

UPPER THAMES NEWS

3 July 2026

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Sunday 5 July - Trinity 5

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with the music group and **activities for primary aged children***
 - 6.30pm Evensong
 - Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - Readings:
 - [Zechariah 9:9-12](#) OR [Romans 7:15-25a](#)
 - [Matthew 11:16-19,25-end](#)
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Church Life Reminders



Upper Thames Matters

Join us for our Upper Thames Matters prayer meeting where we pray for our local communities and the wider world.

We next meet on **Monday 6 July, 7.30pm - 8.30pm** at the vicarage (14 Bath Road, Cricklade). **Everyone is welcome.**

Digging Deeper into John's Gospel continues on Monday 6 July at 10.30am



Meeting God in Jesus from John's Gospel. In the big room at The Vicarage Bath Rd, **10.30am on 6 July.**

John's Gospel tells us about Jesus & our deepest selves.

We will explore these themes (more detail later):

1. **Desire – "What are you looking for?"**
2. **Home – "Where are you staying?"**
3. **Being disciples today - these 3; learning, praying, loving**

John's Gospel is so rich in content, we can only begin to scratch the surface, but it will be so worth it. Do come along and we can dig deeper together into some of the key passages of this rather different Gospel. We hope our digging together will be as the book on which our digging is based is described "a masterclass Bible study and a rich group experience", "An amazing journey into the heart of God".



Do contact Shirley if you'd like to know more and let her know if you're planning to come.

- **Morning Prayers Monday 6 & Thursday 9 July - see end of newsletter for more details**

24 hours of prayer at St Sampson's Church, Cricklade, from Sat 18 July 11am

Talk and listen to God through prayer activities for ourselves, family and friends, local community and the wider world.

- A 24-7 prayer space
- Come and spend time with God
- Open to anyone
- Explore different prayer zones around the Church, using words, art, music, activities, silence and more to talk and listen to God.



You are invited to sign up for one hour slots (you can do as many as you like!) so we can cover the whole time in prayer. We also invite people to pop into church when they like. Note: the slots between 10pm and 7am will be in your own home.

Sign up for a slot at <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/4c1882>

Find out more from Matt and Sarah Smith, Laura Brierley and Hannah Dowson.



Latton Café is open **TOMORROW, Saturday 4 July**, 10am - 12pm, in Latton Village Hall.

Join us for tea, coffee and a chat!



LETTERS FROM
THE GLOBAL SOUTH

A project by
ZERO HOUR

4-7 JULY | 10AM – 4PM DAILY
ST JOHN BAPTIST, CIRENCESTER

PRESENTS AN EXHIBITION

LETTERS *from the* GLOBAL SOUTH

FREE ENTRY ALL WELCOME

Letters and artwork from **children on the frontline** of the climate and nature crisis — their stories, their world and **what we can do to help**.



4-7 JULY | 10AM – 4PM DAILY | ST JOHN BAPTIST, CIRENCESTER

New Noticeboard in St Sampson's

You may have noticed that the new noticeboard on the pew by the font in Sampson's (where we had our Easter poems and pictures) is filling up fast! Where other noticeboards inside and outside the church offer information about services and advertise up and coming events etc., the PCC would like this new noticeboard to reflect the life of our church community, as expressed in some of the six practices from our Growing in God programme: in particular, Fellowship, Outreach and Service. To do this, **we would like to start putting up a selection of photographs from some of our special services and community events to bring to life the letters of thanks and certificates that we currently display there.** This would be instead of the photos of the congregation that used to be on the noticeboard in the children's corner, which is now dedicated solely to children's artwork and learning. Please be assured that no pictures of children will be displayed without parental permission and no names will be added to any of the pictures.

We hope you will like this idea and share with anyone from the PCC any thoughts you have about it. If anyone would prefer not to have their photo on display in church, please have a quiet word with Adina, Ruth or one of the ministry team.

And finally, a big thank you to everyone who helps or participates in any way to any of the events we hold at St Sampson's, actively demonstrating how we share God's love. We literally couldn't do it without you.

Filling Station Thursday 6 August

Dear Friends,

We have our next Filling Station session on Thursday 6 August 2026.

Please can we again, ask for your support in providing food for the hungry and the homeless in Swindon...


The following donations are requested:

- Sandwiches
- Individually wrapped biscuits
- Oranges & bananas
- Small bottles of water
- Small fruit juice cartons
- Crisps or other packets of savoury snacks

Please could these be delivered to: The Barn, 5 Abingdon Court Farm, on Thursday, 6/8/26 between 9 and 4pm. Refreshments and the company of friends from our church community will await you!

Please contact me on 07713 663821 or ruthdorothyevans@outlook.com

With sincere thanks

Ruth & Barbara 

Concerts

- **AVE (Avebury Vocal Ensemble) on Sunday 12 July at St Sampson's**



Avebury Vocal

ENSEMBLE

Conductor: Peter Tims
Organist: Simon Dinsdale



Summer at Sea

Stanford Songs of the Sea
plus
music celebrating the sea
and anniversaries of
Wesley & Britten

Sunday
12th July 2026
7.00 pm

St. Sampson's Church
Cricklade
SN6 6AT

Image: Nathan Dumbao (Unsplash) www.aveburyvocal.org



Tickets £12
on the door
& online
under 18s free

- **Concert by Sister Sister on Friday 17 July at St Sampson's**

Tickets now on sale for a Sister Sister concert at St Sampson's Church, Cricklade, on Friday 17 July at 7pm. See Concerts section for more details.

Sister Sister is a group of 4 local girls (including Paula from the Barista) playing a range of music including Reggae, pop, Motown and dance, with vocals and saxophones.

All proceeds to St Sampson's Church refurbishment appeal.

Tickets available from <https://www.ticketsource.com/st-sampsons/t-dkjljar> or Adina Grace.



At St Sampson's Church
Friday 17th July
7pm

LOUDER.
TOGETHER.
UNSTOPPABLE.



Tickets £20 from TicketSource
[ticketsource.com/st-sampsons](https://www.ticketsource.com/st-sampsons)
or from Adina 07592 916 966

SISTER SISTER

Glass of Prosecco
& Strawberries
Included
Refreshments Available

BRASS. ROCK FROM THE HEART.
STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART.
LIVE PAW REAL.

on the WINDOW

Foodbank Reminder

Malmesbury & District Foodbank Click on the **link** (left) 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.



July services

- **Sunday 12 July**
 - 10am Worship Together at St Sampson's
- **Sunday 19 July**
 - St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 11.30 St Sampson's Day Morning Worship and Global Gift Day *followed by BBQ*
 - Holy Cross
 - 10am Around the Table
 - 6pm Evensong
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion
- **Sunday 26 July**
 - Waterhay Old Chancel
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - 6.30pm Evening service
 - Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion

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](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77713838432?pwd=AzDJt5p8Rs3WxmbjI3sSFVEEMFpAuF.1)
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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