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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 Upper Thames Group Office.

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**The deadline for the January issue is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

**If you wish to receive this church newsletter electronically  
please send email to [vicar.pa@upperthamesgroup.com](mailto:vicar.pa@upperthamesgroup.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 November 2018

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> 8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship 4pm Explore Together 6:30pm All Souls Service
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> 8am BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by breakfast</i> 10:40am Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial 11:20am Remembrance Service in Church 12:40pm Blake Hill Remembrance Service 4pm Social in the Jenner Hall 6:30pm Evensong
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> 8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Communion Service 4pm Informal Worship
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> 8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship inc. S Club 6:30pm Evensong

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

**Holy Communion every Wednesday 10am (Heberden House on 14<sup>th</sup> November)**

**Please join us for Morning Prayer (open to EVERYONE) on Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:30am, including coffee**

## **Notices**

Phil will be off work until at least the end of November and he is grateful to all who are working hard to keep things going, and those who have sent messages to him to encourage him. He is sorry that he has so far been unable to respond to messages, but hopes to do so once his concentration has improved.

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### **Parish Giving Scheme**

The PCC has given its approval for St Sampson's Church to become a member of the Parish Giving Scheme, a country-wide scheme which has been entered into by the Bristol Diocese. This will provide our Treasurer, Adina Grace, with the ability to anticipate a more regular flow of income through the year as Gift Aid will be returned to the church monthly, giving greater control over the annual budget covering the day-to-day running costs for the Parish.

You may have seen a presentation by Adina and Katy Bell explaining how the scheme works, what it involves for those wishing to participate, including setting up Direct Debits, what will happen to existing methods of contributing, etc. If not, then please do ask them about it.

As the PCC considers this an improved way of giving, it is hoped that those who do not currently participate in any of the current schemes may find this a practical way of supporting the work and expenses of our Parish.

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### **All Souls Service of Remembering**

Our annual **All Souls Service of Remembering** will be on **Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm** in St Sampson's.

At this reflective service we'll read out the names of those who have died from Cricklade and Latton over the last year and whose services we have taken. We'll also include the names of anyone else you would like us to remember, no matter how long ago they passed away. There will be a list on the table by the door in St Sampson's Church onto which you can add further names or you can telephone the Vicar's PA on 07444-125444.

During the service, we will take time to reflect and you can also light a candle in memory of those you have loved and see no longer. If you're not able to come and would like us to light a candle on your behalf, please also let us know.

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## **Traidcraft**

Date for your diary: ethical Christmas shopping with Traidcraft and Neal's Yard. Wednesday 7 November at 9.30-11.30 at 3 North Wall, Cricklade. Enjoy some shopping, refreshments and time to chat. There will be Traidcraft food items to buy and catalogues to shop from.

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### **A Message from John Martin**

Thank you to all our friends at St Sampson's for your kindness, love and prayers in the recent loss of my dear wife Helen. In the past year we have been made so welcome at church, and Helen really appreciated your care and concern for her. The funeral service was wonderful too. God bless you all.

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### **Receiving email updates from St Sampson's Church**

If you haven't already signed up to receive the St Sampson's monthly newssheet and other ad hoc emails, please visit <https://www.upperthames.org.uk/signup-form/> to sign up.

Alternatively, you can pick up a paper copy of the form from the table by the door in St Sampson's. It's really important to give your consent to receive emails so we can stay in touch with you. It's the best way to hear news about Phil and other important church updates.

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### **Home Groups**

The ideal way to learn more about our faith and meet people. If you would like to join one do look at the church website under Upper Thames churches and you will find the details there. Sarah is busy updating this so that the information is accurate. Alternatively please speak to Marilyn, Katy or Shirley.