

Collect

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed
your family may be strengthened and your people served;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Proverbs 24. 3-4, 12-14

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

If you say, "Look, we did not know this," does not God, who weighs the heart, perceive it? Does not the one who keeps watch over your soul know it? And will he not repay all according to their deeds? My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find her, you will find a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

Hebrews 13. 1-5

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Luke 11. 9-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Post Communion

Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,
your servant Mary Sumner revealed your goodness
in a life of tranquillity and service:
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table
may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge
and be filled with all your fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 9th August - The Tenth 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. Evensong with Bisley Benefice Choir

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 10a.m. Eucharist

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

Next week's CW readings for Sunday 16th Aug 2026 - Trinity 11

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

BCP Sunday 20th August - The Eleventh 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. Choral Evensong

Holy Trinity: 8a.m. Eucharist and 10a.m. Eucharist

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

Parish Forum open for enquiries Mon, Thu, Fri...10a.m. – Midday

Canon Graham's Open Office is NOT available this Monday 10th August 2026



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NOTICES FOR THE PARISH

Today is **Mary Sumner Day**. Mothers' Union members in Cirencester will join over **4 million** members in **84 countries** around the world to celebrate the life of Mary Sumner and the founding of the Mothers' Union **150 years ago**. It will be celebrated at the Parish Church **10 a.m.** led by **Rosemary Franklin**. Music by **Juniper** our visiting choir from **Philadelphia**.

Mary Sumner Prayer

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives
as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.
Amen.

There is **no service** at **10:30am** at **St Lawrence's** on St Lawrence's Sunday (**9th August**). In the afternoon there is a small celebration but we are inviting the community rather than the wider parish.

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

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**.

A number of **Tower Open Days** are planned in the Parish Church over the next two months. The **August** dates are **Saturdays 15th & 29th** from 10am to 4pm

Cirencester International Organ Festival continues in August in St John Baptist. Featuring organists from across Europe. Tickets are available on the Parish Website, at tourist information and on the door.

Friday 14th August 7.30pm: Thomas Hawkes (Cirencester)

Friday 21st August 7.30pm: Matthias Maierhofer (Freiburg im Breisgau).

On **Saturday August 15th**, **Lumos** are coming back to **St John Baptist** to give us two candlelight concerts featuring the music of **Hans Zimmer**. This should be a very atmospheric evening in our beautiful church. Performances at **7pm** and **9pm**. Tickets are available at lumos-experiences.com

The next **prayer meeting** to pray for **Cirencester** will be on **Wednesday 19th August** at **2.30pm** in the **Parish Forum**. The theme for this month will be praying for all education in Cirencester. Please come along & join us, everyone is welcome.

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.

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

The **Cirencester History Festival** is back by popular demand and will be taking place from **October 23rd** until **November 1st**.

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 10 Aug: 10.30am: Prayers for the Persecuted Church – Holy Trinity/Parish Hall
- Tue 11 Aug 2pm: Funeral (David Barton) – St John Baptist
- Tue 11 Aug 6pm: Royal Wootton Bassett Camera Club Visit - St John Baptist
- Thu 13 Aug 5.30pm: Organ Festival Rehearsal – St John Baptist
- Fri 14 Aug 12.30pm: Organ Festival Rehearsal – St John Baptist
- Fri 14 Aug 7.30pm: Organ Festival (Thomas Hawkes) – St John Baptist
- Sat 15 -Mon 31 Aug: Art Society Summer Exhibition – St John Baptist
- Sat 15 7pm & 9pm: Lumos Concert – St John Baptist

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Canon Graham is on annual leave from August 10th - 26th. Enquiries please to Revd Luke Falvey

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!