

# News from the Upper Thames Churches



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## 1. Sunday 15 December - Advent 3

- St Sampson's
  - 8am Holy Communion - *followed by breakfast*
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight - *followed by mince pies & mulled wine*
- Holy Cross
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 4pm Evensong *at 17c Fore Street, Ashton Keynes*
- St John the Baptist
  - 10am Holy Communion
- Readings
  - [Zephaniah 3: 14-end](#) OR [Philippians 4: 4-7](#)
  - [Luke 3: 7-18](#)

## 2. Light a candle for Peace at Holy Cross this Sunday, 15 December 2 - 3pm

The run up to Christmas isn't an easy time for many different reasons so we're inviting anyone who would like to, to come to Holy Cross and "be Still" and light a candle for peace: peace in our troubled world or peace for yourself or for someone you know, maybe because of loss or sadness, or because life is tough.



## 3. Jill Withington

We have sadly learned that Jill Withington (who was Ken's wife) died on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Ken and Jill were very much at the centre of Cricklade's life for many years. We remember Ken and Jill with gratitude and their family and friends at this time.



## 4. Christmas Carols at St Sampson's next Wednesday 18 December

Join us for lots of carols with Debbie and the choir next Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm at St Sampson's!

## 5. Reminders

- [Current Foodbank Shopping List](#)

## 6. Morning Prayers

### • Monday Morning Zoom Prayers, 9am - all welcome

All Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79134196612?pwd=0b8fDtH3jho0hwJfaSmdu3cAqCHHh.u.1>

Meeting ID: 791 3419 6612

Passcode: xG0QAI

### • 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.

## 7. December & Christmas Services & events

### • Wednesday 18 December

- 6.30pm Christmas Carols at St Sampson's



- **Sunday 22 December - Advent 4**

- St Sampson's
  - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross
  - 8.30am Holy Communion
  - 4pm Carols by Candlelight
- St John the Baptist
  - 4pm Crib and Carol Service

- **Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December**

- St Sampson's
  - 4pm Crib service
  - 11pm Midnight Communion
- Holy Cross
  - 4pm Crib service
  - 11pm Midnight Communion
- All Saints
  - 7pm Carols by Candlelight

- **Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December**

- St Sampson's
  - 8am Holy Communion
  - 10am Christmas Celebration Holy Communion
- Holy Cross
  - 10am Christmas Celebration - *followed by Holy Communion*
- St John the Baptist
  - 11.15am Christmas Celebration Holy Communion

- **Sunday 29 December - Christmas 1**

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together at St Sampson's