

# Holy Cross Church Pew Notes October & November 2015

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

one of the Upper Thames Group of Parishes



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**Weddings & Baptisms** Details are on our website  
(above) or visit the parish office Saturdays 9.30–  
10.30 or contact Rev Shirley or Pauline Loveday.

**A prayer for ourselves** Dear Lord, three things I  
pray; to know thee more clearly, love thee more  
dearly, follow thee more nearly, 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*

**Midweek Communions** at Joan Ashcroft's\_home at  
11 am Thurs Oct 1<sup>st</sup> & Thurs Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

## Services and Dates at a glance

### Sunday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

10 am Holy Communion

### Sunday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

8 am BCP communion

11 am (note later time) **Harvest Festival** "I am  
the bread of life"

12.30pm **Harvest Lunch** in the school hall.

6.30 pm "Something different" Jenner Hall  
Cricklade ("The art of looking sideways")

### Sunday Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

10 am Upper Thames communion  
service in St Sampson's

4 pm Informal Worship in St Sampson's  
school hall + Vibe & S club

6.30 pm Evening Service in Holy Cross

### Sunday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

10 am Morning Prayer

4 pm Messy Baptisms in the school hall

4pm Informal Worship St Sampson's  
school + Vibe & S club

### Tuesday Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm **Henry Olunga** visits St Sampson's

### Sunday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

10am Holy Communion

4pm Informal Worship St Sampson's  
school

### Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

8 am BCP communion

10 am Family service ("I am the true vine")

6 pm All Souls service Remembering those  
we love but see no more

### Sunday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

10.55 am Remembrance Sunday service

4pm Informal Worship St Sampson's  
school + Vibe & S club

### Sunday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

10 am Morning Prayer

4 pm Messy Church in the school hall

4pm Informal Worship St Sampson's  
school + Vibe & S club

**Thursday Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** in Holy Cross

7.30 pm for 8 pm FOHC talk by Alison Graham

### Sunday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

10am Holy Communion

4pm Informal Worship St Sampson's

### Sunday Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

10 am Upper Thames communion in Holy  
Cross Church

## Who is Jesus?

Jesus said "I am..... the light of the world, the vine, the resurrection & the life. In sermons in Oct & Nov We'll explore who Jesus is from the "I am" sayings which are all outlined in John's Gospel.

## Harvest Festival Celebration

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct **11am** at Holy Cross with "I am the bread of life" as our theme. Do bring Harvest gifts of tins and packets of basic foods or toiletries and they will be taken to Swindon Foodbank. Our collection will support the Ugandan Water & Sanitation Programme.

## Harvest Festival Lunch

follows at about 12.30pm in the school hall. Always a delicious 2 course lunch. Tickets £8 Adults. £4 Children (6-13), £20 family ticket, Under 5s free. Activities for the children. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. All profits from the lunch will go to Swindon Foodbank, helping those in need locally. Tickets from Linda Tuck 01285 861466, Jenny Tidmarsh 01285 861237 or contact Meggen Cantillon.



**MESSY CHURCH** with the christian values of hospitality, creativity and celebration and Christ at the centre, we are excited to be holding

## Messy Baptisms

with 4 of our children being baptised on Sun Oct 18<sup>th</sup> in the school hall 4pm.

You are ALL invited to join us for this celebration

Messy Church in November will be Sun Nov 15<sup>th</sup> with our theme of 'Remembering'.

**Henry Olonga, Tues 20th Oct 2015 7:30pm**  
St Sampson's Church. Zimbabwean Test Cricketer, **Henry Olonga**, will share his inspirational story, including death threats & why his faith has been important. Open to all. Refreshments afterwards. There is no cost so please take a ticket or 2 from church and invite others to come.

## Our spiritual life at Holy Cross

Please pray that Holy Cross community will be empowered to "create opportunities for everyone to experience God's love" and that we will obey God's calling to be outward, forward looking and a growing community that is

- ♦ **better connected to God,**
- ♦ **better connected to our communities**
- ♦ **better connected to each other**

*Please continue to pray for our church*

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the doorway of this house the gateway to thy divine kingdom. Amen

**Confirmation will be 7.30 pm on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at**

Malmesbury Abbey. Please contact Rev Shirley if you would like to be confirmed or you would like to come to the service with Shirley.

**Sunday 15th November 2015 6:30pm Agape Meal**

in Cricklade's Jenner Hall, led by John Martin. A chance to participate in a recreation of the Jewish Agape meal that Jesus shared as the Last Supper. Places limited so book with Phil Bradley ASAP

**Saturday 28th November 2015 Advent Quiet**

**Morning** in Holy Cross church - 10am - 12.30. A chance to take some time out and reflect on our waiting on the present and the future.

**Saturday 21st May 2016 Upper Thames Group**

**Awayday** - following the success of this year, we have booked Harnhill Centre again for Sat 21st May 2016.

## Friends of Holy Cross (FoHC)

**The last night of the proms** was a great night out and raised £785 for FoHC. Thankyou for all involved in this event.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 at Holy Cross church**

**An evening with Alison Graham** who will share with us her research on 5 objects from the church. We start at 7.30 with a glass of wine with the talk at 8 pm. No tickets needed; donations welcomed.