

UPPER THAMES NEWS

1 May 2026

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Sunday 3 May - Easter 5

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - **10am Morning Worship** *including baptism - music group and **children's activities***
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship
- Readings:
 - St Sampson's - [John 14](#) and [Psalm 23](#)
 - Holy Cross - [Acts 7:55-end](#) and [1 Peter 2:2-10](#)
 - St John the Baptist - [Acts 7:55-end](#) and [John 14:1-14](#)

Rooted and Growing in God



Three weeks to share and learn together -

- Be with Jesus
- Becoming like Jesus
- Do what Jesus does

Rooted in God and growing in him.

Those three titles come from a book called 'Practising the Way' by John Mark Comer which will be the basis of our three weeks together. You can buy the book (but you don't need to), or simply come along.

There will be three opportunities to join in – it would be best if you stuck to one group, but if for any reason you can't, you could swap groups for a week.

- Monday mornings – Elevenses. 14 Bath Road, 10.30-12 Mondays in May 11th, 18th and either 25th or June 1st depending on your plans over a bank holiday weekend.
- Tuesday evenings – 14 Bath Road. 7.30-9pm Tuesdays in May 12th, 19th, 26th
- Thursday late afternoons – Afternoon teatime – 14 Bath Road. 4-5.30pm Thursdays in May 14th, 21st, 28th

We'd be glad to know numbers – please tell Debbie or a member of the ministry team if you can come.

CHRISTIAN AID 2026 in Cricklade

Christian Aid week is fast approaching! This year it takes place **10 - 17 May**.

The following events are taking place:

- **Friday Coffee Café** at the United Church Hall on **Friday 15 May** 10 - 11.30am. Please come along and drink a cup of coffee/tea for Christian Aid. Fairtrade stall will be open!
- **Street Collection in the High Street** on **Saturday morning 16 May**. We could use some help with this - if you are willing to assist by shaking a tin/bucket please contact Mary Coole (mary.coole@btinternet.com). Also if you are happy to put up a poster advertising the week please let Mary know.

- **Ecumenical service** in St Sampson's to mark Christian Aid week will take place on **Sunday 17 May** at 10am. Hope to see you all there!

There is a donations bucket and Christian Aid envelopes at the back of St Sampson's church. Please give generously!



Reminders

Filling Station Thursday 21 May

Dear Friends,

Our next Filling Station session is coming up in a month's time.

Please can we ask for your continued support and generosity, for this worthwhile cause...

Food for the evening of 21 May is the main priority. We would be grateful to receive offers of the following:

- loaves of sandwiches
- individually wrapped biscuits
- oranges and bananas
- small bottles/ cartons of fruit juice and water

In addition, toilet rolls and tins with ring-pulls are welcomed, because these are offered to those who are homeless or sofa surfing.

Barbara and I look forward to seeing you on the 21 May, when you drop donations off at 5 Abingdon Court Farm, between 9am and 1.30pm.

(Please note shortened opening hours, on this occasion!).

We hope you will be able to pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. Your friendship and the fellowship we enjoy together, is a valued part of this endeavour.

All good wishes

Ruth & Barbara 🙏

St Sampson's Tower Tours & Church Fête

Tower Tours - starting Saturday 23 May.

Cakes needed for tower tour refreshments.

*Please sign form in church if you are able to provide any or contact Sharon Smith 751375
sharonsmith54@hotmail.com for the first tower tour taking place on Saturday 23 May.*



St Sampson's Church
Tower Open
Saturday
23 May, 6 June, 5 Sept
2pm-4pm

Enjoy the wonderful views of
Cricklade and beyond



Please make a donation in aid of the refurbishment
Drinks and cakes available.
Note: weather dependent. There are 120 steps.
Proper shoes required. Minimum age: 8.



Re-visiting our ministers' sermons

If you have found that something our ministers have said in their sermons has been helpful to you and you would like to re-visit those words, they would be delighted to send you a copy of their script. Please free to ask.

Malmesbury & District Foodbank

Click on the **link** above for a pdf with more information on where you can drop off food in Cricklade, Ashton Keynes and Latton. Click on the **logo** for the Foodbank homepage.



May services

- **Sunday 10 May**
 - 10am Worship Together at St Sampson's
- **Thursday 14 May - Ascension Day**
 - 8.45am Holy Communion at St Sampson's - *tea, coffee and biscuits at 8.30am*

- **Sunday 17 May**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast
 - 10am Morning Worship - **Christian Aid service** with Cricklade United Church
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Around the Table
 - 6pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 24 May - Pentecost**

- St Sampson's
 - 10am Upper Thames Holy Communion with prayers for healing
- Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 31 May**

- 10am Worship Together at All Saints, Leigh

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 the Lady Chapel in 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 and we meet at 8.30am to enjoy coffee and the Iona Community's 'Wee Worship Book', and finish by 9.30am.

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

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 (Old Chancel): leaky.refrained.marketing



St Sampson's, Cricklade
Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
St John the Baptist, Latton
All Saints, Leigh

Parish Office, Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade, Wiltshire, SN6 6AX

Usual office opening hours:
9.30am - 12pm
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

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