

This week's Upper Thames "Friday email" contains the following information:

- Worship for Sunday 15th November
 - UTG online service
 - NWMA online Compline
- UTG Church opening times for private prayer
- Morning Prayer links
- Ugandan Appeal from Bishop Viv
- A Call to Prayer for the Nation

Worship for Sunday 15th November

- **Upper Thames online service**
Our Upper Thames Group worship this Sunday is an agape meal; a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with his disciples. Just as shared meals today (when there is no Covid) are about fellowship and hospitality, so is an agape meal. Please do have with you bread & wine or coffee/tea and biscuits/cake (ie food and drink of your choice) as we "gather around for the table is spread". The theme from the readings is "A rhythm of life".

The words to join in with the service are here: [Agape worship.pdf](#)

The hymns this week are: *Gather around, for the table is spread* and *Ye holy Angels bright* (words included in the online service).

- **North Wilts Mission Area online Compline**
This Sunday's Compline service is being led by Henny Metters from the Gauzebrook Group. (The link is live at any time.)

Private Prayer in our Upper Thames churches during the lockdown

Our churches are open during this second lockdown as follows:

St Sampson's: Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays 10am-2pm.

Holy Cross: Sundays and Wednesdays 10am-2pm

Morning Prayer Links

- **Monday Morning Prayers, 9am** with David Tarr.
Meeting ID: 748 1680 1279. Passcode: FNF1xH
- **Thursday Morning Prayers, 8.55am**

Bishop Viv's Ugandan Appeal

Bishop Viv has launched an appeal in aid of the struggling clergy in Uganda. Her letter to us all is here: [Ugandan Appeal.pdf](#)

A Call to Prayer for the Nation.

A reminder that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, together with senior church leaders, have called for a month of Prayer for the Nation during this second lockdown.

The suggestion is that those who can, unite to do this at 6pm each day. If that doesn't work for you, pray at any time and perhaps turn to God for a few moments at 6pm.

Prayer for the Nation Booklet

The daily prayer themes suggested are these:

Sunday - Family, friends and loved ones

Monday - Schools and colleges, children and young people

Tuesday - The elderly, isolated and vulnerable

Wednesday - Businesses, the workplace and economic well-being

Thursday - The NHS and other key workers

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