

# UPPER THAMES NEWS

23 January 2026



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## Sunday 25 January - Epiphany 3

- St Sampson's
  - 10am Holy Communion in the **SCHOOL**
- Holy Cross
  - 8.30am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
  - 10am Morning Worship
- Readings
  - [Isaiah 9:1-4](#) OR [1 Corinthians 1:10-18](#)
  - [Matthew 4:12-23](#)

## Weekend retreat at Lee Abbey

Would you like to come with about 12 or more of us from Upper Thames to Lee Abbey (on the North Devon Coast) for a weekend of refreshment, renewal and deeper connection with God?

A group from Upper Thames have already booked but there are still places available for this 'Encounter weekend', offering a retreat to rest, recharge and encounter God in a refreshing way. It's being held **Friday March 6th - Sunday March 8th** and transport can be shared so if you don't want to drive others would take you.

If you are interested to know more, would like to book or have already booked and have queries, do contact Shirley on [revdshirleyd@gmail.com](mailto:revdshirleyd@gmail.com) or phone 07980 548844.





## Ride & Stride administrator for the WHCT

The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust are looking for a volunteer Ride & Stride (R&S) administrator to help on a part-time basis with R&S administration. Please click the link [here](#) for a pdf file with more details and a job specification. There is a small honorarium attached to the role. Closing date for applications is Monday 9 March.

### Reminders:

- **Please remember to use Shirley's work email address**  
- [revdshirleyd@gmail.com](mailto:revdshirleyd@gmail.com) - to contact her about church-related matters.
- **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.



### February services

- **Sunday 1 February**
  - St Sampson's
    - 8am Holy Communion
    - **10am Morning Worship** with the music group & activities for primary school aged children - venue to be advised
    - 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 in Ashton Keynes School**

- **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=AzDJt5p8Rs3WxmbjI3sSFVEEMFpAuF.1>

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



**St Sampson's, Cricklade  
Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes  
St John the Baptist, Latton  
All Saints, Leigh**

Parish Office, Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade, Wiltshire, SN6 6AX

Usual office opening hours:  
9.30am - 12pm  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

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