

News from the Upper Thames Churches



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1. Sunday 11 February - Sunday before Lent - with Bishop Neil

- Joint Upper Thames Group Worship Together Holy Communion at St Sampson's
- Readings:
 - [2 Kings 2:1-12](#) or [2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)
 - [Mark 9:2-9](#)



2. Ash Wednesday Communion service & Imposition of Ashes - Wednesday 14 February, 7.30pm

Our Upper Thames Ash Wednesday service is taking place next Wednesday 14 February, 7.30pm, at St Sampson's.

3. First Lent Talk Friday 16 February, 7pm at St Sampson's

We welcome Danny Kruger, MP (Conservative) for the Devizes Constituency, to St Sampson's next Friday 16 February for the first Lent Talk of 2024. It would be great to know in advance how many we can expect so please contact Graham Light for your free ticket:

07733 305519 (daytime)

01793 759186 (evening)

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4. Reminders

- **'Growing in God in Lent' Booklet**

Available from today is our new booklet 'Growing in God in Lent'. Compiled specially for Upper Thames it contains readings and prayers for each weekday of Lent. We are journeying together in our public faith as we gather for our Lent talks, so this is to facilitate our personal Lent. As we pray each day we will know that others across the benefice will be praying the same prayers and reading the same readings. The booklet cost about £1.50 to produce, so we invite you to contribute for your own, or for yours and others as well, or just to take one and enjoy it. The bible readings run in parallel with the Tom Wright series 'Lent for Everyone' and you could get a copy of that to use alongside the booklet as well.

Any queries, do speak to Debbie or Shirley.

- [Lent Talk Series at St Sampson's](#) - link to further details
- [Filling Station 22 February](#) - link to letter from Ruth Evans & Barbara Smith
- [NWMA Board Games Day 17 February](#) - link to details
- **Christian Aid appeal for the crisis in the Middle East**
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/middle-east-crisis-appeal>
- **Foodbank donations**
Click link for the current list: [Foodbank shopping list](#)

5. Morning Prayers

- **Monday Morning Zoom Prayers, 9am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79405963099?pwd=ihIG1mVcB7i8itZnqZFT9mZBYPMnM2.1>

Meeting ID: 794 0596 3099

Passcode: Yg4MNf

- **Thursday Morning Prayers at St Sampson's**

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

6. February Worship

- **Sunday 11 February - Sunday before Lent - with Bishop Neil**

- St Sampson's:
 - Joint Upper Thames Group Worship Together Holy Communion

- **Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday**

- 7.30pm Holy Communion & Ashing at St Sampson's - Upper Thames Service

- **Sunday 18 February - Lent 1**

- St Sampson's Cricklade:
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship

- 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross Ashton Keynes:
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 4pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist Latton
 - 10am Holy Communion

• **Sunday 25 February**

- St Sampson's Cricklade:
 - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross Ashton Keynes:
 - 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist Latton:
 - 10am Morning Worship

7. Church opening times

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