebration of 175th – Holy Trinity
- Thu 11 Jun 9.15am: Seedlings – St Lawrence
- Fri 12 Jun 12.30pm: Funeral (Terence Bateman) – Holy Trinity
- Sat 13 Jun 10am: Tower Open Day – St John Baptist
- Sat 13 Jun 7pm: Cirencester Male Voice Choir 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