

UPPER THAMES NEWS




17 April 2026

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Sunday 19 April - Easter 3

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship *with the music group*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Around the Table - *worship 'café-style' with tea/coffee, cake and biscuits*
 - **3.30pm Messy Church (more details below)**
 - 6pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion



You're warmly invited to
AK Messy Church
Sunday 19th 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

Cross for St Sampson's Widhill Aisle

As a result of conversations with a number of you, from this Sunday we will be experimenting with a wooden cross in the Widhill Aisle. It will hang in front of the curtain behind the altar. Please do let either the church wardens or the ministry team know what you think when you've seen it.

Debbie

Sharon's Licensing Service

Tidenham Parish Church would like to know how many people from Upper Thames plan on joining them for Sharon's licencing service on Sunday 3 May at 3pm. From Sunday, there will be a list on the welcome table in St Sampson's, Holy Cross and St John the Baptist. Please add your name to the list if you would like to go and also, whether or not you need or can offer anyone a lift. Alternatively you can email the parish office - admin@upperthames.org.uk



Come & Sing short practice this evening - 17 April

If you are thinking of joining us for our Come & Sing event this year, there will be a short introduction to some of the music from 7 - 7.30pm this evening at St Sampson's.

To book tickets and hire scores for the event itself on the TicketSource website, scan the QR code on the poster below or follow this link: [St Sampson's Come & Sing 2026](#). The workshops will be accompanied on the organ. There will be cello, flute, oboe, organ, timpani and keyboard accompaniment for the concert performance.

COME & SING!

Saturday 27 June
St Sampson's Church
Cricklade

Music Director
Mark Lee

Rutter
REQUIEM

Fauré
LE CANTIQUE
DE JEAN RACINE

QR code

Tickets on TicketSource
admin@upperthames.org.uk

First workshop at 11am
Concert performance at 5pm

Reminders.....

- **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-May services

- **Sunday 26 April**

- St Sampson's
 - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

- **Sunday 3 May**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - **10am Morning Worship** including baptism - *with the music group and children's activities*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

- **Sunday 10 May**

- 10am Worship Together at St Sampson's

- **Thursday 14 May - Ascension Day**

- 8.45am Holy Communion at St Sampson's - *tea, coffee and biscuits at 8.30am*

- **Sunday 17 May**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast
 - 10am Morning Worship - Christian Aid service with Cricklade United Church
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Around the Table
 - 6pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 24 May - Pentecost**
 - St Sampson's
 - 10am Upper Thames Holy Communion with prayers for healing
 - Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
- **Sunday 31 May**
 - 10am Worship Together at **All Saints, Leigh**

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`

