St Sampson's Church Newsletter November 2019 – Please take one

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If you would like any item put into the newsletter, please send to Sharon Smith at 54 Pittsfield, Cricklade, SN66AW or Tel: 01793 751375 or email <u>sjspitts@supanet.com</u>. Items for next newsletter by Friday 15 November, please.

Sunday Services at St Sampson's in November 2019

6 November

08:00 BCP Communion 10:00 Communion Service 17:00 Informal Worship social – contact <u>sarahlsmith@talktalk.net</u> for more details 18:30 All Souls' Service

10 November

08:00 BCP Communion 10:40 Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial 11:20 Remembrance Sunday service 12:40 Blake Hill Remembrance Service 16:00 Informal Worship

17 November

08:00 BCP Communion 10:00 Communion Service 16:00 Informal Worship 18:30 Something Different

24 November

08:00 BCP Communion 10:00 Morning Worship 16:00 Informal Worship 18:30 Evensong

Please note **Choral Evensong on 10 November has been postponed** due to the choir's other commitments and will be rescheduled for the New Year.

Weekday worship

Holy Communion on Thursdays: 7 November at 11am in Ashton Keynes (contact Gaye Horrell on 01285 861600 and 11am at Open Door in the Jenner Hall 14 November at 10am in Heberden House 21 and 28 November at 10am in St Sampson's

Every Thursday at 8.30am in St Sampson's Church – Morning Prayer and coffee.

All Souls Service of Remembering for Cricklade and Latton – Sunday 3 November at St Sampson's, 6.30pm

We will read out the names of those who have departed this life over the last year, whose services we have taken and who were associated with Cricklade or Latton. We will also be happy to include the names of anyone else you would like us to remember; it doesn't matter how long ago your loved ones passed away. There will be a list in St Sampson's Church on the table just inside the door and a list in the porch at Latton Church where you can add the names of people you would like us to include.

Alternatively, email Revd Shirley on shirleydanby21@gmail.com or Suzi Tipper on suzitipperz@btinternet.com or contact Revd Shirley on 07980 548844.

During the service there will be time to reflect and an opportunity, if you would like to, for you to light candles in memory of those you love but see no longer.

Advent course in Cricklade and Ashton Keynes

We are running a four-session York Course leading us into and through Advent. It is called 'Who are we praying to?'

The Cricklade-based course is being held fortnightly on Thursday evenings, starting promptly at 8pm and finishing by 9.30pm. The first one is planned to be held at Paul Fray's house in Reeds on 7 November. Please speak to Graham Light, Katy & David Bell or Paul Fray for further information and to confirm the venue.

Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Thanks and congratulations are needed in full measure for all who had a part to play in the Historic Churches "Ride and Stride". There is no particular order of thanks but THANK YOU to all who did their stints at St Sampsons welcoming all who arrived and were met with a cheerful smile and refreshments if wanted. THANK YOU to all the sponsors who supported our band of Riders and Striders. And THANK YOU to Graham Light, Simon Griffiths, Kate Crow, Dawn Hervis and John Martin who were our Riders and Striders. Between them all they managed to find sponsorship totalling £1,057 – Brilliant! Paul Fray

Christmas Tree Festival

Please save the date – Saturday 30 November to Sunday 1 December and 'show us your bakes'!! We would be grateful for contributions of a dozen or so mince pies, festive biscuits or cakes of any type. There will be a list at the back of the church nearer the time, but meanwhile if you are able to help please ring or email Barbara Smith on barbaraj.smith@tiscali.co.uk or tel. 01793 750666 with an idea of what you fancy making. We would also like volunteers willing to welcome visitors or help in the kitchen on the Festival weekend.

North Wilts Mission Area Quiet Day

You are invited to a day of quiet reflection, prayer and creativity at Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing, Harnhill Manor, Cirencester GL7 5PX on Saturday 2 November, 10am-4pm. You will be encouraged to savour the beauty of God's creation; to have time for personal prayer and reflection; and to share your creativity. No-one else sees the world as you do! Tea and coffee provided from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Cost £10 to cover room hire, payable on the day.

Visits from the Bishops in December – Do put the dates in your diaries!

Sunday 1 December: Bishop of Swindon, Lee Rayfield Sunday 8 December: Bishop of Bristol, Viv Faull Both these services will be 10 am communion services for all of the Upper Thames Group at which the Bishops will lead and preach. Do book the dates and come and hear them.