

UPPER THAMES NEWSLETTER

19 December 2025



This week:

- **Christmas Services this Sunday**
- **All services Sunday 21 December - 28 December**
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 - **Malmesbury & District Foodbank**
- **Morning Prayers - St Sampson's 8am recommences on 8 January**
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Christmas Services this weekend

A poster for a Crib Service. It features a dark blue background with a yellow starburst. The text "Crib Service" is in large yellow letters. Below it, in white, is "For unto us a child is born!". There is a cartoon illustration of the Nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, and three wise men. The text "St John's Latton" is in yellow, and "this Sunday 21 Dec at 4pm" is in orange.

Crib Service

For unto us
a child is born!

St John's Latton

this Sunday 21 Dec at 4pm

A poster for a Carols service. It features a dark background with many lit candles. The text "CAROLS" is in large yellow letters, and "with candles" is in a cursive yellow font. Below the candles, the text "HOLY CROSS CHURCH, ASHTON KEYNES 4 PM" is in white, followed by "SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER" in large yellow letters. At the bottom, it says "Come and join us, sing some of your favourite carols and rejoice in the Christmas story" and "MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE TO FOLLOW" in white.

CAROLS
with candles

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, ASHTON KEYNES 4 PM

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

Come and join us, sing some of your favourite carols
and rejoice in the Christmas story

MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE TO FOLLOW

All services Sunday 21 December - 28 December

Those suitable for families with young children are **highlighted**.

Sunday 21 December - Advent 4

- **St Sampson's**

- 8am Holy Communion in St Sampson's **CHURCH** *followed by breakfast*
- 10am informal Morning Worship in St Sampson's **PRIMARY SCHOOL**
- 6.30pm Evensong in St Sampson's **CHURCH**
- Readings
 - [Isaiah 7:10-16](#) OR [Romans 1:1-7](#)
 - [Matthew 1:18-end](#)



- **Holy Cross**

4pm Carols with Candles

- **St John the Baptist**

4pm Carols & Crib Service

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24 December

*St Sampson's services are in the **CHURCH** on Christmas Eve*

- **4pm Crib Services at St Sampson's & Holy Cross**
- **7pm Carol Service at All Saints**
- 11pm Midnight Communion at St Sampson's & Holy Cross

Christmas Day - Thursday 25 December

*St Sampson's services are in the **CHURCH** on Christmas Day*

- **St Sampson's**

- 8am Holy Communion
- **10am Christmas Day Family Holy Communion**

- **Holy Cross**

- **10am Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion**

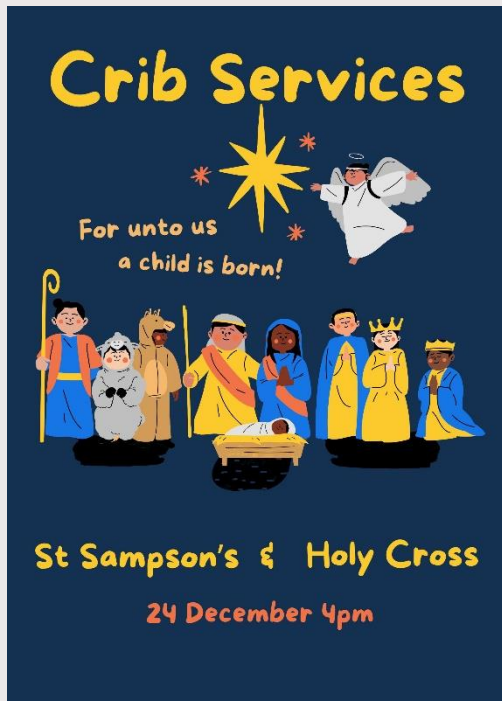
- **St John the Baptist**

- **11.15 Christmas Day Holy Communion**



Sunday 28 January - Christmas 1

- 10am Upper Thames Worship together in St Sampson's PRIMARY SCHOOL



Reminders:

• 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](#)



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 the Lady Chapel in St Sampson's

Thurs morning prayers will recommence in St Sampson's on Thursday January 8th at 8.30am and everyone is welcome.

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

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



