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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.

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The deadline for the November issue is Friday 19th October.

If you wish to receive this church newsletter electronically please send email to vicar.pa@upperthamesgroup.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



Newsletter October 2018

Sunday 7th October	19th Sunday after Trinity 8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship 4pm Informal Worship
Sunday 14th October	20th Sunday after Trinity 8am BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by breakfast</i> 10am Upper Thames Group Service 2pm Baptism 4pm Informal Worship Social 6:30pm Evensong
Sunday 21st October	21st Sunday after Trinity 8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Communion Service 4pm Informal Worship
Sunday 28th October	Last Sunday after Trinity 8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship 6:30pm Evensong

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

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

Please join us for Morning Prayer (open to EVERYONE) on Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:30am, including coffee

Notices

Our Vicar, Phil, is now signed off from work for a time due to exhaustion and the Leadership Team are working hard in his absence to provide the best possible ministry to the congregations across the Upper Thames Group. However we are sure that you will appreciate that not all services may run as normal due to the reduced availability of priests, so there may be changes to the usual pattern of services if a priest cannot be found.

Phil wishes to thank all those who have sent notes of support to him and his family during this difficult time, and would also like to thank everyone for being flexible as services may be altered at short notice.

Alpha Course – Starting Sunday 7th October in Latton

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

This course will be held on Sunday evenings between 7:00pm and 9:00pm. It will consist of a meal followed by a 30-minute video presentation and then discussion in an informal atmosphere.

The video presentations have been modernised and involve testimonies from old and young alike – and is suitable for anyone from 18-118. The course will be held in the house to the right of St John's Church, Latton overlooking the Churchyard.

Please let us 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 Katy Bell (751790) or Richard Hawes at richard@jessmith.co.uk

U.S.P.G. Elephants

Could you please bring your elephants to St. Sampsons on Sunday October 7th for the Autumn collection.

Thank you again for the very generous donations. The elephants seemed to be straining at the seams at times and were quite relieved when they were emptied and returned to their carers. The April collection benefited "The Primary Health Care Scheme" in S. Malawi to the tune of £875.70. These monies will help to reduce the stress and improve the comfort to needy patients in this poor part of Africa Paul Fray 750740

Parish Giving Scheme

The PCC has given its approval for St Sampson's Church to become a member of the Parish Giving Scheme, a country-wide scheme which has been entered into by the Bristol Diocese. This will provide our Treasurer, Adina Grace, with the ability to anticipate a more regular flow of income through the year as Gift Aid will be returned to the church monthly, giving greater control over the annual budget covering the day-to-day running costs for the Parish.

At the end of the month, Adina and Katy Bell will make presentations to each of the St Sampson's congregations explaining how the scheme works, what it involves for those wishing to participate, including setting up Direct Debits, what will happen to existing methods of contributing, etc. As the PCC considers this an improved way of giving, it is hoped that those who do not currently participate in any of the current schemes may find this a practical way of supporting the work and expenses of our Parish.

All Souls Service of Remembering

Our annual **All Souls Service of Remembering** will be on **Sunday November 4th 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 can add further names or you can telephone the Vicar's PA on 07444-125444.

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.

Harvest

Thank you to all who participated in organising our Harvest Service this year, with particular thanks to Marilyn and Jo Valpy for sorting out the catering. Also, the biscuits made during the service by our children raised £74.23 for E3. That's equivalent to a school meal for 148 children!! Thank you so much to the biscuit maker (Becky) and to all who decorated and bought biscuits.
