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(This new number allows flexibility for contact outside of hours)

Upper Thames Website: www.upperthames.org.uk.

For information about all churches in our Upper Thames group
(Cricklade, Ashton Keynes, Latton and Leigh)

Weddings and Baptisms

You can book for weddings and christenings by visiting the church

Website at [http:// www.upperthames.org.uk/bookings/](http://www.upperthames.org.uk/bookings/).

For any queries please contact the Parish Office.

If you would like something put into the newsletter or on the St Sampson's Facebook page, please contact:

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The deadline for the June issue is Friday 18 May.

**If you wish to receive this church newsletter electronically
please send email to upper.thames.office@gmail.com**

ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH, CRICKLADE

"Making a Difference"

A Spirit-filled church full of prayer,
that accepts the Bible as truth,
worships God from within the heart,
and shares the Good News of Jesus Christ



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Sunday 6th May **6th Sunday of Easter**
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Communion Service
4pm Informal Worship

Thursday 10th May - 10am Ascension Day Communion Service

Sunday 13th May **7th Sunday of Easter**
8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
10am NO SERVICE at ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH due to...
10:30am Christian Aid Service at United Church, Calcutt Street
4pm Informal Worship
6:30pm Evensong

Sunday 20th May **Pentecost**
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Communion Service
4pm Informal Worship
6:30pm Something Different

Sunday 27th May **Trinity Sunday**
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Morning Worship
12:15pm Wedding
4pm Informal Worship
6:30pm Evensong

Please join us for coffee after both the 10am and 4pm services. Vibe and S Club, for youth and children, meet during 4pm services.

Holy Communion every Wednesday 10am (Heberden House on 9th May)

Brief Announcements from Annual Church Meeting – 9th April 2018

The St Sampson's Church APCM (Annual Meeting) was held on the 9th April with 33 church members in attendance. Minutes and a brief overview of the Vicar's Update will be available soon, but here are the new appointments:

New (and only) Churchwarden: Leigh Dodd
Buildings Manager: Barry Hammond
New PCC Members: Barry Hammond and David Rowley
New Deanery Synod Rep: Theresa Dodd

The new Parish Administrator was also announced as Theresa Dodd, but this role is set to evolve over the coming weeks to become more of a Personal Administrator (PA) to the Vicar. Details to follow as soon as possible.

Please pray for these people as they take up and learn their new roles.

Notices

Are You Interested in Doing The Alpha Course?

The Alpha Course runs over an 8-10 week period and covers Jesus, the Holy Spirit, what faith is, how to pray and read the Bible, and many other aspects of Christianity. Anyone can come along no matter how much or little you know.

This course will be held on Tuesday evenings between 7:30pm and 9:30pm, and any are welcome to join on the 8th, 15th or 22nd May. It will consist of a meal followed by a 30-minutes video presentation and then discussion in an informal atmosphere. Please let me know if you would be interested in doing this course, or have any questions about it. Why not invite a friend or a neighbour? Please contact Phil Bradley on 01793-226350 or philipjbradley@me.com.

Christian Aid Week - Additional Reps Needed to help for St Sampson's

Christian Aid week begins on Sunday 13th May with a 10:30am service at the Untied Church where we pray for all those who be collecting during the following week. This is the only fundraising Christian Aid does each year and we would love to have a few more volunteers to be a Rep and collect Christian Aid envelopes from people's homes for this just cause. Marilyn Sweet & Kate Crow would very much appreciate this support. Please contact Marilyn on 01793-750774 if you would like to help (or email crickladebeef@yahoo.co.uk).



Small Groups (Home groups)

It's hard to progress in your faith if you don't have the opportunity to ask questions, listen to ideas, hear from others of their experience of God, and share.

Often we don't learn how to study the Bible or pray, without being involved in a small group of Christians where such things are taught, discussed and encouraged.

This is why we have home groups, to help us be disciples. Usually not more than 10 people, and averaging 6 – 8, they differ in style and content, but all offer pastoral support and the chance to serve each other in friendship and trust. Ask Phil, Shirley or Marilyn for details.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

A last Reminder that we will need you to give consent in order to receive emails after 25th May from St Sampson's including the monthly newsheet, prayer network emails and other emails about services and events.

If you haven't already done so, Please can you fill out a form for your consent so we can hold your personal information and send you communications by email and SMS (in the future!), **Please either fill in the online form you may have received by Email or paper forms are now available from Katy at 10am, Amlyn at 8am, Sarah at 4pm (and there is a pile at the back of church).**

Forthcoming Events

INTERNATIONAL ORGAN RECITALIST
DAVID PONSFORD www.davidponsford.org
is returning to ST. SAMPSON'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 5th May 7.30PM – 9PM. Tickets £10
(includes glass of wine). Accompanied children free

For tickets contact: jane.templeton@hotmail.co.uk / 01793 759162

For details of organ recitals visit www.organrecitals.com



Coffee Morning ~ Wednesday, 9th May 10:30am

Everyone is welcome to come along for a coffee and a chat at Reanne's home, Oakridge, Bath Road (3 doors right of the Vicarage) on Wednesday, 9th May. Please feel free to bring a friend.

St Sampson's Church Celebration Weekend – 7th/8th July

Saturday 7th July: 10:30am – 4:30pm: Main Event in St Sampson's Church
Sunday 8th July: 11am: Service followed by Barbecue

"The event of the year". Similarly to previous Church Awaydays there will be live contemporary worship music, relevant and exciting talks, time for socialising, time to learn in groups, and most importantly, opportunities to connect with God through his Holy Spirit and take the next step in our journey of faith.

Our **Guest Speaker** is **John McGinley**, whom many will know from our previous Awayday in 2016. Everyone Welcome. Please keep these dates free.