

News from the Upper Thames Churches

24th October 2025

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1. Sunday 26 October - last before Trinity

- St Sampson's
 - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross
 - 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship
- Readings
 - [Jeremiah 14:7-10](#) OR [2 Timothy 4:6-8](#)
 - [Luke 18:9-14](#)

2. Walking with Jesus - Rev Chris Dobson



Chris is the Diocesan Advisor for Discipleship and Evangelism and has formulated the whole diocesan 'Rhythm of Life' series in which many of you have taken part. He is engaging and realistic about how we follow Jesus in our daily lives, and will be coming to spend a morning with us to help us in our daily walk in faith.

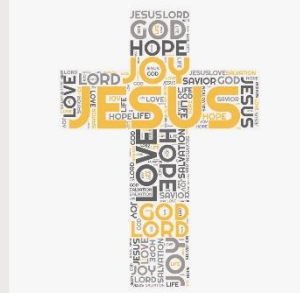
Saturday 8 November 9.30 - 12.30 at the Jenner Hall

3. 543 part 2

Many of us participated in the short series of meetings called 543+1, and this is the sequel. Just three weeks, to explore further what we cherish in our Christian lives, what we can't live without; how we nourish our Christian lives and how we can go deeper; how we might flourish by enabling our faith to spread further.

There are four groups proposed this time around and sign-up sheets are available - anyone who would like to join a group can do so. Only five spaces per group.

If you aren't where the sheets are here are the dates, all you have to do is email Debbie vicar@upperthames.org.uk with which group you would like to join. It is important to be able to come to each session. With a short course, being away for one week means you miss a third!



YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE DONE PART ONE TO DO PART TWO! And please be encouraged, the feedback we have had from the groups has been very positive so far!

So do sign up, whether on a sheet or by email.

Here are the times and dates:

- **Mondays 10, 17 & 24 November:**
 - 2 - 3.30pm
 - 7.30 - 9pm
- **Tuesdays 4, 21 & 28 November:**
 - 5-6.30pm
- **Wednesdays 5, 12 & 19 November:**
 - 7.30-9pm

Please sign up and join in!

4. Deanery Confirmation Service

The North Wiltshire Deanery Confirmation service is taking place on **Wednesday 26 November at All Saints, Crudwell**. It doesn't matter how

long you have been coming to church, confirmation is both an outward sign of our commitment to God (as we confirm and take on our baptism promises for ourselves) and a part of our church membership. If you aren't sure, or if you know you would like to be confirmed, please speak to a member of the clergy. There will be some preparation sessions running to prepare you for that, so



Debbie

5. All Souls services and lighting of candles

- **Saturday 1 November 1.45pm - 3pm** **Light a candle for loved ones in Holy Cross**
- **Sunday 2 November - All Souls services:**
 - **4pm at Holy Cross** (for Ashton Keynes and the Leigh)
 - **6.30pm at St Sampson's** (for Cricklade and Latton).

The names of those whose funeral services we have taken in the last 12 months will be read out at the relevant service.

If you are coming to one of the services and would like to hear us to read out the names of other loved ones who have died, please email admin@upperthames.org.uk to give us their name(s) and the service you are going to attend. There will be no paper lists in church.

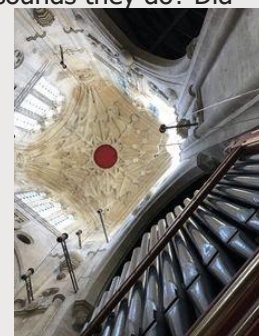


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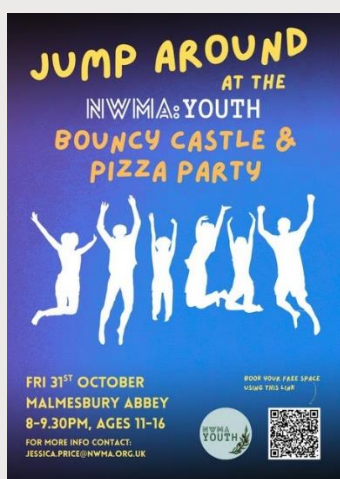
- **Come & find out how a church pipe organ works! - TOMORROW 25 November at St Sampson's**

Have you ever wondered how pipe organs make the different sounds they do? Did you know that the saying "to pull out all the stops" originates from pipe organ music and that the earliest prototypes were created in the 3rd century BC in Ancient Greece? Pipe organs are the largest musical instruments ever built and are highly complex machines. If you'd like to find out how a pipe organ works, come and join us on Saturday 25 October, 11am, at St Sampson's. We think it will take about 45 mins to give an overview and demonstration. So that we can have an idea in advance of how many might be there please could you email admin@upperthames.org.uk to let us know if you plan to come along.

Jane & Tim Eyles



- **Bouncy Castle & Pizza Party for 11-16 year olds**



• Malmesbury & District Foodbank

Please help support local people in crisis.

Donations of food can be left at:

- **Cricklade** - at the back of St Sampson's church, at St Sampson's school, Tesco Express, Animal Fayre, Culverhay Stores, Cricklade United Church, St Mary's Church
- **Ashton Keynes** - at the back of Holy Cross church and at the village school
- **Latton** - at the Village Hall café monthly.

Foodbank needs (click for latest shopping list)

You can also support by donating money, either through regular giving or one-off gifts.

To find out more about the work of the Foodbank and how you can help, please visit their website: [Malmesbury & District Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)



7. November Services

• Sunday 2 November - All Saints

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm All Souls service
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - 4pm All Souls service
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

• Sunday 9 November - Remembrance Sunday

- St Sampson's
 - 11.15am Remembrance service
- Holy Cross
 - 10.55 Remembrance service
- All Saints
 - 10.55 Remembrance service

• Sunday 16 November - 2 before Advent

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 3.30pm Messy Church - ***in Ashton Keynes school***
 - 4pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist

- 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 23 November - Christ the King**

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

- **Sunday 30 November - Advent Sunday**

- **Malmesbury Abbey**
 - 10.30am Joint Deanery/Mission Area service
- Holy Cross
 - 4pm Christingle

8. 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/77713838432?pwd=AzDJt5p8Rs3WxmbjI3sSFVEEMFpAuF.1>

Meeting ID: 777 1383 8432

Passcode: 1FLvt0

- **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.

9. Church opening times

- St Sampson's: every day, 9am – 3pm
- Holy Cross: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10am - 4pm
- St John the Baptist Latton: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 10am - 4pm

10. What3Words locations for our churches *(for use on the What3Words app)*

- **St Sampson's:** unopposed.remotest.raft
- **Holy Cross (entrance to car park):** ideals.conga.flushes
- **St John the Baptist:** roadways.handwriting.trample
- **All Saints:** powers.party.zinc



- **Waterhay (All Saints Old Chancel):** leaky.refrained.marketing

