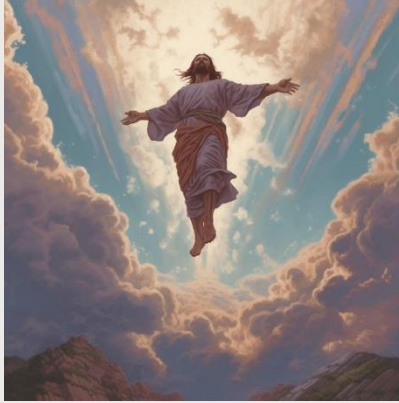


# News from the Upper Thames Churches



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## 1. Sunday 1 June - Easter 7

- St Sampson's
  - 8am BCP Holy Communion
  - 10am Morning Worship *with the Music Group & **activities for primary age children***
  - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
  - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
- 10am Morning Worship
- Readings:
  - Either - Ascension:
    - [Acts 1:1-11](#) & [Luke 24:44-end](#)
  - Or - Easter 7:
    - [Acts 16:16-34](#) & [John 17:20-26](#)

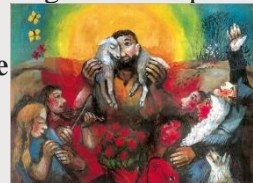
## 2. Upper Thames Matters

Join us for Upper Thames Matters where we will pray for our local communities and the wider world. Everyone is welcome - **Monday 2 June 7.30pm - 8.30pm** at the vicarage (14 Bath Road Cricklade).

## 3. We continue to 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.



**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!

## 4. Please pray for Spree

We have been asked to pray for the young people and leaders heading to Spree (the SW Christian Festival for 8-17 year olds) at the end of June.

**Prayers for Spree 2025**

**27-29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025, EXETER SHOWGROUND**

Spree SW is a Christian festival for 8-17 year olds. There will be accessible morning and evening talks, as well a whole host of fun activities including a funfair, rock climbing, sports and workshops. This year NWMA will be taking c. 17 young people from the mission area, and we are seeking your prayers for them.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Confidence for any young people who are still on the fence about coming on the trip
- Good weather
- Good health
- Safety
- Great friendships to develop on the leaders' team and among the young people
- Functioning and reliable equipment
- Great moods and great memories
- For our young people to encounter Jesus in a new way

*Thank you for praying!*

**SPREE**

**NWMA YOUTH**

## 5. Christian Aid update

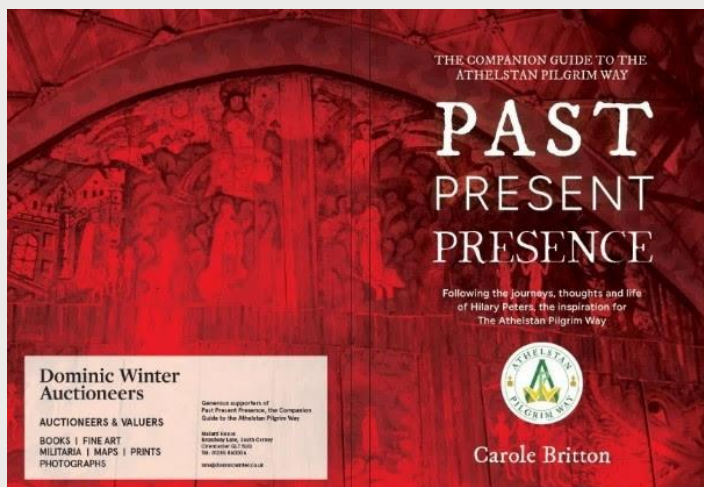
We are delighted to confirm that the Christian Aid week collection this year raised £2,437.99 - the highest total for some years. Thank you to everyone who donated, lent their houses as collection points, ran the village cafe in Latton or helped in any other way. As is seen on the news particularly in Gaza and Ukraine the need for humanitarian support such as that provided by Christian Aid remains sadly very high.



*The Christian Aid team*

## 6. Talk by Local Author

Carole Britton will be giving a talk at 6pm on Friday 18 July at St Sampson's on her new book **"Past, Present, Presence"**. The book is a journey through the life, legacy and words of "part-time hermit" and former Didmarton resident **Hilary Peters**, who had quite a national profile during her lifetime. Her contemplative life and writing inspired the vision of a local pilgrimage which could be experienced by all - and so began the creation of The Athelstan Pilgrim Way. "Past, Present, Presence" is the **companion Guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way which includes Cricklade, Ashton Keynes, Latton, The Leigh**. Copies of the book will be available to buy.



## 7. 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 \(pdf\)](#)

### • Filling Station 19 June

Ruth and Barbara would be most grateful for the following:

- sandwiches (tuna, cheese, ham, egg)
- fruit ( oranges, bananas)
- individually wrapped biscuits
- small bottles of water or fruit juice
- other individual snacks

toiletries & toilet rolls

Ruth can be contacted on [ruthdorothyevans@outlook.com](mailto:ruthdorothyevans@outlook.com) or 07713 663821. Please drop all donations off at 5 Abingdon Court Farm in Cricklade between 9am and 4pm on the 19th. And please join us for a cup of tea or coffee & a cake!

- **Concert: "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" by Karl Jenkins - Saturday 28 June 5pm at St Sampson's**

[Armed Man Concert poster \(pdf\)](#)

In aid of the St Sampson's Church Appeal, this concert comes at the end of our "Come & Sing" day and will be conducted by the Director of Music of Bristol Cathedral and accompanied by organ, trumpets, cello, flute, piccolo & percussion.



Tickets £7 (including a glass of wine or a soft drink) - available on the door or on the TicketSource website (a 59p booking fee will apply on TicketSource):

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/cricklade/st-sampsons-church/concert-the-armed-man-a-mass-for-peace-by-karl-jenkins/e-ajkbyg>

- **[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.

## 8. June Services

- **Sunday 8 June - Pentecost**

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together Holy Communion **at St Sampson's**  
*We'll be welcoming Revd Jordan Ling (Diocesan Advisor for Clergy Wellbeing) as our preacher*
- 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**

- 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**

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together Holy Communion **at Holy Cross**
- 5pm Compline **at Holy Cross** *with music by The Siren Sisters, marking the end of AK Festival*

## 9. Morning Prayers

- **Monday Morning Prayers at 9am on Zoom - 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=5zpS2gKl1Ukgw8X1M6RmxAs1RU1HJ8.1>

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- **Thursday Morning Prayers in St Sampson's Lady Chapel**

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

## 10. 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