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For information about all churches in our Upper Thames group
(Cricklade, Ashton Keynes, Latton and Leigh)

Weddings and Baptisms

You can book for weddings and christenings by visiting the church
Website at [http:// www.upperthames.org.uk/bookings/](http://www.upperthames.org.uk/bookings/).
For any queries please contact the Parish Office.

If you would like something put into the newsletter or on the St
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The deadline for the May issue is Friday 20 April.

**If you wish to receive this church newsletter electronically
please send email to upper.thames.office@gmail.com**

ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH, CRICKLADE

"Making a Difference"

A Spirit-filled church full of prayer,
that accepts the Bible as truth,
worships God from within the heart,
and shares the Good News of Jesus Christ



Newsletter April 2018

Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Family Service and Communion +Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 8th April 2nd Sunday of Easter
8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
10am Upper Thames Group Service
4pm Informal Worship
6:30pm Evensong

Monday 9th April 7:45pm Annual Church Meeting – in the Church Building

Sunday 15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Communion Service
10:30am Holiday Club Service at Cricklade United Church
6:30pm Something Different

Sunday 22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Morning Worship
2pm Scouts Service
4pm Informal Worship
6:30pm Evensong
Sunday 29th April 5th Sunday of Easter
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Upper Thames Group Communion Service at **LATTON**
2pm Baptism
4pm Informal Worship

Please join us for coffee after both the 10am and 4pm services. Vibe and S Club,
for youth and children, meet during 4pm services.

Holy Communion every Wednesday 10am (Heberden House on 11th April)

Annual Church Meeting – 9th April 7:45pm in the Church Building

The St Sampson's Church APCM (Annual Meeting) is changing time and venue to enable a more sociable atmosphere and provide space to talk to people about the future direction that we believe God is taking our church.

We have vacancies to join the Parochial Church Council where major decisions are made for all aspects of our church life – would you be interested in getting involved? We have many other opportunities to be part of the team in serving God and each other, which will be presented at this meeting.

The APCM will start with the business side of things (elections of churchwardens, PCC members and other posts), and then there will be a brief presentation by the Vicar about growing our church under God's guidance. After this there will be opportunities to ask questions over refreshments (including wine) and discuss the opportunities that will be laid out on a couple of tables, along with people able to talk about them.

Please do come and support your church. All are welcome.

Notices

Are You Interested in Doing The Alpha Course?

The Alpha Course runs over an 8-10 week period and covers Jesus, the Holy Spirit, what faith is, how to pray and read the Bible, and many other aspects of Christianity. Anyone can come along no matter how much or little you know.

This course will be held in the evening and will start in May. It will consist of a meal followed by a 30-minute video presentation and then discussion in an informal atmosphere. Please let me know if you would be interested in doing this course, or have any questions about it. Why not invite a friend or a neighbour? Please contact Phil Bradley on 01793-226350 or philipjbradley@me.com.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The GDPR is a European regulation intended to strengthen data protection for all individuals within the EU. In order to comply with these new regulations we will need you to give consent for emails from St Sampson's including the monthly newsheet, prayer network emails and other emails about services and events.

We need you to fill out a form for your consent so we can hold your personal information and send you communications by email and SMS (in the future!), **Please either fill in the online form you may have received by Email or paper forms are now available from Katy at 10am, Amlyn at 8am, Sarah at 4pm (and there is a pile at the back of church).**

If you don't fill out a form, we will no longer be able to send you those communications by email after 25 May 2018 (when the regulations come into

effect). We are also taking the opportunity to set up a church database so that all the contact details we keep are kept securely.

U.S.P.G.

To all elephant carers – it's time for the annual Easter check up for your elephants. If you could bring them to St. Sampsons for Sunday 1st April I would appreciate it, thank you.

The Autumnal elephant check was very encouraging, we totalled £884.22. These monies help towards the Primary Health Care Scheme in S. Malawi and are a big drop in the ocean for them, so thank you again for your generosity.

Paul Fray 750740

INTERNATIONAL ORGAN RECITALIST

DAVID PONSFORD

www.davidponsford.org

is returning to ST. SAMPSON'S CHURCH
Bath Road, Cricklade

SATURDAY 5th May 7.30PM – 9PM

Tickets £10 - to include a glass of wine

Accompanied children free

For tickets contact:

jane.templeton@hotmail.co.uk / 01793 759162

For details of organ recitals visit

www.organrecitals.com



Forthcoming Events

Lent Talk – please see leaflets or Upper Thames Group website

To be held in St Sampson's Church, arrive by 7:30pm for a 7.45 pm start.

PLEASE BOOK ASAP SO THAT WE KNOW NUMBERS FOR CATERING.

Mon 23rd April, Andy Haynes (rescheduled from 1st March)

This event is ticketed. To order your tickets contact Graham Light on 01793 752671(day), 01793 759181(eve) or via email lightg@hotmail.co.uk

St Sampson's Church Celebration Weekend – 7th/8th July

The event of the year where we will be hosting live contemporary worship music, relevant and exciting talks, time for socialising, time to learn in groups, and most importantly, opportunities to connect with God through his Holy Spirit and take the next step in our journey of faith