

# News from the Upper Thames Churches



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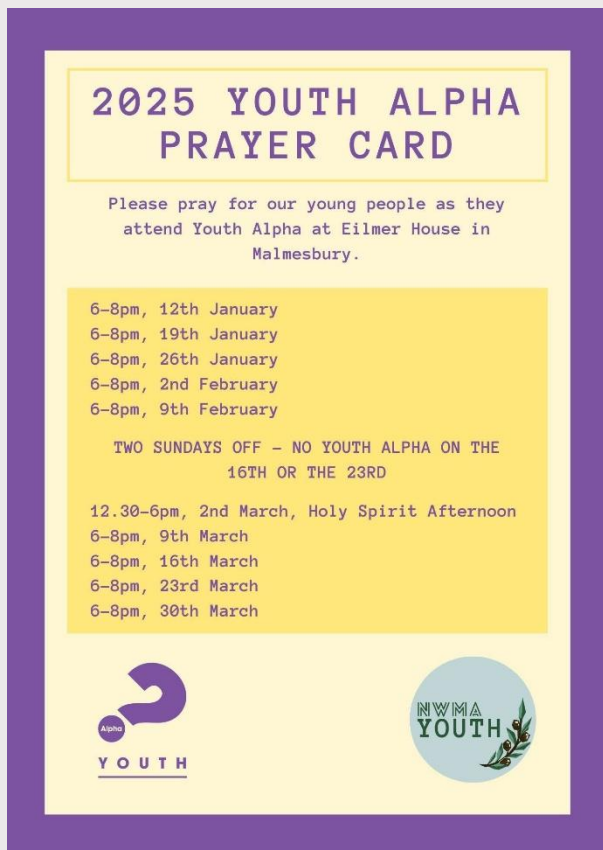
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## 1. Sunday 19 January - Epiphany 2

- **St Sampson's:**
  - 8am Holy Communion - *followed by breakfast*
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 6.30pm Evensong
- **Holy Cross:**
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 4pm Evensong - *17c Fore Street, Ashton Keynes - all welcome*
- **St John the Baptist**
  - 10am Holy Communion
- **Readings:**
  - [Isaiah 62: 1-5](#) OR [1 Corinthians 12: 1-11](#)
  - [John 2: 1-11](#)

## 2. Youth Alpha Course - a request for your prayers

NWMA Youth are currently running an Alpha Course for young people and they have asked us to join them in asking the Lord to be present with the youth and leaders, that the meetings might help answer their questions and reveal the glory of God to them.





**2025 YOUTH ALPHA PRAYER CARD**

Please pray for our young people as they attend Youth Alpha at Eilmer House in Malmesbury.

6-8pm, 12th January  
6-8pm, 19th January  
6-8pm, 26th January  
6-8pm, 2nd February  
6-8pm, 9th February

TWO SUNDAYS OFF - NO YOUTH ALPHA ON THE 16TH OR THE 23RD

12.30-6pm, 2nd March, Holy Spirit Afternoon  
6-8pm, 9th March  
6-8pm, 16th March  
6-8pm, 23rd March  
6-8pm, 30th March

## 3. Filling Station 20 February - can you help?

Our next Filling Station is on Thursday 20 February and we would be very grateful for any donations of the following:

- loaves of sandwiches (ham, cheese, tuna or egg)
- individually wrapped biscuits
- fruit
- bottles of water or fruit juice

Please email Ruth - [ruthdorothyevans@outlook.com](mailto:ruthdorothyevans@outlook.com) - if you are able to help. Thank you so much.

## 4. Reminders

### • Rhythm of life

The diocese has started a really interesting initiative for people looking to expand their ways to pray. Every month there is a different style or ethos explained in an online course. If you would



like to think about joining in, do look at the material in church and follow the links in the attached pictures. I don't always promote things from elsewhere as we have a fair amount going on ourselves! But in this case, I am really excited to see how it will work and whether you will find it interesting/works for you. Do look into it, and do let me know (if you do any of the course) how it was.

*Debbie*

- **Diocese of Bristol zoom-based initiative for disabled or neurodiverse Christians**

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Diocese of Bristol  
TRANSFORMING CHURCH.  
TOGETHER.

**Are you a disabled Christian living in the Diocese of Bristol?**

**Join our monthly Zoom for disabled and neurodiverse people and those living with long-term health conditions.**

Prayer | Information | Support

**Contact Alice to sign up to the mailing list:**  
[alice.kemp@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:alice.kemp@bristoldiocese.org)  
[0117 906 0100](tel:01179060100)

- [Current Foodbank Shopping List](#)

Please leave donations in the box at the back of St Sampson's church. Donations are collected first thing on Friday mornings.

## **5. January - February Services**

- **Sunday 26 January - Epiphany 3**

- St Sampson's:
  - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross:
  - 8.30am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist:
  - 10am Morning Worship

- **Sunday 2 February - Candlemas**

- St Sampson's:

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Morning Worship
- 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
  - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist:
  - 10am Morning Worship

• **Sunday 9 February - 4 before Lent**

- 10am Upper Thames Worship together at St Sampson's
- 3.30pm Messy Church at Holy Cross

• **Sunday 16 February - 3 before Lent**

- St Sampson's:
  - 8am Holy Communion - *followed by breakfast*
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 4pm Evensong *at Harberts Cottage, Back Street, Ashton Keynes*  
*- all welcome*
- St John the Baptist:
  - 10am Holy Communion

• **Sunday 23 February - 2 before Lent**

- St Sampson's:
  - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross:
  - 8.30am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist:
  - 10am Morning Worship

**6. Morning Prayers**

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

We are a small group who meet on Zoom for 40 minutes at 9am on Monday mornings to read, pray and socialise following a Wild Goose Wee worship format. New members would be very welcome.

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. Do join us.