

News from the Upper Thames Churches

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A Prayer for Peace...

God of peace and justice, we pray for people in places of conflict...
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.



We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

1. Sunday 6 July - Trinity 3

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with the music group*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

- Readings:

- [Isaiah 66:10-14](#) or [Galatians 6:1-16](#)
- [Luke 10:1-11,16-20](#)

2. Upper Thames Matters

Join us for Upper Thames Matters where we will pray for our local communities and the wider world. Everyone is welcome - **Monday 7 June 7.30pm - 8.30pm** at the vicarage (14 Bath Road Cricklade).

3. 543 part 2 - Tuesday group starts next week

Many of us participated in the short series of meetings called 543+1, (*called 543 because 5 people, meet for (4) 3 sessions*) and we are now offering 543 *part 2* as a sequel. You don't have to have done 543+1, and everyone is invited to join a group if you would like to. Just three sessions (please come for all 3 sessions). Some people have signed up already, and as requested we will be running groups in the autumn, but we do have some spaces in the groups just about to start.

There are spaces in these current groups:

Tuesdays 7.30pm July 8th, 15th and 29th

Wednesdays 7.30pm July 16th & 30th, and August 6th

Do get in touch with Debbie or Shirley if you'd like to join one of the groups or sign up on the sheet in St Sampson's.

4. Reminders:

- **Cricklade Open Gardens**

Approximately 24 gardens will be open on **Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th, 1pm - 5pm**, in aid of Cricklade Open Door and the St Sampson's Church refurbishment.

Programmes are available in advance from the Cricklade Town Council Offices (map of gardens in Town Council window), or in any of the gardens on the day. Programmes will give one person access to all gardens and are £7.50 per person (children under 16 free).

Teas will be available at Alkerton House on the High Street and Hailstone Stables, Stones Lane.

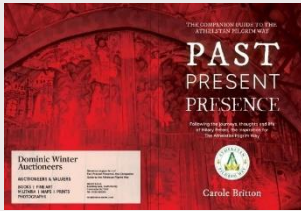


- **Help shape the future of the Diocese of Bristol**

As you know, Bishop Viv will retire this September and we will need a new Bishop of Bristol. The Vacancy in See Committee is seeking views from across the diocese to help shape the future of our church and we are all invited to complete a short online survey and share our thoughts on the qualities and vision we need in our next bishop: [Public consultation on the appointment of our next Diocesan Bishop](#)

- **Talk by Local Author**

Carole Britton will be giving a talk at 6pm on Friday 18 July at St Sampson's on her new book "**Past, Present, Presence**".



The book is the **companion Guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way**, the next section of which opens in September (more news on that in due course). This new section includes Cricklade, Ashton Keynes, Latton and The Leigh and their churches. The book is a journey through the life, legacy and words of "part-time hermit" and former Didmorton resident **Hilary Peters**. Her contemplative life and writing inspired the vision of a local pilgrimage which could be experienced by all - and so began the creation of The Athelstan Pilgrim Way.

- **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.

5. July Services

- **Sunday 13 July - Trinity 4**

- 10am Worship Together *at St Sampson's*

- **Sunday 20 July - Trinity 5**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
 - 11.30am Service for St Sampson's Day *followed by lunch*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 27 July - Trinity 6**

- **Holy Cross**
 - 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
- **Waterhay Old Chancel**
 - 10am Morning Service (Holy Communion) - *when we will welcome our new curate Revd Sharon Glead*
 - 6.30pm Evening Service

6. Morning Prayers

- **Monday Morning Prayers at 9am on Zoom - 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/77713838432?pwd=AzDJt5p8Rs3WxmbjI3sSFVEEMFpAuF.1>

Meeting ID: 777 1383 8432

Passcode: 1FLvt0

• **Thursday Morning Prayers in St Sampson's Lady Chapel**

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

7. 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

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