

UPPER THAMES NEWS

16 October 2026

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Sunday 18 October - Trinity 20 - and Debbie's retirement service

Just a reminder that at **3.30 pm in St Sampson's on this coming Sunday**, October 18th, we'll be joined by people from across the Diocese and some of Debbie's family and friends for the Service of Thanksgiving on her retirement. We do, and will on Sunday too, give thanks to God for Debbie's ministry and leadership in Upper Thames, for all she has given to us and the blessing she has been here. We pray that God will bless her richly in her retirement.

- **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**
 - [No 10am service]
 - **Readings**
 - Isaiah 45:1-7 **OR** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
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 - Matthew 22:15-22
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Church Life...

This Sunday there is no 10am service at St Sampson's or St John the Baptist, and no Evensong at St Sampson's.

Cakes for Debbie's retirement service

A reminder that if anyone is able to bake a cake for Debbie's retirement service this Sunday we would be most grateful! Please contact Ruth at St Sampson's to let us know what you can bring: ruthderham@outlook.com or 07815 009273.



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.



Next week's Morning Prayers

Monday 19 October on Zoom & Thursday 22 October in the Lady Chapel, St Sampson's - **more details below.**



Exhibition of Photography by Graham Light LBIPP
Saturday 7th November 2026 - 10.00am - 2.30 pm
at Town Hall Annexe, High Street, Cricklade.
Free Admission but donations welcome towards
Cricklade Open Door.

Various images and cards will be available for sale.



Further information email - grahamdligh77@gmail.com
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St. Sampson's CE Primary School Resource Base Consultation

We have been asked to circulate this information:

Dear All,

There is a growing need in our local area for more provision for children with special educational needs (SEN). Wiltshire Council, together with St. Sampson's CE Primary School, with the support of Bristol Diocese, would like to open a Resource Base for September 2027 and today we are starting a 4-week consultation period. Please see the proposal and statutory notice for the Resource Base (links below).

Comments can be made:

- *via the online survey at: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-offer/send-school-resource-projects>*
- *by email to: localoffer@wiltshire.gov.uk*
- *or by sending them to Wiltshire Council SEND & Inclusion Service (ref: St. Sampson's CE Primary School Resource Base), County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN*

If anyone at Bristol Diocese or St. Sampson's Parish has any questions about the proposal, please feel free to contact me directly.

Kind regards

Matthew Look

SEND Place Planning Commissioning Lead

SEND & Inclusion

[Statutory notice to St Sampson's school](#)

[St Sampson's Primary School Resource Base Proposal](#)

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-November services

- **Sunday 25 October - Trinity 21**
 - St Sampson's
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship
- **Sunday 1 November - All Saints Day**
 - St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship **with activities for children**
 - 6.30pm All Souls' Bereavement service - *Cricklade & Latton*
 - Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - 4pm All Soul's Bereavement service - *Ashton Keynes & Leigh*
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

- **Sunday 8 November - Remembrance Sunday**
 - St Sampson's
 - 11.15am Remembrance service
 - Holy Cross
 - 10.55am Remembrance service
 - All Saints
 - 10.55am Remembrance service

- **Sunday 15 November - 2nd before Advent**
 - St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
 - Holy Cross
 - 10am Around the Table
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 22 November - Sunday before Advent / Christ the King**
 - St Sampson's
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - St John the Baptist

- **Sunday 29 November - Advent Sunday**
 - Malmesbury Abbey
 - Deanery Advent service for all Upper Thames services (timings to be confirmed)
 - St Sampson's
 - 6pm Advent Iona Communion