St. Sampson's Church Newsletter November 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 December issue is Friday 10 November.

If you wish to receive this church newsletter electronically please contact Pauline Loveday upper.thames.office@gmail.com

Church Services

Sunday	**5 November**
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Communion Service
4pm	Informal Worship in Church (Explore Together)
6.30pm	All Souls' Service
Sunday	**12 November**
8am	Holy Communion BCP followed by breakfast
10.40am	Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial
11.20am	Remembrance Sunday Service in church
12.40pm	Blake Hill Remembrance Service
4pm	Informal Worship in Church
6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday	**19 November**
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Communion Service
4pm	Informal Worship in Church
Sunday	**26 November**
8am	Holy Communion BCP
10am	Morning Worship
4pm	Informal Worship in Church
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 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.

New Editor for the St. Sampson's Newsletter

After producing the newsletter for nearly 5 years, I feel now is the time to have a break and give someone else the chance to step in.

I will continue until someone volunteers and will be happy to offer any advice.

Please could you let Phil know if this is something you would like to do?

Sharon

EXPLORE TOGETHER

Our next Explore Together Service is on Sunday 3rd December at 4pm, and will have a Christmas Theme as part of the Christmas Tree Festival. The main focus will be on the birth of Jesus from Luke's Gospel and the visit of the shepherds.

Explore Together is a service 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 5 different 'zones' set up in the Church Building, including the Quiet Zone, Colour Zone, Chat Zone, Word Zone and Busy Zone.

Come and join the celebrations.

Rev. Phil Bradley.

BECOME PART OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

join St Sampson's Church Choir for the CAROL SERVICE
Everyone welcome!

Rehearsals at St Sampson's Church

Friday 17th November	**7 – 8.30pm**
Friday 24th November	**7 – 8.30pm**
Friday 1st December	**7 – 8.30pm**
Friday 8th December	**7 – 8.30pm**
Friday 15th December	**7 – 8.30pm**

Sunday 17th December rehearsal 4 – 5p
Tea provided after rehearsal
Carol Service 6.30pm

If you are interested in taking part and for more information, Please contact Jane Templeton on 07768244815 or email Jane.templeton@hotmail.co.uk

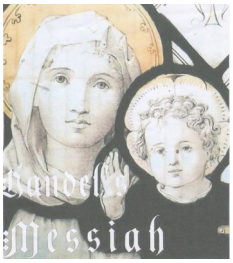
All Souls Service of Remembering

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.

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 ENROLMEMT
CONTACT ELIZABETH ROBERTSON mer3@hotmail.co.uk
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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.

Wednesday Home Group

We are meeting on Weds 1st, 15th and 29th from 9.30 to approximately 11.15am. All welcome to join in this informal group for exploring together, using a book "Digging for Diamonds"

Children are welcome too. Coffee/tea and cakes.
More information from Jo 759109 or Marilyn 750774

Coffee Morning ~ Thursday, 23rd November 10:30am

Everyone is welcome to come along for coffee and a chat at Reanne's home, Oakridge, Bath Road (3 doors right of the Vicarage) on Thursday, 23rd November at 10:30am.

Please feel free to bring a friend.

St. Sampson's Church Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday, 2nd December 10 am – 5pm, followed by lantern procession to the High Street.

Sunday, 3rd December after our 10 am service until 4pm. Followed by Closing Service.

30 creatively decorated trees to enjoy.

Free Children's Activity. **Guess the carol quiz.**

Entertainment at various times during the day.

Refreshments available. EVERYONE VERY WELCOME.

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The Upper Thames Group Office is at Room 2, Cricklade Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade, SN6 6AX.
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.