

UPPER THAMES NEWS

28 August 2026

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Sunday 30 August

- St John the Baptist Latton
 - 10am Upper Thames Worship Together
- Readings

Face to Face with God in the ordinary mess of life

 - [Genesis 32:22 & 24-30](#)
 - [John 21: 4,7 – 10, 12, 13, 15-19](#)

Church Life...

Debbie's retirement service - save the date!

As you may know, Debbie is retiring and stepping back as our vicar at the end of October. There will be a service of thanksgiving and farewell on Sunday 18 October at 3.30pm in St Sampson's.

Upper Thames Matters

Our next Upper Thames Matters is on Monday 7th September. Join us as we pray for our local communities and the wider world.

7.30pm - 8.30pm at the vicarage (14 Bath Road, Cricklade). **Everyone is welcome.**



Prayer Room in St Aldhelm's Chapel, Malmesbury Abbey 7-12 September, 9am - 7pm

Part of the '**Global Week of 24/7 Prayer**'. A chance to pray for Global needs, our communities and for any personal and family concerns. There will be some suggestions to help with praying and we hope that you will find this a special time, and a different experience, if you have not been in a 'Prayer Room' before.

Book as an individual, couple, home group, with friends.... however feels right for you:

[24-7 Prayer International - Sign-Up](#) or contact Fiona in the parish office on 01666 826666 or by email fiona.hocken@malmesburyabbey.com

Messy Church - celebrating Harvest 20 September



**Holy Cross Church
Ashton Keynes**

Sunday Sept 20th 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Celebrating Harvest

Welcome, Wonder and Worship

**messy with activities,
noisy with chatting and singing,
come and join us!**



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Dig Deeper into John's Gospel part 2

4 sessions on Monday mornings; come when you can.

Where? in the lady chapel in St Sampson's church

When? 10.30 am to 12 noon on Aug 10th and 24th and Sept 7th and 14th

What? Together we'll explore these themes (*more detail later*)

Week 3 Monday 7 September - Glory – worth digging into because glory is John's main way to the heart of God's life and to the heart of a life trusting God.

Week 4 Sept 14th - Our future; Sent as Jesus was sent – into God, into community and into the world

John's Gospel has been described as a "Gospel of abundance ..through which we are fed abundantly and enabled to receive fullness beyond fullness. Let's dig into some more.
Do contact Shirley if you'd like to know more and let her know if you're planning to come.

Morning Prayers

Monday 31 August on Zoom & Thursday 3 September in the Lady Chapel, St Sampson's - **more details below.**



Latton Café

Our café is next open on **Saturday 5 September**, 10am - 12pm, in Latton Village Hall.

Join us for tea, coffee and a chat!

St Sampson's church fête - Saturday 5 September

Help is needed - find out more [here](#)



Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust annual 'Ride & Stride' event (St Sampson's info)

Saturday 12 September is the Wiltshire Historic Churches annual Ride & Stride event and we're looking for volunteers to 'man' the church for a period throughout the day to welcome any Riders and Striders that might call on us, and to point them in the direction of our facilities and refreshments.

If you'd like to get involved, please add your name to the volunteer's list on the welcome table at St Sampson's; or speak to Ruth or Adina.



Many thanks,
Adina & Ruth

Emergency Climate Briefing Film

Care for the environment is an integral part of our mission as God's people. Please consider taking the opportunity to see 'The People's Emergency Briefing'. This thought provoking and carefully balanced film is to be shown for a second time at Cricklade Town Hall. Full details are shown below:



Foodbank

Malmesbury & District Foodbank Click on the **link** (left) 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.



September services

- **Sunday 6 September - Trinity 14**
 - St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with music group and activities for children*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
 - Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion for **Creationtide**
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

- **Sunday 13 September - Trinity 15**
 - St Sampson's
 - 10am Upper Thames Worship Together
 - **Sunday 20 September - Trinity 16**
 - St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 11.30am Harvest Morning Worship *followed by harvest lunch*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
 - Holy Cross
 - 11.30am Harvest Morning Worship *followed by harvest lunch*
 - 3.30pm Messy Church Harvest
 - 6pm Evensong
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - **Sunday 27 September - Trinity 17**
 - St Sampson's
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - St John the Baptist
 - Morning Worship
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Monday Morning Prayers at 9am on Zoom - all welcome to join us

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