

UPPER THAMES NEWS

9 October 2026

This week in Upper Thames News:

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Sunday 11 October - Trinity 19

- 10am Worship Together at St Sampson's - Debbie's last benefice service
- 3.30pm Messy Church at Holy Cross (see below)
- Readings
 - [Philippians 4:1-9](#)
 - [Matthew 28:16-20](#)



We warmly invite you to

AK Messy Church

3.30pm Sunday 11th October 2026

Holy Cross Church AK (SN6 6QR)

Exploring Sand, Stones, and Super Strong Foundations!



Join us for a messy adventure as we explore Jesus' story of the two builders.

With Celebration, Creativity and Community activities, games, story, song and snack

Contact Rev'd Shirley for more details

Church Life...

All Souls' Bereavement services

Our annual All Souls' Bereavement Services, when we remember those we love but see no longer, will take place on **Sunday 1 November in Holy Cross at 4pm** (for Ashton Keynes & Leigh) and **in St Sampson's at 6.30pm** (for Cricklade & Latton). During these quiet, reflective services there will be time to light a candle to remember those we have lost and we will read out the names of those who died in our parishes (or who had a link with our parishes) and whose services we have taken in the last year.



If you are coming to one of the services and would like us to include the name of a loved one, please add their name to the list you will find at the back of both churches, or click this link - admin@upperthames.org.uk - to give Jane their names(s) and that of the church you will be attending. Alternatively you can leave a message on 01793 979304.

In addition, **Holy Cross** church will be open for anyone who would like to pop in and light a candle to remember their loved ones, on **Saturday 31 October** between 1.45pm - 3pm. Do feel free to come along then, either as well as, or instead of coming to the service the following day.



Suzi and Pauline are running a workshop evening on
Creativity in Prayer, on

Thursday 13 October from 7.30-9pm, at

Harberts Cottage, Back Street, Ashton Keynes
SN6 6PD

(third house in on the left as you come from the
High Road end).

All materials provided and no special skills needed!

The more the merrier, but please let us know if you
are coming so that we can provide enough of
everything.

Contact Pauline - pauline.loveday@gmail.com



Next week's Morning Prayers

Monday 12 October on Zoom & Thursday 15 October in the Lady Chapel, St Sampson's - **more details 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.



October services

- **Sunday 18 October - Trinity 20**
 - St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - [No 10am service]
 - **3.30pm Upper Thames Service of Thanksgiving and Farewell as Debbie retires**
 - [No Evensong]
 - Holy Cross
 - 10am Around the Table Morning Worship
 - St John the Baptist

- 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 25 October - Trinity 21**

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



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

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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