



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

The 14th Sunday after Trinity
6th September 2026

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Ezekiel 33.7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die’, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Romans 13.8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Sunday 6th September - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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This 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 with Hymns

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

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

Next Week's CW readings for 13th September – The 15th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 50.15-21; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

BCP Sunday 13th September - The Fifteenth 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. Mothers' Union 150th Celebration Service

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

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

Today Sunday, 6th September, we hold a special Non-Eucharistic service to celebrate the legacy of the **K. D. Winstone Trust**. You are most warmly invited to join us at the Parish Church, together with the Trustees of the Winstone Trust, as we give thanks for its remarkable contribution to the people of Cirencester over many years. This service marks the formal conclusion of the Trust's work and offers an opportunity to honour its considerable achievements in the life of our town. At 10a.m. we will hear from a number of local groups who have benefited from the Trust's generosity, highlighting the positive and lasting impact it has made within our community. All are welcome as we gather in gratitude, remembrance, and hope.

Coffee and refreshments at the **Parish Church** will be **temporarily suspended** whilst the **building works** continue in **St John's Chapel**. The current arrangements for transporting water from the vestry to the serving area have become hazardous during this phase of construction, and it is no longer safe to operate as usual. We are awaiting the installation of the **new servery**, and once this is completed we will resume serving refreshments after the service. Thank you for your understanding and patience whilst the building works are underway. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The 4pm Service at the Parish Church today is a Eucharist with Hymns.

Confirmation Preparation 'Taster' Evening. For any who are interested. This **Monday 7th September at The Vicarage 7.30pm.**

For this month only, the **Churches Together in Cirencester** monthly **Prayer Meeting** for the town and surrounding area will take place in Room 3 at **Cirencester Baptist Church** on **Monday 7th September** from **7:30pm**. We will acknowledge the move into a new academic year, the arrival of autumn in the aftermath of the heatwaves, the needs of the town including business, planning, tourism and the emergency services together with the ongoing 375th year of celebration, building on the prayers of those who have gone before. All are welcome to join with us.

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

We are supporting the annual **Ride+Stride** event on **Saturday 12th September** to raise funds for the **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust** and to support the fabric of our churches. We would be very grateful for your donations on our JustGiving page: <https://justgiving.com/page/cirenparish-rideandstride2026>

Tower Open Day in the Parish Church on **Saturday 12th September** (10am - 4pm).

Family Fun Day with raffle at **Cirencester Hospital** on **Saturday 12th September**, from **2:00pm to 4:00pm**.

Due to the retirement of the rep for the CDs and DVDs in the **Church Shop** we have been left with a lot of stock. If you are interested in purchasing any of the **CDs** or **DVDs** on display they are now on sale at **£5.00 each**. This offer will only be until the end of September. The Cirencester Organ CD and Thomas Hawkes St Davids Cathedral Christmas CD will continue to be sold at the normal price.

To celebrate the founding of the **Mothers' Union** by **Mary Sumner**, 150 years ago, there will be a service in the **Parish Church** at **4pm** on **Sunday 13th September** followed by Tea and Cake. All welcome members or not.

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/>

The **Harvest Supper** is in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 3rd October**. Tickets (£5 Adult, £3 Children) will be available in all three churches.

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 the local charitable activity of the Round Table. 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

From the Parish Calendar:

- Mon 7 Sep 2pm: Thanksgiving Service (Richard Nicholas) – Holy Trinity
- Mon 7 Sep 5pm: Organ Vespers – St John Baptist
- Wed 9 Sep 3.45pm: Parish Hall Committee Meeting – Parish Hall
- Thu 10 Sep 9.15am: Seedlings – St Lawrence
- Thu 10 Sep 5pm: Wedding Rehearsal – St John Baptist
- Fri 11 – Sun 13 Sept: Heritage Open Weekend
- Sat 12 Sept 2pm: Wedding (Philippa Barker & James Wyatt) – 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

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