

# News from the Upper Thames Churches

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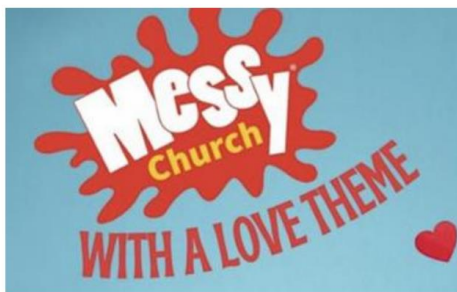
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## 1. Sunday 9 February - 4 before Lent

- 10am Upper Thames Worship together at St Sampson's
- 3.30pm Messy Church at Holy Cross
- **Readings:**
  - [Deuteronomy 7: 6-9](#)
  - [John 2:1-11](#)

## 2. Messy Church at Holy Cross

**You are invited to**



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30 – 4.30pm**  
**Holy Cross Church AK**

Everyone is welcome  
children, adults and families of all shapes and sizes  
Messy Church is about Welcome, Creativity and  
Celebration, with Jesus at the centre  
With activities (eg lego, painting, biscuit decorating)  
song, story, it's a noisy and great way of  
exploring faith together

for more info contact Rev'd Shirley 07980 548844

### 3. Mothering Sunday service on 30 March at Bristol Cathedral

This year Mothering Sunday falls on a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when we would usually have a benefice service. We thought it might be fun to do something different, following a more ancient tradition, and go to the Mother Church of the diocese, Bristol Cathedral. We have been in touch with the cathedral and they would love to welcome us that day, so there will be an 8am service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at St Sampson's, but we are hoping that everyone who usually goes to church at 10am will find a way to come to the cathedral for 'away church' that day. We hope to have a minibus, and hope too that various drivers will be able to offer lifts. There will be more details to follow, but we thought it might be good to give people advance notice of this.



### 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.



#### • Electoral Roll and GDPR forms

There are two important forms we hope you will complete and return to us this month. Follow this link for [information](#) previously sent out. There are two ways you can do this:

- Download the forms below, complete them on your computer, save the forms and email them back to us.
- Fill in a paper copy which will be found at the back of our churches. If you need a copy posting to you please reply to this email.

[Electoral Roll](#)      [GDPR](#)

#### • Kim Richey in concert at St Sampson's Saturday 1 March

An evening of music, stories and laughter with twice Grammy nominated Kim Richey, one of Nashville's finest singer songwriters. Click here for more information: [Kim Richey Concert](#)



#### • Filling Station 20 February

Please email Ruth - [ruthdorothyevans@outlook.com](mailto:ruthdorothyevans@outlook.com) - if you are able to help with donations of the following. Many thanks.

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

#### • [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. February Services

### • 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.

## 7. Church opening times - additional days for Holy Cross

- **St Sampson's:** every day, 9.30am – 3.30pm
- **Holy Cross: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,** Saturday, Sunday, 10am - 4pm