

# News from the Upper Thames Churches

Dear Administrator,

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## 1. Sunday 21st November - Christ the King - Last Sunday before Advent

### Readings:

[Daniel 9:10 13 14](#) or [Revelation 1:4b-8](#)  
[John 18:33-37](#)

### Worship:

- **St Sampson's Cricklade**
  - 8.30am BCP Communion
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 4pm Informal Worship - Jenner Hall
  - 6pm Evensong, St Sampson's
- **Holy Cross Ashton Keynes**
  - 10am Morning Worship
  - 4pm Evensong, Holy Cross
- **St John's Latton**
  - 10am Holy Communion

## 2. Relighting of Holy Cross Church

The relighting of Holy Cross church has commenced! The interior of the church will be relit with eco friendlier lighting which will enhance the church hugely, both for worship and for community events which take place in the church. That it is happening at all is tribute to Graham Loveday, who put much time and energy into researching how we could realise the

project. The work is expected to be finished before Christmas.

### **3. iSingPOP concert cancelled - from Revd Shirley**

The iSingPOP concert scheduled to take place on Wed Nov 24th in Holy Cross IS POSTPONED TO JANUARY. Tickets already bought will carry forward to the new date, which has yet to be fixed. I enjoyed a couple of sessions of Robyn teaching the children the 7 new worship songs, one of which had most of the adults present in tears, as the words and singing were so beautiful. I can thoroughly recommend the concert to you - once we know when it will take place. *Revd Shirley*

### **4. Job advertisement - part-time PA to Bishop Lee**

There is an opportunity for a part-time (job-share) role as PA/Secretary to the Bishop of Swindon, based in his office in Old Town Swindon. Please see this link for details of the role and to apply:

<https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/2805/pa-secretary-to-the-bishop-of-swindon>

Interviews will be held 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **5. Morning Prayers**

- [Monday Morning Prayers 9am](#)  
Meeting ID: 751 7584 6776  
Passcode: ETRnz0
  
- **Thursday Morning Prayers 8.30am – 9.30am**  
Everyone is welcome for Morning Prayers on Thursdays in St Sampson's, 8.30am for 8.45am start. With coffee (bring your own) and after brief a catch-up, we use Iona Morning Worship and pray for the world and its needs.

### **6. Church opening times for private prayer**

- **St Sampson's:** every day, 9.30am – 3.30pm
- **Holy Cross:** Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, 10am - 4pm

### **7. Forthcoming services to 12th December**

- **28 November – Advent**
  - **St Sampson's Cricklade**
    - 10am Holy Communion
    - 4pm Advent Informal Worship in the Churchyard (let's hope the weather is fine!)
  - **Holy Cross Ashton Keynes**
    - 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
  - **St John's Latton**
    - 10am Morning Worship

- **5th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent**
  - **St Sampson's Cricklade**
    - 8.30am BCP Holy Communion,
    - 10am Morning Worship **including Baptism**
    - 4.30pm - Informal Worship - Wild Church Alternative Christingle in Grittleton
    - **6.30pm** Evensong (back to the normal start time from now on)
  - **Holy Cross Ashton Keynes**
    - 10am Holy Communion
    - 4pm Christingle service with Ashton Keynes Primary School
  - **St John's Latton**
    - 10am Morning Worship
  - **All Saints The Leigh**
    - 5.30pm Lighting of the Christmas Tree with carols outdoors
  
- **12<sup>th</sup> December - 3rd Sunday of Advent**
  - **St Sampson's Cricklade**
    - 10am united Upper Thames Group Holy Communion including St Sampson's Roof Dedication
    - 4.30pm Informal Worship - social