

# UPPER THAMES NEWS

8 May 2026

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## Sunday 10 May - Easter 6

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together *at St Sampson's*
- Readings:
  - [1 Peter 3:13-22](#)
  - [John 14:15-21](#)

## Upper Thames Matters



Join us for our Upper Thames Matters prayer meeting where we pray for our local communities and the wider world.

We next meet this coming **Monday 11 May from 7.30pm -**

**8.30pm** at the vicarage (14 Bath Road, Cricklade).

**Everyone is welcome.**

## Ascension Day - Thursday 14 May

Join us for our Upper Thames Holy Communion service on Ascension Day, Thursday 14 May, at **8.45am in St Sampson's**. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits before the service at 8.30am.



### Christian Apps, Podcasts, Programmes, etc.

Do you have a favourite (or several favourite) apps, websites, TV or radio programmes you regularly tune into that grow, feed or otherwise enhance your Christian life? If so, the St Sampson's church wardens would love to hear from you, no matter which of our Upper Thames churches you attend.



They are in the process of combining and updating our existing information into a list that can be circulated around the group and shared amongst ourselves and with visitors to our churches, which they would very much like to reflect our collective Christian habits.

Please speak to Adina or Ruth, or email Adina at [janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com) or Ruth at [ruthderham@outlook.com](mailto:ruthderham@outlook.com).

Thank you!

### Reminders:

#### 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.

1. **Monday mornings** – **May 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and either 25<sup>th</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup>** depending on your plans over a bank holiday weekend. Join us for Elevenses. 14 Bath Road, 10.30-12.
2. **Tuesday evenings** – **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>** 14, Bath Road. 7.30-9pm.

3. **Thursday late afternoons – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>** Afternoon teatime – 14 Bath Road. 4-5.30pm.

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**

Events taking place **Sunday 10 May - Sunday 17 May:**

- **Friday Coffee Café** at the United Church Hall on Friday **15 May 10 - 11.30am**. The Fair trade stall will be open.
- **Street Collection in the High Street** on **Saturday morning 16 May**. If you are willing to assist by shaking a tin/bucket please contact Mary Coole ([mary.coole@btinternet.com](mailto: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!

### **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 - first one Saturday 23 May

Cakes needed for refreshments. Please sign form in St Sampson's if you are able to provide any or contact Sharon Smith 751375

[sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com)



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.



## 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

- **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`

