

# UPPER THAMES NEWS

10 April 2026

This week in Upper Thames News:

- **Upper Thames Worship Together this Sunday** - We say good bye to Revd Sharon Glead
- **USPG Elephant Round-up this Sunday**
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## Sunday 12 April - Easter 2

- **10am at St Sampson's Church - Upper Thames Worship Together**
  - **Revd Sharon's leaving service**

We are very sad to say goodbye to Revd Sharon Glead this weekend, but grateful to God and to her for our time together. We send her on her way with a gift and a cheque, and with our love and prayers.  
God's speed for the next chapter of the adventure to Sharon and her husband Edward.



**Round Up of USPG Elephants  
this Sunday at St Sampson's**

## Messy Church



You're warmly invited to

**AK Messy Church**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**3.30 -4.30pm**

**Holy Cross Church AK**

**for all ages & stages; it's messy & noisy  
with activities, games, story,  
celebration, song and snack**

**Exploring: Walking with Jesus**

*It's church, but not as you know it!*

*Holy Cross Church North End AK SN6 6QR*

### Reminders.....

- **Christian Aid rep needed at St Sampson's**

Christian Aid week is coming up in May and we know that the work that is carried out across the world by CA in sharing God's love with others is really valuable. St Sampson's has, for many years, had a Christian Aid rep and along with Mary Coole and others from Churches Together, there has been an active group that has been valuable in highlighting the work of Christian Aid and helping to raise funds. For a number of years Jo Griffiths has been our St Sampson's rep but she is now stepping down. We do say a BIG 'thank you' to Jo for carrying out the role but it means we are now seeking another person who could take on this role. If you could help in this way, do please have a word with Debbie, Shirley or Suzi.



- **Re-visiting our ministers' sermons**

If you have found that something our ministers have said in their sermons has been helpful to you and you would like to re-visit those words, they would be delighted to send you a copy of their script. Please free to ask.

## **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.



## **April services remaining**

- **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`

