

Holy Cross Church

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Dec 2014 & Jan 2015

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Holy Cross Church:

**'Creating opportunities for everyone to
experience God's love'**

one of the Upper Thames Group of Parishes



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Thankyou to our administrators

Thankyou Sue for the many years you served as Upper Thames Administrator. You did a fantastic job. And **welcome Pauline Loveday** who has stepped up to the job of Upper Thames administrator and we wish you God's blessing in this new role.

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Parish Office :- Room 2 (follow signs upstairs),
Jenner Hall, Bath Rd, Cricklade, SN6 6AX **PHONE
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Wedding & baptism bookings: Saturdays 9.30–
10.30 Parish Office, in the JENNER HALL.

Baptisms at Holy Cross usually on 4th Sundays 12
noon alternate months, or in a family service.

Services and Dates at a glance

Sat Dec 6th **Christmas Fayre** in the village hall
2.15 pm

Sun Dec 7th

8 am BCP communion (*no 10 am service*)

4 pm **Christingle service** with Mrs Sam
Saville and the school.

Thurs Dec 11th

8 pm **Beer and Carols in The White Hart**

Sun Dec 14th

10 am Upper Thames Morning worship and
baptism at St Sampson's

4 pm Evening Service in Holy Cross

Tues Dec 16th WI Carol Service, Holy Cross 2.30pm

Fri Dec 19th 1.45 pm school Christmas service
Holy Cross

Sun Dec 21st

10 am Morning Worship

6 pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve Dec 24th

4 pm Crib Service

7 pm Carol Service at **All Saints Leigh**

11 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day Dec 25th

8.45 am Holy Communion

10 am Christmas Family service

Sun Dec 28th

10 am Upper Thames Communion service
at Holy Cross

Sun Jan 4th

8 am BCP Communion

10 am Family Service

Sun Jan 11th

10 am **Taize service with communion** at St
Sampson's

4pm Evening Service at Holy Cross

Sat Jan 17th **Breakfast in The White Hart** re

pastoral care phase two. £5 from Peter or Jayne H

Sun Jan 18th

10 am Morning Worship

4 pm Messy Church in the **school hall**

Sun Jan 25th

10 am Holy Communion

Sun Feb 1st

8 am BCP communion

10 am Family Service

HOME COMMUNION 11 am Thur Jan 9th (*note*

date) and Thur Feb 5th at Joan Ashcroft's home 18
Richmond Court; ALL WELCOME

Holy Cross Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 6 December 2.15 - 4 pm

Ashton Keynes Village Hall.

Something old, something new.... come along

- visit from Father Christmas
 - children's crafts table
 - lovely home-made cakes, chutneys, wreaths, and gifts of all descriptions
 - Tea room with wonderful edible treats!
- And look out for the FoHC recipe book.

Christmas Care in Swindon: 24/7 for the homeless & lonely in Swindon. 11 am Christmas Eve to 11am on 28th, it offers tea, coffee, meals & a friendly face. The project needs donations of warm clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, toiletries which can be brought to Holy Cross.

We are continuing to take any foodstuffs to **Swindon Food Bank** - they are always very grateful for support.

"**Save Leigh Church**" supporters have organised a raffle which will be drawn on Christmas Eve after the 7 pm Carol Service at the Leigh.

Fantastic prizes prizes (eg weekend in a London hotel). Raffle tickets £1 each, from AK village shop or anyone who lives in the Leigh.

Big Breakfast at the White Hart Sat Jan 17th at 8.30 am. Having updated the welcome pack we'll continue to consider pastoral care (part 2). Everyone and all ideas welcome. Contact Peter Tuck or Jayne Hughes (£5 for the breakfast).

Alpha Course in Cricklade

Welcome Meal at the **White Hart Hotel** Cricklade on **Tuesday 13th January 2015 from 7:30pm** (finishing by 9:30pm) and the course will continue on the same night for the next few weeks after that date. More from Revd Phil.

An alpha course is planned for Ashton Keynes

Thankyou

Friends of Holy Cross, Bob Bewley, Robin Walker & many others for organising, researching and speaking at Wartime Ashton Keynes
Many people enjoyed the talk & the exhibition.



Sunday January 18th

school hall. 4 – 5.15 pm

If you could lend a hand setting up, helping with an activity (everything provided), tea or clearing up please let Revd Shirley know

New Upper Thames Youth Group Vibe based in Cricklade is under way. Contact Rev Phil if you'd like to know more. Young people from Ashton are very welcome.

Over £1700 from Upper Thames harvest & events for the **Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Programme**.

St Sampson's harvest lunch and collection, raised £611.76; £520.65 from the Siren Sisters' Concert; £475 from the Ashton Keynes harvest service collection & lunch; and £100 from the Cricklade Fun Run.
Thankyou.

New Informal Worship in Cricklade

Starting Sunday 11th January 2015, each Sunday except 1st Sunday, at St Sampson's Primary School. There will be S Club for primary age children and Vibe (for youth), but it is open to all who enjoy more modern music, in a relaxed setting.

Message from Revd Shirley

Many of you have asked whether I have retired or am moving away. No, I am still around! Rev Phil is largely concentrating on Cricklade and Latton and the provision of a ministry for young people across Upper Thames and the focus of my ministry will be oversight of Ashton Keynes and the Leigh. All PCCs have agreed to this. Phil will take services in all churches and we're meeting weekly so we are both aware of things in all parishes.
In 2015 let's have the confidence to "go and make disciples".