

St. Sampson's Church Newsletter October 2017

If you would like something put into the newsletter or on the St Sampson's Facebook page, please contact Sharon Smith 54 Pittsfield Cricklade SN6 6AW Tel 751375 sjspitts@supanet.com
The deadline for the November issue is Friday 13 October.

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Church Services



Sunday	1 October
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Communion Service
4pm	Informal Worship in Church (Explore Together)
Sunday	8 October
8am	Holy Communion BCP followed by breakfast
10pm	Upper Thames Group Service
4pm	Informal Worship in Church
6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday	15 October
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Communion Service
4pm	Informal Worship in Church
Sunday	22 October
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Morning Worship
4pm	Informal Worship in Church
6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday	29 October
8am	Holy Communion BPC
10am	UTG Communion Service All Saint's Church, Leigh
4pm	Informal Worship in Church

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th 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).



We are starting a new style of service on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm which enables people of ALL ages to explore the Bible using natural learning preferences and preferred spiritual styles. This has proven to be accessible to those on the fringes of the church or those who have never been before.

Scripture Union's "Explore Together" material enables people to answer questions on the Bible by visiting any of 6 different 'zones' set up in the Church Building, including the Quiet Zone, Listening Zone, Colour Zone, Chat Zone, Word Zone and Busy Zone.

The service starts with a couple of songs / hymns at 4pm, then an introduction to the Bible reading and explanation of the zones. People then go to a zone to begin their exploration (for those who like sermons - the Listening Zone is ideal), and then come back to share any revelations with each other. The service then finishes with prayer and another song.

Everyone is invited and welcome. Also, we would love to have volunteers to look after a zone as sharing this out will build us up as a church together. However, please just come along (**on 2nd October, then 5th November**) and experience it for yourself before leaping in to help.

We hope this service becomes a way of building up our church together and reaching those outside.

Rev. Phil Bradley.

What direction do we believe God is taking our Church?

God has been speaking to many of us in prayer, through visions, through dreams and the Bible. The more we hear, the more we begin to understand what he wants us to do and which direction he wants to take us. And I think now is the time to present to the members of the church what I and the PCC believe to be the way forward for our church.

I will be doing a 15 minute presentation on several dates/times which will be followed by questions. Please do come along to any of these to hear the exciting news of what we believe God is doing, and how you can get involved if you choose to. This will include the vision that was presented at the Annual meeting, the way forward for updating our building, how we will serve our community, and how we will grow our church.

Therefore please come along to any of the following—all in the church building.

Sat 7th Oct, 6pm Sun 8th Oct, 8pm Tues 10th Oct, 8pm
Mon 16th Oct, 10am Wed 18th Oct, 11am

Phil Bradley

A MUSICAL IN A DAY!

Come along and take part in a musical!
On **Saturday 7 October 2017**

This is a fun event, suitable for all ages and all levels of musical ability and none! All that is needed is a willingness to participate.

Taking place at the United Church, we have a conductor and supporting team of skilled musicians coming along to lead the day - culminating in a production in the early evening. The day will begin at 10am and there will be various sessions during the day to learn the music and songs.

The musical will be "**Apostle**" by Roger Jones. Roger is a modern composer who specialises in lively, exciting music which is enjoyed by participants and audience alike. This musical tells the exciting story of the conversion of St Paul on the Road to Damascus.

Everyone welcome to come along - please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee refreshments will be available all day and there will be a small charge of £5 to help defray expenses

Further information is available from Mary (01793 751020), Ray (01793 750712) or Phillippa (01793 750556)



COME AND SING HANDEL'S MESSIAH IN AID OF BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



CONDUCTOR BRIAN KAY
ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH CRICKLADE
SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER
SINGERS AT 1PM - £15 PER PERSON
AUDIENCE AT 7 PM - £10 PER PERSON
FOR FULL DETAILS AND ENROLMENT
CONTACT ELIZABETH ROBERTSON mer3@hotmail.co.uk
TELEPHONE: 01793 751166

Light Party



This year we are having a Light Party to provide an alternative to Halloween for our young people and their families. However, we would love to invite all our church members to come along and join in the fun, and we would also love some volunteers to help with the catering, refreshments, and possibly even a party game.

It would be great to have a large number of adults supporting our young people which we are fortunate to have in our church in large numbers, and a great opportunity to get to know them.
Please let me (Phil Bradley) know if you would like to help in any way.

All Souls Service of Remembering



Our annual **All Souls Service of Remembering** will be on **Sunday November 5th at 6.30 pm** in St Sampson's. At this reflective service we'll read out the names of those who have died from Cricklade and Latton over the last year and whose services we have taken. We'll also include the names of anyone else you would like us to remember, no matter how long ago they passed away.

There will be a list on the table by the door in St Sampson's Church onto which you will be able to add further names or you can telephone Pauline Loveday in the parish office on 01793 979304.

During the service, we will take time to reflect and you can also light a candle in memory of those you have loved and see no longer. If you're not able to come and would like us to light a candle on your behalf, please also let us know.

"Jazz in St Sampson's"

The Stable Yard Jazz Band will be playing in St. Sampson's Church on Saturday 14th October 2017

7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

Tickets £10. Refreshments available.



Christmas Tree Festival 2017



You might have heard that we are having a Christmas Tree Festival here at St. Sampson's Church on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December. If there are any Church groups or any other groups of people or individuals who would like to decorate a tree in the theme of a Christmas carol then please contact Reanne 752207 or e mail reannemasters@btinternet.com for further details.

It would be great to have as many trees as possible. Further information about this event will be in the November newsletter.

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Opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm and Friday 9am-11am

Upper Thames Website

Please remember to look at our website Upper Thames Group of Churches (www.upperthames.org.uk).
It contains information about all of the churches in our Upper Thames group.