

News from the Upper Thames Churches

3rd October 2025

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1. Sunday 5 October - Trinity 16

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with the music group and primary aged children's activities*
 - **[No evensong]**
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship
- Readings
 - [Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4](#) OR [2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)
 - [Luke 17:5-10](#)

2. Upper Thames Matters

Join us for Upper Thames Matters where we pray for our local communities and the wider world.

Monday 6 October, 7.30pm - 8.30pm at the vicarage (14 Bath Road, Cricklade).

Everyone is welcome.



3. Reminders



- **Latton Café - TOMORROW**

Our café is open **Saturday 4 October**, 10am - 12pm, in Latton Village Hall. Join us for tea, coffee and a chat!

- **USPG Elephant round up - THIS SUNDAY**

Thank you again for your generosity in the April "Elephant Round Up" we raised £475.90. All of our donations go to help the Primary Health

Care Scheme in S. Malawi and they are grateful for our support. I'm "rounding up" the Elephants again in October, so if you are able to bring your Elephants to St. Sampsons **Sunday October**

5th I'd appreciate it, or I'll arrange to collect it from your house. Thanks again, Paul Fray (750740)



- **FILLING STATION - NEXT THURSDAY**

Our next Filling Station session is coming up **Thursday 9 October**. Please can we ask for your continued support, in feeding the hungry & homeless, in Swindon... We would be pleased to have offers of help, in providing the following:

- Sandwiches (ham/ cheese/ tuna/ egg)
- Fruit
- Individually wrapped biscuits
- Crisps & other snacks
- Individual bottles/ pouches of water & fruit juice.

These can be dropped off during the day of the 9/10/25, at 5 Abingdon Court Farm, Cricklade, 9 - 4pm.

And we hope you will be able to join us for a cup of tea and some cake!

If you would like to donate some toilet rolls or cans of food with ring pulls, that would be much appreciated.

The Filling Station team offer these items, every Thursday, to those who are homeless or without stable accommodation.

I look forward to hearing from you. Sincere thanks for all you do, to support this worthy cause.

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• St Sampson's Autumn Fayre - NEXT SATURDAY



The Autumn Fayre is taking place on **Saturday 11 October** 2-4pm at St Sampson's School.

If anyone is able to help please let Sharon or Adina know.

If you have any donations of bric a brac, books, puzzles, raffle prizes, tombola prizes or bottles for the bottle stall please speak to Adina to arrange delivery to her house or collection.

Many thanks!

• No S Club during September or October

There will be no St Sampson's S Club during September and October. Primary school aged children's activities will continue on first Sundays.

• 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](https://www.malmesburyfoodbank.org.uk/)



4. October Services

- **Sunday 12 October**

- 10am Worship Together Holy Communion at St Sampson's

- **Sunday 19 October**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - **[No evensong]**
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 26 October**

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

5. 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.

6. 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

7. What3Words locations for our churches *(for use on the What3Words app)*

- **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

