



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

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
2nd August 2026

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and
faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 55.1-5

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Romans 9.1-5

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— **2** I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people,^[a] my kindred according to the flesh. **4** They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; **5** to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah,^[b] who is over all, God blessed for ever.^[c] Amen.

Matthew 14.13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. **14** When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. **15** When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ **16** Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ **17** They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ **18** And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ **19** Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. **20** And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. **21** And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 2nd August - The Ninth 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. Choral Evensong

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

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

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 9th August Mary Sumner Day

Proverbs 24. 3-4, 12-14; Hebrews 13. 1-5; Luke 11. 9-13

BCP Sunday 9th August - The Tenth 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;

4p.m. Evensong with Bisley Benefice Choir

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 10a.m. All-Age Eucharist

St Lawrence: NO 10.30a.m. Eucharist; 3p.m. St Lawrence Celebration

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

Mothers' Union: Our next meeting is on **Wednesday August 5th at 2.30pm** in the **Parish Hall**, Watermoor. An informal meeting of tea and chat. All welcome.

Cirencester International Organ Festival continues throughout August. The next two recitals are on **Friday 7th August** with **John Challenger** (Salisbury Cathedral) and **Friday 14th August** with **Thomas Hawkes** both at **7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Tickets are available on the Parish Website, at tourist information and on the door.

The **New Arts** are offering an exclusive **10% discount** on tickets for their performance of Rossini's much-loved comic opera, *The Barber of Seville*, at the beautiful Rodmorton Manor on **Friday 7th August** at **7.30pm**. Tickets can be booked at: <https://buytickets.at/newarts/2191995> using the code: PARISHCHURCH

Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner Day Picnic is on **Saturday August 8th, 12.30pm – 3pm** in **St Joseph's Church Hall**, Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, GL10 2DG. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch and camping chair should we be able to sit outside. The picnic will close with a short service.

Choral Evensong on **Sunday 9th August** at **4pm** in **St John Baptist** will be sung by the **Bisley Benefice Choir** conducted by **Revd. Tom Merry**, former curate in Cirencester

There is **no service** at **10:30am** at **St Lawrence's** on St Lawrence's Sunday (next Sunday). In the afternoon there is a small celebration but we are inviting the community rather than the wider parish.

Mothers' Union members Di and Janet are holding a **Coffee morning** at **Newcombe Court** (weather permitting) from **10am until noon** on **Wednesday August 12th**. There will be a raffle and bring and buy stall. All money raised will go to **The Family Haven in Gloucester**.

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

Lumos are presenting “**A Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience**” (an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting indoor setting) in the **Parish Church** on **Saturday 15th August** at **7pm** and **9pm**. Tickets are available from www.lumos-experiences.com

Sunday 30th August - No Evening Worship at St John Baptist - but you are welcome to come and support Thomas Hawkes who will be giving an organ recital at Westminster Abbey at 5pm.

Can you help? My name is Pippa Adams and I am currently a vet student completing various placements over the summer holidays. One of my placements is in Cirencester, at Benson and Babb vets and it is from 24th August - 4th September I live in Essex and study in Cambridge so am looking for somewhere to stay during my placement. Is there anyone who might have a spare room that I could use whilst on my placement? Of course, I would be happy to pay and can also offer baby-sitting/pet sitting in evenings or on the weekend! I am a friendly 22yr old female, who attends Grace Church in Cambridge and I would be out at placement during the day so I would hope to not be too much of an inconvenience! Pippa's contact is pa481@cam.ac.uk

Following the Earthquake in **Venezuela** if you would like to make a **donation** to the **Disasters Emergency Committee** see the website below
<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/venezuela-earthquake-appeal>

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 3 – Sat 8 Aug: Organist Practices during the afternoons – St John Baptist
- Mon 3 – Thu 6 & Sat 8 Aug 5pm: Juniper Choir Evensong – St John Baptist
- Fri 7 Aug 7.30pm: Organ Festival (John Challenger) – 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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