

St. Sampson's Church Newsletter August 2017

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The deadline for the September issue is Friday 11 August.

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Church Services

Sunday	6 August
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Communion Service
4pm	Informal Worship (St Sampson's School)
Sunday	13 August
8am	Holy Communion BCP followed by breakfast
10am	Upper Thames Group Service
4pm	Informal Worship (St Sampson's School)
6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday	20 August
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Communion Service
4pm	Informal Worship (St Sampson's School)
Sunday	27 August
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Morning Worship
4pm	Informal Worship (St Sampson's School)
6.30pm	Evensong



You are warmly invited to join us for coffee/tea after the 10am services!



Vibe and S Club, for youth and children, meet during 4pm Informal Worship service on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Activities and games are provided in the service on the 4th Sunday. Babies and toddlers are welcome to stay in the service; toys and activities are provided every week.

Weekday Worship:

Holy Communion every Wednesday 10 am (at Heberden House on 2nd Wednesday of the month followed by coffee.)

You can book for weddings and christenings by visiting the church Website at <http://www.upperthames.org.uk/bookings/>.

For any queries please contact the Parish Office
Tel 01793 973304 (see opening times above).

Group News

The **Tuesday Afternoon Home Group** will recommence its fortnightly sessions on **Tuesday, 12 September**, meeting at **1.45pm** at Katy Bell's, **83/84 The High Street** (next door to the opticians). We will be reading a chapter of "True Worship" by Vaughan Roberts in advance of each meeting so that we can use it as a basis for our fortnightly discussion.

Please let Katy know as soon as possible (and by mid-August) on 751790 if you would like to have a copy of the book ordered so that you can participate in the group. The anticipated cost is £5.99. Meanwhile, enjoy the summer break!



Coffee, Chat and Play in the Church Building for ALL AGES



The School Holidays are here - and with that comes spare time to meet up and socialise.

To help this, we are hosting two Coffee, Chat and Play sessions in the church building on Thursday 10th August and Tuesday 15th August from 10am - 12pm for all members of the church, their friends and family.

These are great opportunities to come and meet others who worship at different services and help build a strong sense of a church community.

We will set up tables, a play area for children, and possibly a video too for older children and youth who just want to chill. We will have some board games available too.

Please just turn up for part or all of the time - it would be lovely to see you.

However, we do need some helpers to make drinks and help set up / take down after, so if you are willing to volunteer please can you let Phil Bradley know by email (philipjbbradley@me.com) or leave a message on his phone (226350).

Look forward to seeing you. Phil Bradley.



Wiltshire Historic Trust 'Ride and Stride'

We are again going to participate in Wiltshire Historic Churches' Trust 'Ride & Stride for Churches' on **Saturday 9 September 2017**.

Half the money raised will come to St Sampson's and half goes to the Trust.

We will be asking for volunteers to participate (cyclists, walkers & horse riders encouraged).

Sponsorship forms are now available in church.

We will also be looking for welcomers in our church to provide refreshments to visitors.

