

Holy Cross Church

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Holy Cross Church: 'Creating opportunities for everyone to experience God's love'



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Our new Priest-in-charge Revd Phil Bradley will be licensed and installed on July 30th in St Sampson's (7.30 pm). All welcome.

New Parish Office Location:- Room 2 (follow signs upstairs), Jenner Hall, Bath Rd, Cricklade, SN6 6AX (opposite the back of the Vale Hotel). **NEW OFFICE PHONE NUMBER** is 01793 979304

THANKYOU to all who have volunteered to help with the **Christian Aid collection**. You're enabling Christian Aid to support those ravaged by war across the world.

Waterhay Leigh chancel Pop to see the art in the water parks installation the May 24th /25th bank holiday.

UGANDA BISHOP visit – we hope Bishop George and Revd Reuben from the Kigezi Diocese Water Programme will visit Upper Thames May 24th

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(NEW NUMBER) (Wed & Thur 10 – 1 & Fri 10–12

noon) **Wedding & baptism** bookings: Saturdays 9.30–

10.30 Parish Office, **in the JENNER HALL**

Services & Dates at a glance

Sun May 4th

8 am Communion BCP

10 am Family Service

Sun May 11th – Christian Aid week.

10.30 am Churches Together Service for Christian Aid Week at Cricklade United Church. Walk to St Sampson's for coffee and the Jump for Justice.

Jump for Justice all day 10 – 5.30 pm. Abseiling down inside St Sampson's and lots of activities, (see next page)

5 pm Bishop Lee abseiling & closing ceremony.

6.30pm Evening Service in Holy Cross – **PARTY**
CHANGED TO JUNE 8th

Sun May 18th Lee Abbey visit weekend

10 am Morning Worship

4 pm Messy Church in the school hall

"The man who came through the roof"

Sun May 25th

10 am Holy Communion.

Thursday May 29th

7 am in the morning Ascension Day Communion at St Sampson's followed by breakfast.

Sun June 1st

8 am BCP Communion

10 am Family Service

11.30am All Saints Leigh; All Age service for Leigh community

Thurs June 5th

Communion at home 18 Richmond Court 11 am.

June 8th

10 am Upper Thames Group Communion service for Pentecost in St Sampson's

6 pm Pentecost Celebration at Holy Cross ALL are invited. Singing and hospitality together in church. If you could bring a plate of finger food to contribute – sweet or savoury – that would be great.

Sun June 15th

10 am Morning Worship

3 pm Holy Cross Summer Fayre in Church Walk

Sun June 22nd (music festival)

9.30 am Taize Service in Holy Cross

9 pm Compline in Holy Cross

Sun June 29th

10 am Upper Thames group service in Holy Cross

Sun July 6th

8 am BCP communion 10 am Family Service

2.30 pm Baptism – Byron Howard.

EASTER FLOWERS and CROSSES

Thankyou to all those who decorated the church so beautifully with both flowers and crosses at Easter. You are all so talented and creative and the church looked amazing.



Thankyou also to those who set up the crosses and the Friends of holy Cross who provided tea and cake.

Breakfast in memory of Peter Hartland

17 came and shared breakfast in Peter's memory. There were many ideas for possible ways we might continue Peter's wish for care for all in the village. A small group are looking at this and there will be another breakfast. Thankyou The White Hart and Anthony for a lovely venue and breakfast.

Christian Aid week

Sunday May 11th Churches Together service at Cricklade United Church 10.30am then walk to St Sampson's for coffee and watch the "Jump for Justice" in aid of **Christian Aid**

There will be an indoor free-fall abseil, down the inside of St Sampson's tower! Please consider sponsoring Emma Harris who is courageously taking part; come & support her too! Lots of other activities - hand-bells, teddy parachuting, BBQ lunch, tea and cake, cream teas, chocolate fountain and lots more.

Closing worship 5 pm with Bishop Lee (who is abseiling too).



"The man who came through the roof" is our story. We'll have our usual mix of activities, song & a cooked tea. Fun, Friendship and Food together. Great for all ages.

Help is always needed so if you could lend a hand please let Shirley know.

Sun May 18th 4 pm

In the School Hall

LINDA IS RETIRING from Messy Church. In September we will need people to help in these ways: doing an activity tray, telling a story, leading a song, setting up, clearing up, registering as people arrive, helping with food, making tea. You don't need to help

every month - when you can would be great. Please let Shirley or Linda know if you could help,

"Dig Deeper" group meets Wed May 27th 8pm - 9.30 in Cricklade. We'll be exploring the Old Testament book of the love poem 'Song of Songs'. Transport is available from Ashton to Cricklade. Shirley 07980 548844 can give you more details.

Ascension Day May 29th - 40 days after Easter. We celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in heaven. That means we have Jesus at God's right hand; earth touches heaven & heaven touches earth. Truly amazing. Join us at **7 am in St Sampson's communion + breakfast.**

Would you like to be Baptised by the Archbishop of Canterbury? Or to re-affirm the promises made at your baptism when you were very young?

Either is possible, when Most Rev'd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury leads an outdoor service in Malmesbury, Beside the river Avon he will carry out baptisms and re-affirmations on Sat Sept 13th 2014.

How exciting is that?

Baptism is the marked start of our journey of faith and is about wanting to make a commitment to follow Jesus. It's a welcome into God's family too and if you are an adult or a young person in year 5 or above and would like to be baptised please contact Revd Shirley or Revd Lee Barnes. We will be running groups to prepare for this in July & early September, both locally & in Malmesbury. **The Archbishop's visit will include a whole evening of good things including a hog roast. Book the date and come!**

Confirmation if you would like it, will be Tues Oct 7th in Malmesbury Abbey by Mike, the Bishop of Bristol. There will be a preparation group, similar to that for the baptisms. If you're interested in learning more about confirmation please get in touch with Shirley for more details.

Pentecost is the birthday of the church. Come and celebrate life in the Spirit at Holy Cross on SUNDAY JUNE 8th 6 pm in Holy Cross Church.

Postponed from May 11th. We'll sing songs of praise and celebrate, have refreshments and a time of celebration for life as the body of Christ. EVERYONE who would like to come is invited. If you could bring a plate of "finger food" (sweet or savoury) to share that would be great.