

News from the Upper Thames Churches

31st October 2025

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1. Sunday 2 November - All Souls

- 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
- Readings:
 - [Daniel 7:1-3,15-18](#) *OR* [Ephesians 1:11-end](#)
 - [Luke 6:20-31](#)

2. All Souls services Sunday 2 November

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



You can also **light a candle** for a loved one who has died, at Holy Cross on Saturday 1 November, 1.45 - 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 to hear us read out the names of other loved ones who have died, please

email admin@upperthames.org.uk to give us their name(s) and the service you are going to attend.

3. Dedication of Ciborium at Holy Cross

On Sun 2 November at the 10am Communion at Holy Cross, we will dedicate a beautiful silver container (known as a ciborium and used to hold wafers) which has been given in memory of Shirley Massey, who gave faithful service to God and Holy Cross as a member of the congregation almost all her life, as PCC member and church warden. She also organised and sang in the church choir and arranged and organised the flowers.



4. Latton Café - TOMORROW



Our café is next open tomorrow (**Saturday 1 November**), 10am - 12pm, in Latton Village Hall.

Join us for tea, coffee and a chat!

5. Upper Thames Matters

Join us for our monthly Upper Thames Matters prayer meeting where we pray for our local communities and the wider world. We next meet on **Monday 3 November, 7.30pm - 8.30pm** at the vicarage (14 Bath Road, Cricklade). **Everyone is most welcome.**



6. Thank you letter from the E3 Initiative

We have received this [Thank you letter \(pdf\)](#) from the E3 Initiative.

7. Reminders

- **Walking with Jesus - Rev Chris Dobson**



Chris is the Diocesan Advisor for Discipleship and Evangelism and has formulated the whole diocesan 'Rhythm of Life' series in which many of you have taken part. He is engaging and realistic about how we follow Jesus in our daily lives, and will be coming to spend a morning with us to help us in our daily walk in faith.

Saturday 8 November 9.30 - 12.30 at the Jenner Hall

- **543 part 2**

Many of us participated in the short series of meetings called 543+1, and this is the sequel. Just three weeks, to explore further what we cherish in our Christian lives, what we can't live without; how we nourish our Christian lives and how we can go deeper; how we might flourish by enabling our faith to spread further.

There are four groups proposed this time around and sign-up sheets are available - anyone who would like to join a group can do so. Only five spaces per group.

If you aren't where the sheets are here are the dates, all you have to do is email

Debbie vicar@upperthames.org.uk with which group you

would like to join. It is important to be able to come to each session. With a short course, being away for one week means you miss a third!

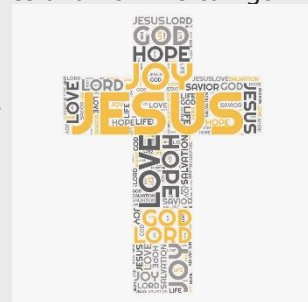
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE DONE PART ONE TO DO PART TWO! And please be encouraged, the feedback we have had from the groups has been very positive so far!

So do sign up, whether on a sheet or by email.

Here are the times and dates:

- **Mondays 10, 17 & 24 November:**
 - **2 - 3.30pm**
 - **7.30 - 9pm**
- **Tuesdays 4, 21 & 28 November:**
 - **5-6.30pm**
- **Wednesdays 5, 12 & 19 November:**
 - **7.30-9pm**

Please sign up and join in!



- **Deanery Confirmation Service**

The North Wiltshire Deanery Confirmation service is taking place on **Wednesday 26 November at All Saints, Crudwell**. 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



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

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BOUNCY CASTLE & PIZZA PARTY

FRI 31ST OCTOBER
MALMESBURY ABBEY
8-9.30PM, AGES 11-16

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
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- **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. November Services

- **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

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 at 21 High Street next week**

On 6 November, due to the boiler being removed, Morning prayers will take place at 21 High Street (back to normal in the Lady Chapel on 13

November). 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 *(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

