News from the Upper Thames Churches



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1. Sunday 18 May - Easter 4

- St Sampson's:
 - o 8am BCP Holy Communion followed by breakfast
 - o 10am Morning Worship
 - o 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - o 10am Morning Worship
 - o 6pm Evensong (in the church)
- St John the Baptist
 - o 10am Holy Communion
- Readings:
 - o Acts 11:1-18
 - o John 13:31-35

2. Everyone is welcome to come and Dig Deeper into The Lord of Psalm 23

The words of Psalm 23 (which starts 'The Lord is my Shepherd') are a marvellous description of who God is and what God does for us, so we will explore together how psalm 23 can underpin our lives of faith today.

Each of the 3 sessions stands on its own, so you're welcome to come to all or any of the Wednesday afternoons.

In St Sampson's lady chapel 2pm for start at 2.10 pm and finishing at 3.30pm.

Do ask Shirley D if you'd like to know more.

May 21st Psalm 23 v 1-3

The sheep and the Shepherd - Who He is, What He provides and Where He leads.

June 4th Ps 23 v 4

The traveller and the Companion - How He leads, Where He is, What He holds.

June 18th or 25th Ps 23 v 5 & 6

The guests and the Host - How He welcomes, What He sends, Where He invites.



Based on The Lord of Psalm 23 by David Gibson, which is a wonderful resource, but there's no need to buy the book!

3. Reminders

• Latton Garden Party in aid of the Bala Children's Centre in Kenya Saturday 14 June

Click here for more information: Latton Garden Party (pdf)

• Foodbank Shopping List

Please leave donations of food and toiletries in the box at the back of St Sampson's Church. Donations are collected on Monday mornings.

4. May & June Services

- Sunday 25 May Easter 6
 - o St Sampson's:
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - o Holy Cross:
 - 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
 - o St John the Baptist:
 - 10am Morning Worship

• Ascension Day - Thursday 29 May

- 8.30am Holy Communion at Sampson's followed by croissants & coffee/tea (replaces Morning Prayers)
- Sunday 1 June Easter 7

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship with the Music Group
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

• Sunday 8 June - Pentecost

- o 10am Upper Thames Worship Together Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 3.30pm Messy Church at Holy Cross celebrating Wind, Fire and the Holy Spirit. Helpers welcome, as well as people of all stages and ages to explore faith together.

• Trinity Sunday - 15 June

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6pm Evensong *in the church*
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

• Sunday 22 June - Trinity 1

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

Sunday 29 June - Trinity 2

o 10am Upper Thames Worship Together Holy Communion at Holy Cross

5. Morning Prayers

• Monday Morning Prayers at 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/72095714839?pwd=5zpS2qKl1Ukgw8X1M6RmxAs1RU1HJ8.1

Meeting ID: 720 9571 4839

Passcode: S2DKsJ

• 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.

6. Church opening times

- St Sampson's: every day, 9.30am 3.30pm
- Holy Cross: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10am 4pm
- St John the Baptist Latton: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 10am 4pm