

News from the Upper Thames Churches



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1. Sunday 27 April - Easter 2



Sunday 27th April
3.30 –4.30pm
Holy Cross Church AK
Who is the risen Jesus?
For all ages and stages
Activities, crafts, story,
celebration, song and snacks

Contact Rev'd Shirley for
more details 07980 548844

- **St Sampson's:**
 - **10am Holy Communion**

- **Holy Cross:**

- **8.30am Holy Communion**
- **3.30pm Messy Church**

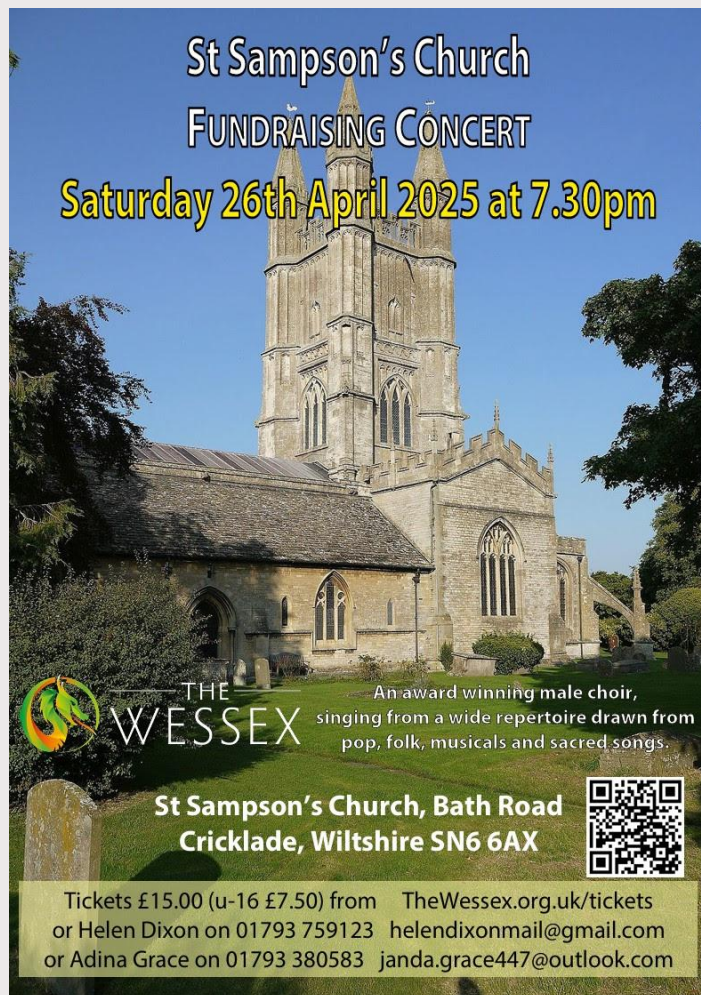
- **St John the Baptist:**

- **10am Morning Worship**


- **Readings:**

- [Acts 5:27-32](#)
- [John 20:19 - end](#)


2. Tomorrow - Concert by the Wessex Male Voice Choir in aid of the St Sampson's Church Fund



St Sampson's Church
FUNDRAISING CONCERT
Saturday 26th April 2025 at 7.30pm

 **THE WESSEX** An award winning male choir, singing from a wide repertoire drawn from pop, folk, musicals and sacred songs.

St Sampson's Church, Bath Road
Cricklade, Wiltshire SN6 6AX



Tickets £15.00 (u-16 £7.50) from TheWessex.org.uk/tickets
or Helen Dixon on 01793 759123 helendixonmail@gmail.com
or Adina Grace on 01793 380583 janda.grace447@outlook.com

3. NWMA Youth fundraising Quiz Night on 9 May & "Transforming Ministry" article

NWMA Youth have organised another fun Quiz Night on 9 May at the Minety Village Hall. This is a fundraising event to help them take a group of young people along to Spree, the annual Christian youth festival organised by South West Ministries. Please help us to raise funds! Full details in the poster below.

NWMA Youth Article : Jessy Price, the NWMA Youth Mission Enabler, has sent us her [recent article from "Transforming Ministry"](#) (PDF file) about what Board Game YouTubers can teach us about evangelism. A very interesting read!

Quiz Night

7-9.30pm, Friday 9th May

Minety Village Hall






**FOOD INCLUDED WITH
EVERY TICKET**

**COMPETE FOR A COOL
TROPHY!**



A QUIZ TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH WILTSHIRE MISSION AREA TRIP TO SPREE FESTIVAL

TEAMS: MAXIMUM 6 ADULTS, AS MANY U18S AS YOU WANT

TICKETS: ADULTS £15, U18S £8

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA QR CODE

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: [JESSICA.PRICE@NWMA.ORG.UK](mailto:jessica.price@nwma.org.uk)





4. Would you like to try bellringing at St Sampson's on Saturday 10 May?

Have you ever thought that you might like to have a go at bellringing? Well, now is your chance!

On Saturday 10th May we have several ringers visiting us to ring the bells between 9.40 and 10.40am. Anyone from 12 to 80yrs is welcome to come and see how it is done and then afterwards have a go.

Some of our local ringers will be on hand until 12 o'clock to help teach you how to do it. It is not that easy to start with and takes time to become proficient but is good exercise and fun. If you enjoy the experience and decide to take up this worthwhile hobby, you will be helping to keep a centuries old tradition alive.

Refreshments will be available.

For further information contact Brian Danby 01793 751463.



5. 2026 Lent Talks

A huge thank you to Graham Light who has organised our Upper Thames Lent Talks for many years. Graham is now stepping down from this role and we are looking for someone else to take

over from him. If you are interested or would like more information please speak to Graham or email the [Parish Office](#).

6. St Sampson's school services "Thank you"

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the weekly preparations for holding services in the St Sampson's school hall over the last couple of months, especially Adina and Jo & Bruce Valpy. It all worked really well. Thanks also once again to Jen Bayne and the school for their generosity and support in allowing us to use the warm and welcoming space of the hall during those particularly cold months when we couldn't be in the church. I'm very grateful to you all.

Debbie

7. Reminders

• Foodbank Shopping List

Please leave donations of food and toiletries in the box at the back of St Sampson's Church. Donations are collected on Monday mornings.

8. May Services

• Sunday 4th May - Easter 3

- St Sampson's:
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with the Music Group*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist:
 - 10am Morning Worship

• Sunday 11th May - Easter 4

- 8am BCP Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10.30am Worship Together Christian Aid service *at the United Church, Calcutt Street, Cricklade*

• Sunday 18th May - Easter 5

- St Sampson's:
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

• Sunday 25th May - Easter 6

- St Sampson's:
 - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross:
 - 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist:

- 10am Morning Worship

9. Morning Prayers

- **Monday Morning Zoom Prayers, 9am - all welcome**

We are a small group who meet on Zoom for 40 minutes at 9am on Monday mornings to read, pray and socialise following a Wild Goose Wee worship format. New members would be very welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72095714839?pwd=5zpS2gKl1Ukgw8X1M6RmxAs1RU1HJ8.1>

Meeting ID: 720 9571 4839

Passcode: S2DKsJ

- **Thursday Morning Prayers at St Sampson's**

We are back in the church from next Thursday 10 April. Everyone is welcome and we'd love new people to join us. There are usually about 7 - 10 of us in number. We meet at 8.30am to enjoy coffee and the Iona Community's 'Wee Worship Book', and finish by 9.30am.

10. Church opening times

- St Sampson's: every day, 9.30am – 3.30pm
- Holy Cross: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10am - 4pm
- St John the Baptist Latton: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 10am - 4pm