

UPPER THAMES NEWS

11 September 2026

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Sunday 13 September - Trinity 15

- **10am Upper Thames Worship Together at St Sampson's**

We will be saying goodbye to our curate Jo as she comes to the end of her placement with us.

Prayer for healing will be available at the top of the chancel outside the Lady Chapel
- **Readings**
 - [Genesis 50:15-21](#)
 - [John 21:15-19](#)

Church Life

Prayer for Healing

At Pentecost we commissioned a few people to be a 'Healing Prayer Team'. They have had some training (with our curate Sharon) and were commissioned by us all to pray for people during and after our Benefice services on the 2nd Sunday of the month. This wasn't really



viable during the summer, but will begin this coming Sunday (13th).

During communion you will be able to receive communion and then carry on up to the high altar rail where two members of the team will be ready to pray for you, for any concerns you have, or for other people on your heart. This will happen every month (when that is possible).

The Bible exhorts us to share our burdens, to pray for healing and to be a body together: do take the opportunity not to be alone in your praying about things. The team will keep everything confidential, and if you don't want to say precisely or in any detail what is on your heart they will pray with you anyway.

Dig Deeper into John's Gospel part 2

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

When? Sept 14th 10.30 am to 12 noon on

What? Our future - Sent as Jesus was sent into God, into community and into the world.

Do contact Shirley if you'd like to know more and let her know if you're planning to come.



St Sampson's Harvest Lunch

On Sunday 20 September, there will be a shared lunch following the Harvest service, which starts at the later than normal time of 11:30am. Please add your name to the list on the welcome table if you would like to come so that we can get an idea of numbers. If you are able to bring some food to share, please indicate on the second list what you would like to bring. If not, please do come along anyway. There is always plenty to go round and we would love to see you all there.



Messy Church - Celebrating Harvest - 20 September



Morning Prayers

Monday 14 September *on Zoom* & Thursday 17 September in the Lady Chapel, St Sampson's
- **more details below.**

NWMA Youth Light Party



A poster for the NWMA Youth Light Party. The left side has a green background with the text 'LIGHT PARTY 2026' in large, stylized, pixelated letters. Below this, it says 'Saturday 31st Oct', 'Malmesbury Abbey', and '8-9.30pm'. The right side has a black background with white text and colorful pixel art icons. The text includes: '>The best >not-Halloween >party in town.', '>Organised by N >Wilt's churches', '>Featuring...', 'PIZZA' (with a pizza icon), 'BOUNCY CASTLE' (with a castle icon), 'GAMES' (with a card icon), 'ARTS & CRAFTS' (with a craft icon), '>For 11s-18s', '>Tickets £5', and 'RSVP: jessica.price@nwma.org.uk'. There is also a small circular logo for 'NWMA YOUTH'.

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Malmesbury Abbey

8-9.30pm

Emergency Climate Briefing Film - next Wednesday 16 September



A poster for the 'THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING FILM' titled 'Changing Climate: How do we Respond?'. The background shows a field of pumpkins with a church in the distance. The text includes: 'THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING FILM', 'Changing Climate: How do we Respond?', 'Get the latest facts from the UK's top experts', 'How is climate change affecting our homes, gardens, health, household budget, food and water supplies?', 'And how can we respond?', '2ND SHOWING 16 SEPT BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND', '7pm · Wed 16th Sept', 'Cricklade Town Hall', 'Book via QR code or info@crispaction.org', 'Locally sourced refreshments available', and 'Cricklade Sustainability Project'. There is a QR code and a small logo for 'Crispaction'.

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Cricklade Sustainability Project

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 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
- All Saints, Leigh
 - 5pm Harvest Service *followed by tea and cakes*



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.