

# UPPER THAMES NEWS

16 January 2026



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## Sunday 18 January - Epiphany 2

- **St Sampson's**
  - 8am Holy Communion in the CHURCH *followed by breakfast*
  - 10am Morning Worship in the **SCHOOL** *with the music group*
  - 6.30pm Evensong in the CHURCH
- **Holy Cross**
  - 10am Round the Table
  - 4pm Evensong
- **St John the Baptist**
  - 10am Holy Communion
- **Readings**
  - [Isaiah 49:1-7](#) OR [1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#)
  - [John 1:29-42](#)

## Jean Whitbread

We're sorry to have to let you know that Jean Whitbread died about a week after Christmas having suffered a bleed on the brain on Christmas Eve. Jean and her husband, Derek, who

survives her, were regular members of our congregation before she entered a long period of poor health. Jean had been involved in the Trefoil Guild and Derek was Chairman of the local Scouts organisation. Derek continues to live in Horse Fair Lane. The funeral is being arranged by their daughter but details are not yet known.

### Reminders:

- **St Sampson's Quiz Night - Saturday 7 February**

Join us at our annual Quiz Night! Tickets available from

Sharon: [sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com) or 01793 751375. Everyone welcome.



- **Malmesbury & District Foodbank** - click link for more information or the logo to go to the Foodbank homepage.



### January-February services

- **Sunday 25 January**

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

- **Sunday 1 February**

- St Sampson's
  - 8am Holy Communion
  - **10am Morning Worship** *with the music groups & activities for primary school aged children*
  - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
  - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
  - 10am Morning Worship

- **Sunday 8 February**

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

- **Sunday 15 February**

- St Sampson's
  - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
  - 10am Informal Morning Worship
  - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 4pm Evensong?
- St John the Baptist
  - 10am Holy Communion

- **Ash Wednesday 18 February**

- 7.30pm Service of Holy Communion and Ashing at St Sampson's

- **Sunday 22 February**

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

## **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=AzDJt5p8Rs3WxmbjI3sSFVEEMFpAu>

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Meeting ID: 777 1383 8432

Passcode: 1FLvt0

- **Thursday Morning Prayers in the Lady Chapel in St Sampson's**

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.

### 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

