

News from the Upper Thames Churches

17th October 2025

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1. Sunday 19 October - Trinity 18

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - **[No evensong]**
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - **[No evensong]**
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion
- Readings
 - Genesis 32:22-31 OR 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 - Luke 18:1-8

2. Deanery Confirmation Service

The North Wiltshire Deanery Confirmation service is taking place on Wednesday 26 November. It doesn't matter how long you have been coming to church, confirmation is both an outward sign of our commitment to God (as we confirm and take on our baptism promises for ourselves) and a part of our church membership. If you aren't sure, or if you know you would like to be confirmed, please speak to a member of the clergy. There will be some preparation sessions running to prepare you for that, so do let us know.

Debbie



3. All Souls bereavement services and lighting of candles at Holy Cross, Saturday 2 November



Our **All Souls' Bereavement Services** are taking place on **Sunday 2 November**:

- **4pm at Holy Cross** (for Ashton Keynes and the Leigh)
- **6.30pm at St Sampson's** (for Cricklade and Latton).

You can also **light a candle** for loved ones in Holy Cross on Saturday 2 November, 1.45pm - 3pm.

The names of those whose funeral services we have taken in the last 12 months will be read out at the relevant service.

If you are coming to one of the services and would like us to read out the names of other loved ones who have died, please speak to one of our ministers or email admin@upperthames.org.uk to give us the name of the person and the service you are going to attend. There will be no paper lists in church.

4. Come & find out how a church pipe organ works!

Have you ever wondered how pipe organs make the different sounds they do? Did you know that the saying "to pull out all the stops" originates from pipe organ music and that the earliest prototypes were created in the 3rd century BC in Ancient Greece? Pipe organs are the largest musical instruments ever built and are highly complex machines. If you'd like to find out how a pipe organ works, come and join us on Saturday 25 October, 11am, at St Sampson's. We think it will take about 45 mins to give an overview and demonstration. So that we can have an idea in advance of how many might be there please could you email admin@upperthames.org.uk to let us know if you plan to come along.

Jane & Tim Eyles



5. Reminders

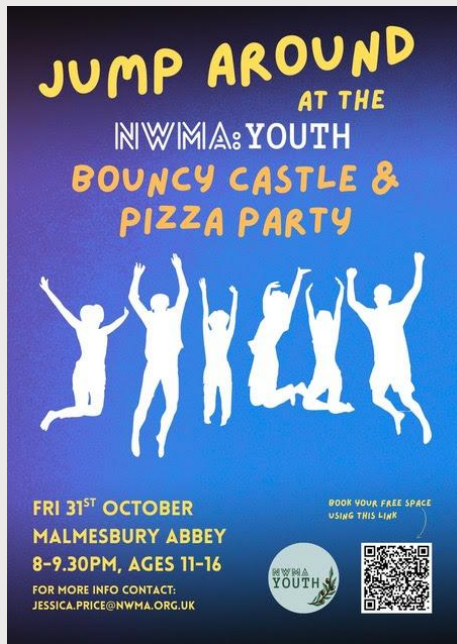
- **Dig Deeper**

Our fourth session in this series is **Wednesday 22 October** and we will explore **The early Christians and us today** as we continue to dig Deeper into the nature & work of the Holy Spirit through the Bible. Join us from **1.50pm - 2.30pm in the big room at The Vicarage, 14 Bath Road (please use the left hand side entrance).**

- **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.

- **Bouncy Castle & Pizza Party for 11-16 year olds**



- **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](#)

6. October-November Services

• Sunday 26 October - Last after Trinity

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

• Sunday 2 November - All Saints

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm All Souls service
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - 4pm All Souls service
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

• Sunday 9 November - Remembrance Sunday

- St Sampson's
 - 11.15am Remembrance service
- Holy Cross
 - 10.55 Remembrance service
- All Saints
 - 10.55 Remembrance service

• Sunday 16 November - 2 before Advent

- St Sampson's
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 3.30pm Messy Church - *in Ashton Keynes school*
 - 4pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 23 November - Christ the King**

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

- **Sunday 30 November - Advent Sunday**

- **Malmesbury Abbey**
 - 10.30am Joint Deanery/Mission Area service
- Holy Cross
 - 4pm Christingle

7. 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.

8. 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

9. 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

