

# UPPER THAMES NEWS

27 February 2026

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## Sunday 1 March - Lent 2

- **St Sampson's**
  - 8am Holy Communion (in the church)
  - 10am Morning Worship (in the school) *with the music group and activities for primary school-aged children*
  - 6.30pm Evensong (in the church)
- **Holy Cross**
  - 10am Holy Communion
- **St John the Baptist**
  - 10am Morning Worship
- **Readings:**
  - [Psalm 74](#)
  - [Matthew 14:22-36](#) - *Jesus meets Peter on the water - part of our meeting Jesus series*



## Rev Sharon leaving gift

As you know Rev Sharon Gleed will be taking up a new post after Easter over in the Gloucester diocese. We will be very sad to lose Sharon and would like to give her a gift of love and thanks as she goes. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please give a donation (preferably in an envelope marked with what it is for) to the clergy or Wardens.



### Latton Café

Our café is next open on **Saturday 7 March**, 10am - 12pm, in Latton Village Hall.

Join us for tea, coffee and a chat!

### Lent resources:

- If you would like a **Lent leaflet** please ask one of the ministers or download a pdf copy [here](#) if you prefer. **CofE Lent booklets** called "Draw Near" (which come at no cost, but you're free to make a small donation if you should wish) are also available. We do hope these resources will help to make Lent a time for all of us to "spring clean" our hearts and perhaps reset our spiritual rhythms.
- For those who like to use an app, you might like the CofE **Everyday Faith app** which this Lent is based on the CofE Lent booklet "Draw Near". The app enables you to listen or to read (or both).
- A series of readings called '**Listening in Lent**' has been compiled by Katy Bell and Dee Molton. If you would like to receive the daily reading, please email [admin@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:admin@upperthames.org.uk)



### Organ recital at All Saints Lydiard Millicent

All Saints Church,  
Lydiard Millicent

**Organ  
demonstration  
recital**  
By Paul Hale

*Cathedral Organist and Rector Chori Emeritus at  
Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire*

**Sat 28 March 3.30 pm**

**Music by**  
Felix Mendelssohn  
J. S. Bach  
Tomáso Albinoni  
César Franck  
Joseph Bonnet  
Hendrik Andriessen  
Gabriel Grovlez  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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## Reminders:

### PCCs for the coming year

As we approach the APCMs in March, we would really like people to be thinking about whether it would be good and helpful to serve on one of our PCCs. Our meetings are not onerous, long or all that frequent, and we have fun as we work together. Do please have a think, and ask a PCC member if you want to know more.

### Treasurer and secretary at AK

Importantly, we have yet to find people who are able to take on the role of either treasurer or PCC Secretary in Ashton Keynes. Both jobs require some steady attention through the year, but neither are onerous. Please have a think about whether you can help us in either role, and if you feel you might like to, please speak to Debbie or Shirley who can tell you more about either role.

**APCM Meetings** are taking place following the 10am service on the dates below. All are invited to attend. Check with the named person if you are on Electoral Roll and therefore eligible to vote.

**Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes** - Sunday 1 March - Michael Kelland

**All Saints, Leigh** - Thursday 5 March - George West

**St John the Baptist, Latton** - Sunday 15 March - Stuart Dagnall

**St Sampson's, Cricklade** - Sunday 22 March - Jo Valpy

### Lent Talk at Cricklade United Church - Tuesday 10 March

Click poster for more information....

Churches Together in Cricklade and Latton

You are warmly invited to Cricklade United Church  
**on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 7pm**

**Jamie Eyre, CEO of Embrace the Middle East**  
will be speaking on  
***"Acts of Hope: Stories of Resilience and Faith in  
the Middle East"***

This will be followed by a Question & Answer session.  
Tea and coffee will be served after the event

There will be a retiring collection for  
Embrace the Middle East.

Embrace the Middle East has been supporting Christians and communities in the Middle East for many years, tackling poverty and injustice in the region

Jamie Eyre has been working for Embrace the Middle East since 2013. After leading on programmes and partnerships he became CEO in July 2024. He has travelled to the Middle East during the last year and therefore will be talking about situations he has seen for himself.

## **Malmesbury & District Foodbank**

Click on the **link** above for a pdf with more information on where you can drop off food in Cricklade, Ashton Keynes and Latton. Click on the **logo** for the Foodbank homepage.



## **March services**

The 10am St Sampson's services will continue to be held in the school for the time being due to a delay with the commissioning of the new boiler.

### **• Sunday 8 March**

- 10am Worship Together at St Sampson's (in the school)

### **• Sunday 15 March**

- St Sampson's
  - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast* (in the church)
  - 10am Morning Worship with the music group (in the school)
  - 6.30pm Evensong (in the church)
- Holy Cross
  - 10am Around the Table
  - 4pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
  - 10am Holy Communion

### **• Sunday 22 March**

- St Sampson's
  - 10am Holy Communion (in the school)
- Holy Cross
  - 8.30am Communion
  - **3.30pm Messy Church**
- St John the Baptist
  - 10am Morning Worship

### **• Palm Sunday 29 March**

- 10am Worship Together at Holy Cross Ashton Keynes

## **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**