

UPPER THAMES NEWS

6 March 2026

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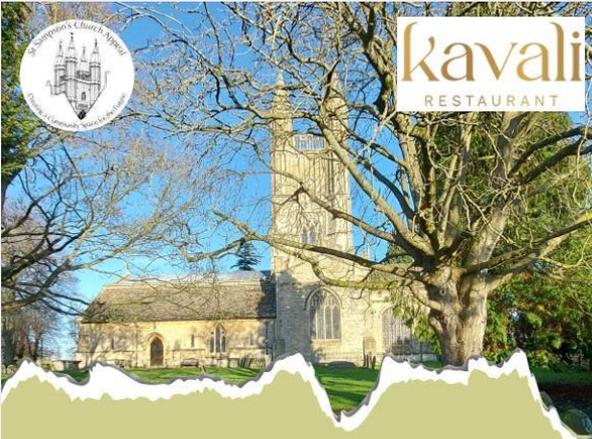
Sunday 8 March - Lent 3

- 10am Worship Together at *St Sampson's school*
- Readings:
 - [Psalm 95](#)
 - [Matthew 17:14-20](#) - *Jesus meets an ill boy*

Re-visiting our ministers' sermons

Every so often people have found something we have said helpful and ask us for copies of our sermons – we are delighted to send you our scripts. We have decided not, for the moment, to go further and put all sermons or recordings online. Please feel free to ask though.

Ministry Team



SUPPORTING ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH APPEAL

Kavali Curry Night

Monday 13th April 2026 at 7pm

£25 per person

Includes QUIZ & RAFFLE, Drinks extra

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COME & SING!

Saturday 27 June
St Sampson's Church
Cricklade

Music Director
Mark Lee

**Rutter
REQUIEM**

**Fauré
LE CANTIQUE
DE JEAN RACINE**

Tickets on TicketSource
admin@upperthames.org.uk

First workshop at 11am
Concert performance at 5pm

Get ahead of the game and join us for some Friday evening rehearsals after Easter. More details nearer the time.

Reminders



Latton Café tomorrow

Join us for tea/coffee and a chat tomorrow (Saturday 7 March) at Latton Village Hall.
All welcome!

Rev Sharon leaving gift

As you know Rev Sharon Gleed will be taking up a new post after Easter in the Gloucester diocese. We will be very sad to lose her 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 church wardens.

Lent resources:

- **CofE Lent booklets** called "Draw Near" are available (no cost, but a small donation if you should wish).
- **Everyday Faith app** based on the Lent booklet - listen and read.
- If you would like to start receiving the daily '**Listening in Lent**' reading, please email admin@upperthames.org.uk



Remaining 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.

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 - *final reminder*

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-April services

The 10am St Sampson's services will continue to be held in the school until Good Friday.

• 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

• Good Friday - 3 April

- 2pm 'Final Hour' service in St Sampson's church

• Easter Sunday - 5 April

- St Sampson's church
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - 10am Holy Communion - children's activities?
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion & Easter Egg Hunt
- St John the Baptist
 - 11.15am Holy Communion
- All Saints
 - 11.15am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 12 April**

- 10am Worship Together in St Sampson's church - *Revd Sharon's leaving service*

- **Sunday 19 April**

- St Sampson's church
 - 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast
 - 10am Morning Worship with the music group
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Around the Table
 - 3.30pm Messy Church
 - 6pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 26 April**

- St Sampson's church
 - 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 (Old Chancel): leaky.refrained.marketing

