

UPPER THAMES NEWS

13 March 2026

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 - 6.30pm Evensong (in the church)
- **Holy Cross**
 - 10am Around the Table
 - 4pm Evensong
- **St John the Baptist**
 - 10am Holy Communion
- **Readings:**
 - [Psalm 23](#)
 - [Matthew 19:16-30](#) - *Jesus meets a rich man*



Eco-church update from Laura Brierley at St Sampson's

St Sampson's achieved the Eco Church silver award some time ago. Since then, the oil-fired boiler has been removed and a new electric boiler will soon be operational. This will contribute to our drive to be more eco-friendly.

We should remember the importance of caring for God's creation and the many ways in which we can do so. A Rocha UK provide helpful reminders such as:

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open). For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes. For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.



For more eco-tips, you could sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email by visiting arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

Reminders

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

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 warden.

 

SUPPORTING ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH APPEAL

Kavali Curry Night

Monday 13th April 2026 at 7pm

£25 per person

Includes QUIZ & RAFFLE, Drinks extra

PLEASE CONTACT
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Click the link to book tickets & hire scores:
[Come & Sing at St Sampson's](#)

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

More details nearer the time.

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

St Sampson's - the 10am services will continue to be held in the school until Good Friday (3 April) after which we hope to be able to have all services in the church.

• 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 - *with activities for children*
 - 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`



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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