

News from the Upper Thames Churches



Dear Jane,

In this week's Upper Thames news:

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1. Services on Sunday 12 May - Easter 7

- 10am Upper Thames Group Worship Together communion service at St Sampson's
- Readings:
 - [Hebrews 12:18-29](#)
 - [John 4:1-8, 19-26](#)

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Growing In God
together

7 April - 12 May:
Worship
Giving God our praise

2. Upper Thames Matters

Praying Together is a vital way to underpin our sharing in God's call to ministry and mission. Please do come and join us in Praying for Upper Thames Matters and for our wider world. **Everyone is welcome Monday May 13th 7.30pm - 8.30pm at The Vicarage (14 Bath Road Cricklade).**

After a thought for the day, we'll chat through some prayer matters, then you're free to pray in the quiet of your heart or out loud, it's entirely your choice. What matters is that we're joining together praying together with God and each other. Do come.

3. Reminders:

- **Pet and animal celebration and blessing at Holy Cross AK Sunday 19 May at 3.45pm**

We would love you to join us as we celebrate the blessing that our pets and animals are to us and to our families. Do bring your pet or an animal you care about (please keep them secure at all times). All pets of any description are welcome.



It'll be informal and we'll thank God for the blessing that pets and animals are to us all and pray for the wellbeing of all of God's creation.

Don't have a pet? Not sure about bringing one? No problem. You could bring a photo and you can enjoy all the other pets that will be there, including one of this year's lambs and there will be tea and cake (not for the animals of course!). Do join us.



- [Board Games Day in support of NWMA Youth](#)
Saturday 18 May, 2-8pm in Brinkworth Village Hall. Do come along in support of NWMA Youth fundraising.

- [Churches Together sponsored Water Aid event](#)
Sponsored water carry, Saturday 29 June 10am - 12 noon.
- [Foodbank shopping list](#)

4. Morning Prayers

- **Monday Morning Zoom Prayers, 9am**
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72742947444?pwd=LJN13fyYb7b7JdfhzKoIzg3Rukshk4.1>
Meeting ID: 727 4294 7444
Passcode: W00RyV
- **Thursday Morning Prayers at 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; 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.

5. Would you like to know more about church pipe organs?

If you would be interested in finding out exactly how church pipe organs work, please reply to this email and we can arrange a talk.

6. May Services

• Sunday 12 May - Easter 7

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

• Sunday 19 May - Pentecost - Christian Aid service

- St Sampson's:
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - **3.45pm** [Pet and Animal Celebration and Blessing](#)
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist:
 - 10am Holy Communion

• Sunday 26 May - Trinity

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