



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

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
5th July 2026

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the
gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Zechariah 9.9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Romans 7.15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

¹⁶ ‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP Eucharist; 10a.m. All Age Eucharist;
12noon Baptism; 5p.m. Archdeacon's Visitation

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 12th July - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 55.10-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

BCP Sunday 12th July - The Sixth 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. Evening Prayer

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 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

Archdeacon's Visitation. TODAY at 5 p.m. in St John Baptist. There will be no 4pm Evening Worship.

Cirencester Deanery presents: Letters from the Global South, 4th - 7th July in St John Baptist Church, free entry 10am – 4pm featuring Letters and artwork from children on the frontline of the climate and nature crisis — their stories, their world and what we can do to help.

Cirencester International Organ Festival is back for a second year in St John Baptist Church! Featuring organists from across Europe, as well as our new Festival Chorus, it will be a very exciting summer. Tickets are available online, at tourist information and on the door. First concert is on Friday 31st July with Stefan Donner (Concert Organist - Austria)

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

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

During the summer, starting the week beginning **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"

A number of **Tower Open Days** are planned in the Parish Church over the next few months. The next being on Saturday 25th July from 10am until 4pm.

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 6 Jul 9.30am: Little Angels change of venue – Holy Trinity
- Mon 6 Jul 10.30am: Funeral (Sarah Crook) – St John Baptist
- Wed 8 July 2pm: Wedding Rehearsal – St John Baptist
- Thu 9 Jul 9.15am: Seedlings – St Lawrence
- Thu 9 Jul 1.30pm: Wedding – St John Baptist
- Thu 9 Jul 4pm: Wedding Rehearsal - St John Baptist
- Sat 11 Jul 2pm: Wedding – St John Baptist
- Sat 11 Jul 5pm: Quarter Peal – 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

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