

UPPER THAMES NEWS

31 July 2026

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Sunday 2 August

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- **Holy Cross**
 - 10am Upper Thames Worship Together

Face to face with the creator
Adam and Eve
(Seeing God helps us to see who we are – created in the image of God, people with choice.)



Readings

- [Genesis 3:1-10](#)
 - [John 6:66-69](#)
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Church Life...

Dig Deeper into John's Gospel part 2



4 sessions on Monday mornings; come when you can.

Where? in the lady chapel in St Sampson's church

When? 10.30 am to 12 noon on Aug 10th and 24th and Sept 7th and 14th

What? Together we'll explore these themes (*more detail later*)

Week 1 Aug 10th - The seven "I AMs" – *Who Jesus says he is – God among us, inviting us to trust and follow him.*

Week 2 Aug 24th - The Seven Signs – *How Jesus reveals who he is and through his actions reveals God's kingdom and more.... Come and dig deeper!*

Week 3 Sept 7th - Glory – worth digging into because glory is John's main way to the heart of God's life and to the heart of a life trusting God.

Week 4 Sept 14th - Our future; Sent as Jesus was sent – into God, into community and into the world

John's Gospel has been described as a "Gospel of abundance ..through which we are fed abundantly and enabled to receive fullness beyond fullness. Let's dig into some more. Do contact Shirley if you'd like to know more and let her know if you're planning to come.

Face to Face

A sermon series for August 2026

As usual during August I give the team the month off, so I will be leading and preaching through the month (except on the bank holiday weekend).

I'm looking forward to doing this as my last hurrah August series. As usual we will be using a special order of service which is slightly more informal for August and going round the different churches.

I look forward to seeing you through the month!

Debbie



1. **Face to face with the creator** (AK)
August 2nd Adam and Eve
(Seeing God helps us to see who we are – created in the image of God, people with choice.)
Genesis 3:1-10; John 6:66-69
2. **Face to face with God's glory** (St S)
August 9th Moses with a shiny face
(A glimpse of glory changes who we are; glory is infectious)
Exodus 34:29-33; John 18:12-18
3. **Face to face with our eyes open** (Latton)
August 16th Emmaus
(We don't see because we don't look)
Isaiah 55:6-8; Luke 24:13-35
4. **Face to face for eternity** (Leigh)
August 30th Heaven
(Not just for now, for eternity)
Rev 21:1-6; John 14:1-6

Reminder of meeting with Archdeacon Christopher

Saturday 14 November 9.30 - 11.30 - venue tba

Please put this in your diary. There will be more details nearer the time.

Morning Prayers

Monday 3 August on Zoom & Thursday 6 August in the Lady Chapel, St Sampson's - more details below.



Latton Café

Our café is next open tomorrow - **Saturday 1 August**, 10am - 12pm, in Latton Village Hall.

Join us for tea, coffee and a chat!

OPEN GARDEN this Sunday in aid of Holy Cross Church

Harberts Cottage, Back Street
Ashton Keynes SN6 6PD

Sunday 2 August 2-5pm

Do come and relax in my garden with a cup of tea and a piece of cake!

Plenty of space to sit or enjoy a quiet wander.
Refreshments served all afternoon.

Pauline



Bring and Share afternoon tea

You are warmly invited to my home, **14 Bath Road any time between 3-30 and 6pm on**



Sunday August 16th. This is just a chance to get together and chat but might be my last chance to offer hospitality before I retire.

If you can come – just come. If you can come and bring something afternoon tea-ish with you, all the better. Cakes, biscuits, cucumber sandwiches(!), whatever.

All ages welcome, coffee tea and soft drinks available throughout.

Debbie



St Sampson's Christmas Tree Festival

St. Sampson's Church will once again be hosting a Christmas Tree Festival from Friday, 27th November to Sunday, 29th November, 2026 in aid of our ongoing church refurbishment.

If any group or individual would like to decorate and/or sponsor a tree please contact me.

There is no charge for decorating but should you wish to sponsor a tree the cost will be £30.

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Reanne

Foodbank

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.



August services

- **Sunday 9 August**

- St Sampson's
 - 10am Upper Thames Worship Together

- **Sunday 16 August**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 6pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Upper Thames Worship Together

- **Sunday 23 August**

- Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
- All Saints, Leigh
 - 10am Upper Thames Worship Together

- **Sunday 30 August**

- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Upper Thames Worship Together

Morning Prayers



Monday Morning Prayers at 9am on Zoom - all welcome to join us

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

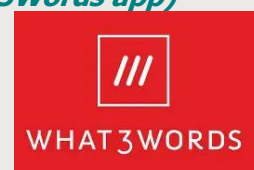
Everyone is welcome and we'd love new people to join us. There are usually about 7 - 10 of us in number and we meet at 8.30am to enjoy coffee and the Iona Community's 'Wee Worship Book', and finish by 9.30am.

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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