

News from the Upper Thames Churches

5th September 2025

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1. Sunday 7 September - Trinity 12

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with the music group & activities for primary school-age children*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - **11.30am** Harvest *followed by lunch. Food donations will go to the Malmesbury & District Foodbank*
[Harvest Collection list for the Foodbank](#)
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

- **All Saints**
 - **5pm Harvest**
- Reading: [Luke 22:39-46](#)

2. Dig Deeper: Who is the Holy Spirit through the Bible?

First session - next Wednesday.

We will "as it says on the tin" dig deeper into the Bible and learn together about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Starting with Genesis and the Old Testament and moving on through the New Testament, we'll meet on four **Wednesday afternoons 2pm to 3.15pm in St Sampson's lady chapel on Sept 10th and Sept 24th and will continue (at a venue to be arranged) on October 15th and 22nd**. You are very welcome to come to all or any of the sessions. Informal and with lots of time to talk in small groups, it'll be a chance to understand more of the nature of the Holy Spirit and to seek ways to grow our relationship with the 3rd person of the Trinity. If you'd like to know more, see Shirley (07980 548844 or revdshirleyd@gmail.com).

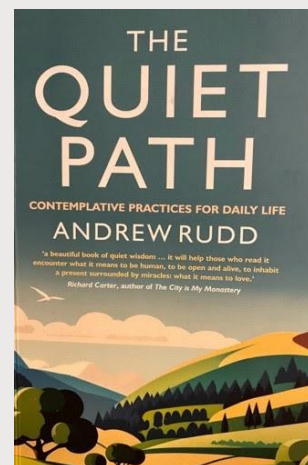
3. The Quiet Path - Thursday 11 September

Do you long for quiet time, to reflect, to be still, to rest in God?

We will use short passages from this beautiful book to explore our faith through contemplation, gentle conversation and creative expression.

All materials provided, including coffee and tea!

Thursdays 11 September, 9 October, 7.30pm-9pm, at Harberts Cottage AK (reply to this email if you need directions).



4. Sermon sheets from August

Some of you have asked for the sermon sheets from our August services.



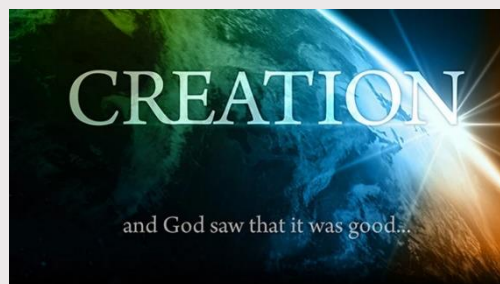
[Praying with Paul](#)
[Praying with David](#)
[Praying with Job](#)
[Praying with Mary](#)
[Praying with Jesus](#)

5. Creationtide (The Season of Creation)

Creationtide is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. The 2025 theme is 'peace with creation'. This season is observed globally to reflect on God's wider creation, His relationship to it and our own relationship with it. **From 1 September to 4 October**, Christians and churches are invited to pray, act and use their voice to advocate for creation. The Upper Thames Group of churches will respond to this invitation. A creationtide

service of Holy Communion will be followed during this time.

You may wish to reflect on the following prayer, published (along with other resources) by A Rocha UK.



*Creating God, your name is written on every leaf,
every bird, every river, every stone, every living being.
We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation.
Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole
creation, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.*

6. This Weekend:

- **Latton Cafe in the Village Hall - Saturday 6 September**
Join us for tea, coffee and a chat at Latton Village Hall this Saturday, 10am - 12pm.



- **Athelstan Pilgrim Way Launch - Upper Thames & Braydonbrook**

ATHELSTAN PILGRIM WAY
Braydon Brook & Upper Thames
Routes Launch

6th September 2025

11.30am Pilgrimage Walk
from the Leigh Chancel (SN6 6QY) to Cricklade

**2.30pm St Sampson's Church
Cricklade (SN6 6AT)**
Ticketed event with guest speaker
Martin Palmer

TICKETS: £10.50 adults (children free)
available from 14th July 2025 from Cricklade Town Hall
and also online via www.athelstanpilgrimway.org

PLUS: the walk continues ... 7th September 2pm
from All Saints, Crudwell (SN16 9ER) to Holy Cross, Hankerton (SN16 9LF)
Followed by Cream Tea and Evening Prayer

The Athelstan Pilgrim Way is a walking & cycling route linking 36 churches across the North Wiltshire Deanery

North Wiltshire Mission Area
Diocese of Bristol
www.athelstanpilgrimway.org

7. Reminders

- **Change of email address for Shirley**

Shirley now has a 'churchwork' email address which is revdshirleyd@gmail.com. Please use this rather than shirleydanby21@gmail.com. Phone number remains as 07980 548844

- **AK Cream Teas - first one next Thursday**

If you enjoy scones with jam and cream and chatting too, do come along to Holy Cross church, North End, Ashton Keynes and enjoy a Cream Tea on **Thursday Sept 4th** (with a harvest theme) and Sept 25th (2.30 – 4pm) and sing a few of your favourite hymns too. It's open to anyone and do bring others. Donations (after costs) for our local Foodbank.



- **Concert at St Sampson's on Saturday 13th September**

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or call 01793 295164

In support of the St Sampson's Church appeal



- **Malmesbury & District Foodbank**

Please help support local people in crisis.

Donations of food can be left at:

- **Cricklade** - at the back of St Sampson's church, at St Sampson's school, Tesco Express, Animal Fayre, Culverhay Stores, Cricklade United Church, St Mary's Church
- **Ashton Keynes** - at the back of Holy Cross church and at the village school
- **Latton** - at the Village Hall café monthly.



Foodbank needs (click for latest shopping list)

You can also support by donating money, either through regular giving or one-off gifts.

To find out more about the work of the Foodbank and how you can help, please visit their website: [Malmesbury & District Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

8. September Services

- **Sunday 14 September**

- 10am Worship Together at St Sampson's
- 3.30pm Messy Church at Holy Cross

- **Sunday 21 September**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - **11.30am** Harvest *followed by lunch*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 28 September**

- 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 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.

10. Church opening times

- St Sampson's: every day, 9am – 3pm
- Holy Cross: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10am - 4pm
- St John the Baptist Latton: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 10am - 4pm

11. What3Words locations for our churches

- **St Sampson's:** unopposed.remotest.raft
- **Holy Cross (entrance to car park):** ideals.conga.flushes
- **St John the Baptist:** roadways.handwriting.trample
- **All Saints:** powers.party.zinc
- **Waterhay (All Saints Old Chancel):** leaky.refrained.marketing

