

News from the Upper Thames Churches



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1. Upper Thames Worship on Sunday 3 November - 4 before Advent

- St Sampson's:
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with the music group* (in heated Widhill/North aisle - **still no heating in the rest of the church**)
 - **6.30pm All Souls Service**
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - **4pm All Souls Service**
- Latton:
 - 10am Morning Worship
- Readings:
 - [Deuteronomy 6: 1-9](#) or [Hebrews 9: 11-14](#)
 - [Mark 12: 28-34](#)

2. All Souls in Upper Thames



This Sunday we are holding our **All Souls Bereavement Services:**

4pm at Holy Cross (for Ashton Keynes and the Leigh)

6.30pm at St Sampson's (for Cricklade and Latton).

The names of those whose funeral services we have taken in the last 12 months will be read out. If you would like us to read out the names of other loved ones who have passed away there is still time to write their names on the list in both churches (or email admin@upperthames.org.uk).

ALSO - On **Saturday 2 November** you can go along to Holy Cross and **light a candle for a loved one** between 2pm - 3.30pm.

3. Upper Thames Matters, Monday 4 November

Praying Together is a vital way to underpin our sharing in God's call to ministry and mission. Please do come and join us in praying for Upper Thames Matters and for our wider world. **Everyone is welcome Monday 4 November 7.30pm - 8.30pm at The Vicarage (14 Bath Road Cricklade).**

4. Confirmation Service 7.30pm Wed Nov 6th at Sherston

Do join us in prayer for Ian, Iona and Sophie from Upper Thames who will all be baptised and confirmed by Bishop Neil on this occasion. As they take this next step may they know God's love in their lives as they continue to follow Jesus on their journey of faith.

5. Messy Church November 24th 3.30pm in Holy Cross church Ashton Keynes.

After a successful launch in Sept we hope that children and families will join us (it doesn't matter if you don't live in Ashton Keynes) as we explore the theme of Angels, through chatting, activities, crafts, story, song and a snack. If you'd like to know more, contact Shirley.



6. Filling Station report from 24 October

Please click the link to read the report: [Filling Station report](#). The next Filling Station for us is 20 February 2025.

7. Global Mission Update

We have received updates from both E3 and Compassion about the projects we have been supporting. The intention is to continue to support this work through prayer and future fund raising. To read both updates please visit the Upper Thames website: [Global Mission - Upper Thames Group of Churches](#)

8. Reminders:

• New Evensong arrangements for Ashton Keynes

As of now Evensong (every third Sunday of the month) will be held at **4pm at 17c Fore Street, Ashton Keynes, SN6 6NP**. Do join us - all are welcome. If you need directions please contact David Tarr (01285 861425) or Joanne Buxton

(01285 862727).

- **No heating at St Sampson's**

A reminder that the boiler at St Sampson's is currently not usable so the **services at 8am and 10am this Sunday will take place in the North/Widhill Aisle** where there is some under-pew electric radiant heating. We are also borrowing some radiant heaters from All Saints. Please wrap up warmly to be on the safe side.

- **New shopping list for the Foodbank**

9. November Services

- **10 November - Remembrance Services**

- St Sampson's:
 - 11.15am *following laying of wreaths and 2 minute silence at the War Memorial in the High Street*
- Holy Cross:
 - 10.55am
- All Saints Leigh:
 - 10.55am

- **17 November - 2 before Advent**

- St Sampson's;
 - 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast
 - 10am Morning Worship - *activities for children in the Jenner Hall*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 4pm Evensong - **at 17c Fore Street Ashton Keynes, SN6 6NP**
- Latton:
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **24 November - Christ the King / Next before Advent**

- **Malmesbury Abbey**
10.30am Joint Deanery/Mission Area Service
- Holy Cross:
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - 3.30pm Messy church - *we will explore the theme of Angels, through chatting, activities, crafts, story, song and a snack. Everyone from all our churches welcome. If you'd like to know more, contact Shirley*
- St Sampson's:
 - 5.30pm Iona-style Communion

10. Morning Prayers

- **Join us on Zoom on Monday Mornings, 9am - everyone is welcome**

Join the meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72939025736?pwd=T9SXTcpmZefCTvsaZZSbG5JPyfabKM.1>

Meeting ID: 729 3902 5736

Passcode: K3rFaf

- **Thursday Morning Prayers at St Sampson's**

Everyone is welcome and we'd love new people to join us. There are usually about 7 - 10 of us in number; we meet at 8.30am to enjoy coffee and the Iona Community's 'Wee Worship Book', and finish by 9.30am. Everyone is most welcome.