

# Holy Cross Church Pew Notes May 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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**Weddings & baptisms** please look at our website (details above) before booking. You can book on Saturdays 9.30–10.30 Parish Office, in the JENNER HALL. **Baptisms at Holy Cross** are usually on 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 12 noon alternate months, or in a family service. Our booklet and booking form is on the website.

## **Our prayer for our year of discipleship**

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to know thee more clearly,  
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day by day. Amen.

**Our verse for the year:** Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. *Luke 6:38*

*In case you recognise the photo above, I took it on my phone last year! Shirley*

## **Services and Dates at a glance**

**'Something Different'** in Cricklade Jenner Hall each first Sunday at 6.30 pm (May 3<sup>rd</sup> & June 7<sup>th</sup>)

**Informal Worship** 4 pm in St Sampson's School hall each Sunday afternoon (EXCEPT 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) with a music group, modern songs and children & young people exploring faith in their own groups.

### **Sun May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8 am BCP Communion

10 am Family Service

### **Sun May 10<sup>th</sup>**

10 am Upper Thames Communion service at St Sampson's

4pm **Churches Together Christian Aid service** in St Sampson's Junior School, Cricklade

6.30pm Evening Service at Holy Cross

**Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in St Sampson's Church** – the **Archdeacon's visitation** – come & hear her preach on our Big Challenge.

### **Sun May 17<sup>th</sup>**

10 am Morning Worship

4 pm Pentecost Messy Church in school

### **Sun May 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday**

10 am Holy Communion and **dedication of the new kneelers**

### **Sun May 31<sup>st</sup>**

10 am Upper Thames Group Communion Service at **LATTON**

6.30 pm in Holy Cross – **an evening service with prayers for healing and wholeness**. An opportunity to invite others & to pray for healing & wholeness on an individual basis for yourself or for others.

### **Sun June 7<sup>th</sup>**

8 am Communion BCP

10 am Family Service

11.30am **Leigh** – Family Service & parish BBQ

### **Sun June 14<sup>th</sup>**

10 am Upper Thames Communion St Sampson's

3 pm **Holy Cross Summer Fete, Church Walk**

6.30 pm Evening Service at Holy Cross

### **Sun June 21<sup>st</sup>**

10 am Morning Worship

4 pm Messy Church in school

### **Sun June 28<sup>th</sup>**

10 am **Taize Communion**

3.30 pm **Churches Together Songs of Praise at Latton**

**HOME COMMUNIONS** May 7<sup>th</sup> & June 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
at 11 am at Joan Ashcroft's 18 Richmond Court.

## Upper Thames Year of Discipleship

God is calling us to gain confidence in knowing, growing in, sharing & serving Christ in our daily lives.

For the next year we'll focus what it means to follow Jesus together as Upper Thames Churches.

**Our sermon series** on 'spiritual disciplines' (ways we can enhance our spiritual lives) starts us off with more details on the additional sheet.

## OUR BIG CHALLENGE

Archbishop Justin and our bishops Mike & Lee are calling on churches to look to the future and be radical in "preaching the gospel in every generation". There are few 10 – 40 year olds in our churches, so HOW are we going to enable our children & those currently in their 20s – 40s to know Jesus?

*Will Holy Cross Church still exist in 10 years time?* Only if we take up the challenge and BE RADICAL in how we are church. **THIS IS A CALL TO ALL of US.** We need to accept the challenge and **PLAN NOW** to ensure that Holy Cross church is alive & well for future generations.



**May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Please give generously to help those in poverty the world over. Last year AK raised an amazing total of £1300. If you could help with collecting, please contact Linda on 861466.



## Day time Alpha Course

Wednesday mornings at 11 am Starting May 13<sup>th</sup>  
at the vicarage. Contact Phil for more.

**'Save Leigh Church'** have launched a 100 club. Tickets cost £1 per month (£12 pa) which can be paid by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order. Application forms are in the AK village shop or <http://leigh-village.co.uk/allsaintsapp.html>



**Pentecost Messy Church**  
**Sun May 17<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5.15 pm**  
in the school hall  
It's for ALL ages. Do join us.

**Holy Cross PCC** newly elected or continuing to serve are: David Clover (vice chair), Jo Buxton (Sec), Sue Clover (joint Sec), Gaye Horrell (Treas), Linda Tuck (church warden), Jenny Tidmarsh (church warden), Bridget Arregger (Deanery Synod), Peter Tuck (Lay Minister), Jane Broughton, Nick Buxton, Meggen Cantillon, John Harvey, Pauline Loveday.

## Service with Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Sun May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6.30 pm. A reflective service with people to pray with you, or for you or others, on an individual basis, or you can sit quietly and spend time with God.

## WANTED – additional helpers

- to help get church ready on sundays at 10 am
- meet and greet those coming at 10 or 6.30 pm
- help prepare and/or serve tea/coffee after services. Could you help occasionally?

## 'Away Day' for Upper Thames Churches

at Harnhill on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 10 – 5 pm  
A day to enjoy time together – a mix of spiritual refreshment, small groups, children's activities, thinking and having fun. A bring & share lunch. Booking form is on the website or ask Phil.

## Holy Cross Summer Fete Sun June 14<sup>th</sup> 3–5pm

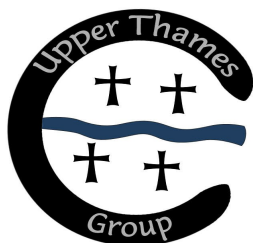
WANTED Plants, bric-a-brac, home-made jams & preserves, books, unwanted gifts, cakes, toys, costume jewellery & accessories, help on the day and with teas. More details from & offers of help to Gilly Riddington & Ann Richards.

## Festival of Weddings & Christenings

**Hatches and Matches Weekend** at Holy Cross (FoHC) **Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**With exhibitions in the church; memorabilia, photos, wedding & christening gowns, flower displays, teas.**

If you have photos of weddings or christenings at Holy Cross, a wedding or christening dress or paraphernalia we could display, please contact Alison Beadle 861411 **We'll celebrate baptisms at 11.30 am on Sun 12<sup>th</sup> – would you like to be baptised? please let Shirley know.**

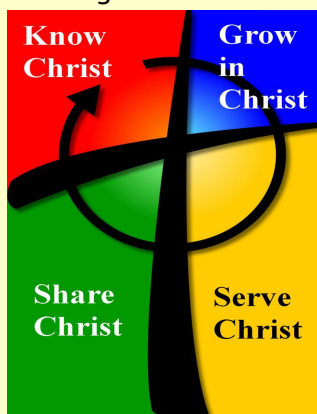


## 2015 Our year of Discipleship Learning Together and Following Jesus



Discipleship is responding to Jesus' call to follow him and finding out more about his amazing grace; God's unconditional love and acceptance of who we are, warts and all.

As Upper Thames church communities we believe we are called to be God's people united in Jesus Christ, who are "creating opportunities for everyone to experience God's love" energised in the power of the Holy Spirit and learning together to become more like Jesus Christ. We hope that over the next year we will all gain confidence in knowing, growing in, sharing and serving Christ in our daily lives.



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*The more of ourselves we give to Jesus,  
the more his abundant grace will be poured into our  
lives.*

We hope that a sermon series on 'spiritual disciplines' (ways which help us to grow our spirituality as disciples of Jesus) will help us grow as followers of Jesus and equip us to live faithfully in our weekday lives, not just on Sundays.

Basing our preaching on Bible passages and a book called 'The Life You've Always Wanted' by John Ortberg, we hope you will want to join us for worship on as many Sundays as you can manage. Here is our plan:-

1. *April 26<sup>th</sup>* **Introduction:** ways to deepen Christian spirituality so we are equipped in tough situations; 1 Tim 4:1-10, Acts 4:5-12, Ortberg chapter 3
2. *May 3<sup>rd</sup>* **Servant-hood** Acts 8:26-end, Matthew 18:1-5, Ortberg chap 7
3. *May 10<sup>th</sup>* Rogation Sunday **Prayer**  
Luke 11:1-13, James 1:5-8, Ortberg chap 6
4. *May 17<sup>th</sup>* Sunday after Ascension **Slowing**  
Mark 6:30-32, Romans 12:1-13, Ortberg chap 5
5. *May 24<sup>th</sup>* Pentecost **Receiving guidance by the Holy Spirit** Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinth 12:4-1, Ortberg chapter 9
6. *May 31<sup>st</sup>* Trinity Sunday  
**Praying through the Trinity**  
Ephesians 6:18-20, Hebrews 7:22-24
7. *June 7<sup>th</sup>* **Secrecy, not approval**  
Matt 6:1-6, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Ortberg chap 10
8. *June 14<sup>th</sup>* **Confession** 2 Corinth 7:2-12, Matthew 7:1-5, Ortberg chapter 8
9. *June 21<sup>st</sup>* **Reflecting on Scripture**  
Psalm 119:9-16, 2 Tim 3:10-17, Ortberg chapter 11
10. *June 28<sup>th</sup>* **Endurance** James 1:2-8  
Hebrews 12:1-6, Ortberg chapter 13

We also hope that people will consider other ways to grow faith:

- ♦ Joining an alpha course
- ♦ Joining a small group - there are several which run in evenings or day times.
- ♦ Having a mentor who will meet with you occasionally

Please contact Phil or Shirley for more details.