

UPPER THAMES NEWS

23 October 2026

This week in Upper Thames News:

- Sunday 25 October - Last after Trinity
- Church Life:
 - A fond farewell to Debbie
 - Finding a new vicar for Upper Thames - please share your reflections by next Friday
 - All Souls' Bereavement services
 - Raise funds for St Sampson's Refurbishment Appeal when you shop online
 - St Sampson's Curry & Quiz Evening - a few spaces still remaining
 - Next week's Morning Prayers
- Foodbank
- November services

Sunday 25 October - Last after Trinity

- St Sampson's
 - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship
- Readings
 - [1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 & 13](#)
 - [Matthew 22: 34-39](#)
 - [Matthew 24: 32-35](#)



Church Life...

In a very special service on Sunday we said a fond farewell and thank you to Debbie as she retired. We wish her all the very best.



Finding our new vicar - please share your reflections

Following the email that went out earlier this week, a reminder to return your thoughts about God's Future for Upper Thames. Here are the files again (there are printed copies in the churches):

1. [The Call of Christ to a Church](#) (pdf) - this explains more about the process of finding a new vicar.
2. [Listening for God's Future for Upper Thames](#) (Word doc). This is for you to consider prayerfully - and then there are some **questions we need to reflect on**. (There is a pdf copy [here](#))

Please can you return your responses by next Friday 30 October - either to admin@upperthames.org.uk or fill in a paper copy and give it to your PCC secretary - Jo Valpy (St Sampson's), Suzi Tipper (Latton and Leigh), Pauline Loveday (Ashton Keynes), or to Jane.

All Souls' Bereavement services & Candle lighting at Holy Cross

- Candle lighting at Holy Cross on Saturday 31 October, 1.45 - 3pm
- All Souls Bereavement services on Sunday 1 November
 - Holy Cross 4pm
 - St Sampson's 6.30pm



If you are coming to one of the services and would like us to include the name of a loved one, please add their name to the list you will find at the back of both churches, or click this link - admin@upperthames.org.uk - to give Jane their name and that of the church you will be attending. Alternatively you can leave a message on 01793 979304.

Raise funds for St Sampson's Refurbishment Appeal when you shop online



Shopping online this festive period? Raise free donations for St Sampson's Church's refurbishment appeal when you shop 6,000+ stores online using Give as you Live Online!

Visit <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-sampsons-church>

It's easy to do and generates extra donations to us at no cost to you. Thank you for your support.

Over 6,000 stores will donate to us when you shop, including:



There are a few spaces remaining ...



Next week's Morning Prayers

Monday 26 October on Zoom & Thursday 29 October in the Lady Chapel, St Sampson's - [more details below](#).



Exhibition of Photography by Graham Light LBIPP
Saturday 7th November 2026 - 10.00am - 2.30 pm
at Town Hall Annexe, High Street, Cricklade.
Free Admission but donations welcome towards
Cricklade Open Door.

Various images and cards will be available for sale.



Further information email - grahamlight77@gmail.com
mobile 07733305519

Foodbank

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.



Weekly Morning Prayers



Mondays 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

Thursdays at 8.30am 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.

November services

- **Sunday 1 November - All Saints Day**
 - St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with activities for children*
 - 6.30pm All Souls' Bereavement service - (*for Cricklade & Latton*)
 - Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - 4pm All Soul's Bereavement service - (*for Ashton Keynes & Leigh*)
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship
- **Sunday 8 November - Remembrance Sunday**
 - St Sampson's
 - 11.15am Remembrance service
 - Holy Cross
 - 10.55am Remembrance service
 - All Saints
 - 10.55am Remembrance service

- **Sunday 15 November - 2nd before Advent**
 - St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
 - Holy Cross
 - 10am Around the Table
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 22 November - Sunday before Advent / Christ the King**
 - St Sampson's
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship

- **Sunday 29 November - Advent Sunday**
 - Malmesbury Abbey Deanery Advent services for all Upper Thames services
 - 9.30am Family Friendly service
 - 11am Deanery Holy Communion service
 - St Sampson's
 - 6pm Upper Thames Advent Iona Communion4

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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