



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

The 13th Sunday after Trinity
30th August 2026

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in
strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Jeremiah 15.15-21

- ¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.
- ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
- ¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.
- ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.
- ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp
of the ruthless.

Romans 12.9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 30th August - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

BCP Collect and Readings beginning on Page 176

This Week's Sunday Services more information: www.cirenparish.co.uk
St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP and 10a.m. Eucharist; **NO** 4p.m. Evening Worship
Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 10a.m. Eucharist
St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Eucharist

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 6th September – Trinity 14
Ezekiel 33.7-11; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20
BCP Sunday 6th September - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
BCP Collect and Readings beginning on Page 179

Next Week's Sunday Services more information: www.cirenparish.co.uk
St John Baptist: 8a.m. BCP Eucharist; 10a.m. Non-Eucharist Winstone
Thanksgiving service; 4p.m. Eucharist
Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist; 10a.m. Non-Eucharist Family Service
St Lawrence: 10.30a.m. Eucharist; 4p.m. Restor@4

Parish Forum open for enquiries Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri...10a.m. – Midday
Canon Graham is available every Monday 5.30 - 6.30p.m. in the Parish Forum

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

Congratulations to **Luke** and **Vicky** on the birth of baby **James**, born early on the morning of Tuesday 18th August.

No Evening Worship tonight at St John Baptist - but you are welcome to come and support **Thomas Hawkes** giving an organ recital at **Westminster Abbey** at 5pm.

Mothers' Union. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday September 2nd** at **2.30pm** in the **Parish Hall**, Watermoor. Our speaker is from "**The Severn Freewheelers**". There will also be a bring and buy stall. All welcome.

Mothers' Union - Wave of Prayer is on **Friday September 4th** **12-1pm**. Venue TBC

Confirmation preparation. For any who might be considering confirmation, Canon Graham will be running an introductory course that prepares candidates for Confirmation. The course is designed around those who are seeking to deepen their faith, and in a friendly way attempts to address questions around 'believing and belonging'. **Monday 7th September at 7.30p.m.** meeting at the Vicarage 41 Rendcomb Drive.

We are supporting the annual **Ride+Stride** event on **Saturday 12 September** to raise funds for the **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT)** and to support the fabric of our churches. Canon Graham, John Lawrence and Mark Dennis will be cycling to visit local churches. GHCT has helped the PCC in the past, most recently with a grant toward the St John Baptist Project. We would be very grateful for your donations on our JustGiving page: <https://justgiving.com/page/cirenparish-rideandstride2026>

The next **Holy Trinity Congregational Committee** is on **Wednesday 9th September, 7.45pm** in church after the 7pm Eucharist.

Cirencester Beer Festival 2026 will be hosted by the **PCC** and **Cirencester & District Round Table** at **St John Baptist** on **Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd October**. All proceeds will support the ongoing work of the church and Round Table local charities. You are warmly invited to sponsor one of the beers or ciders that will be at the heart of the festival. It will be listed in the festival programme and on the drink listing. Beer sponsorship costs £100 (per barrel) and cider £60 (per keg). If you have questions, please contact Bill O'Connell (07834 363486 or villagevicar@hotmail.co.uk) or Peter Ewart (07748 760519 or peter@ewart.uk.com). If you want to go ahead and reserve a beer or cider sponsorship, please contact Cirencester & District Round Table at info@cirencesterroundtable.org.uk

The new **"How to be (un)successful"** course is an open invitation to redefine success not by what we achieve, but by how we live: 6 weeks from **7.30pm Tuesday 15th September** at **St Lawrence**. For details email briansenior@cirenparish.co.uk or see <https://cirenparish.co.uk/community-and-whats-on/how-to-be-successful/>

Cirencester History Festival from **23rd October** until **1st November 2026**. Tickets go on sale 4th September. Website: <https://cirencesterhistoryfestival.org/>

Save the date: The **Harvest Supper** in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 3rd October**.

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 31 Aug: Bank Holiday
- Sat 5 Sep 9.30am: Church Cleaning – Holy Trinity
- Sat 5 Sep 10am: Wedding Meetings for 2027 couples – St John Baptist

Contact Details:

Canon Graham 01285 239655 / 07871 571147; email: vicar@cirenparish.co.uk

Rev'd Luke 07850 270719; email: revlukefalvey@cirenparish.co.uk

Parish Office 01285 659317; email: office@cirenparish.co.uk

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