



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

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
12th July 2026

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that
we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Romans 8:1-11

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, **8** and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. **2** Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. **3** And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. **4** And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. **5** Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. **6** But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. **7** Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. **8** Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **9** Let anyone with ears listen!'

18 'Hear then the parable of the sower. **19** When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. **20** As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; **21** yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. **22** As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. **23** But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 12th July - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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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; 4p.m. Evening Prayer

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

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

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 19th July - The 7th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 44.6-8; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

BCP Sunday 19th July - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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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; 12.30p.m. Baptism;
4p.m. Choral Evensong

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

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

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

During the summer, starting the week beginning this week (**13th July**), we are doing a **Bible Course** based on a **Bible Society** book available at £9.99 from <https://tinyurl.com/mw7xrutz> We will be looking at the broad themes and story of the Bible and encouraging everyone this year to get excited about the Bible afresh and seek to know God more closely through engaging with his word.

Groups meeting with further details are available from those mentioned, will be on:

Mondays , 7.30pm in the Forum with Paul (07748 846164)

Wednesdays, 2.30pm at Mary Chapman's House with Paul (07748 846164)

Wednesdays 7.45pm in Holy Trinity church with Luke (07850 270719)

Thursday at 8pm with Ally (07779 301621) at her home.

The next **Prayer Meeting** to pray for Cirencester will be on **Wednesday 15th July** at **2.30pm** in the **Parish Forum**. The theme for this month will be praying for our emergency & caring services. Please come along & join us, everyone is welcome.

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

The **Cirencester Churches Together in Cirencester** is holding their **AGM** on **Thursday 16th July** at **7.30pm** in **Cirencester Baptist Church**. All welcome.

On Friday 17th July at **2pm**, **Robin Hood Youth Orchestra** will be giving a performance at **St John Baptist**. Come and support these young musicians in this fantastic concert. Entry is free with a retiring collection.

A Summer's Evening in Gloucestershire hosted by **Dame Fiona Reynolds** with Concert Pianist **Clare Hammond**, **The Oriel Singers** and **Jonathan Dimbleby** reading from the Dymock Poets. **Friday 17th July 7.30pm** in the **Parish Church** in aid of the High Sheriff's Fund. Tickets **£35** available from www.cirencesterhistoryfestival.org

Mothers' Union Corporate Communion: The next service is on **Thursday 23rd July** at **12noon** in **St John Baptist**.

Mothers Union: The next "Chill & Chatter" evening meeting (to be confirmed) on **Thursday 23rd July** at **7.30pm** in the Vicarage (41 Rendcomb Drive). All welcome.

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 13 Jul 10.30am: Prayers for the Persecuted Church – Holy Trinity/Parish Hall
- Mon 13 Jul 1.30pm: Funeral (Alan Bracken) – Holy Trinity
- Tue 14 Jul 1.15pm: Powells School Rehearsal – St John Baptist
- Wed 15 Jul 5.30pm: Powells School Leavers Service – St John Baptist
- Thu 16 Jul 10.15am: Watermoor School Leavers Service – Holy Trinity
- Thu 16 Jul 1pm: Finance Sub Committee – Parish Forum
- Fri 17 Jul 4pm: Wedding Rehearsal – St John Baptist
- Sat 18 Jul 9am: Monthly Prayer meeting – Holy Trinity
- Sat 18 Jul 1.30pm: Wedding (Sarah Avery/James Cowley) – 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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