

News from the Upper Thames Churches



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1. Services on Sunday 9 June - Trinity 2

- **10am Worship Together at St Sampson's**
- **Readings:**
 - [1 Peter 2:4-7 & 9-10](#)
 - [John 17:20-23](#)

2. THIS Wednesday 12 June - Dig Deeper into the Bible Summer 2024



Dig Deeper is small group where we can chat through together the wisdom offered in words from the Bible, wisdom for our lives in today's C21st world. A group such as this a great way to nurture, sustain and grow our faith. Contributions from everyone are welcome or if you prefer, you can listen to what others say. Do join us for all or any of the sessions this summer (each one stands alone) as we explore some of the books of the Old Testament prophets. Speak to Shirley if you'd like more information.

When?

Wednesday afternoons 1.50 – 3.15pm (dates below)

Where?

The lady chapel in St Sampson's church

What?

Wed June 12 Isaiah – hope in despair

Wed June 26 Micah or Amos - God's justice

Wed July 3 or 10 (tbc) Ezekiel – new possibilities

3. Reminders

- **The General Election 2024: Invitation to pray for the nation**

The Church of England has launched a campaign called [#PrayYourPart](#) (link to Sign Up page) to promote prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens. A series of daily thematic reflections written by bishops, drawn from the Bible and exploring major themes will be published shortly, covering the final three weeks up to polling day. They will be available as a booklet, in audio form for smart speakers, as free opt-in emails and through social media.

To read the statement made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on the **Invitation to pray for the nation** and to watch a short YouTube video of the Archbishop of York introducing the PrayYourPart campaign, follow this link to the Church of England website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/press-releases/general-election-2024-invitation-pray-nation>

- **Resources to help us take a quiet time, to read the Bible, to pray (or all three).**

We have been asked for ideas and resources which people could use to help in taking a quiet time, reading the Bible and spending time with God in prayer. If you click on the link below you will find some suggestions of apps, websites, books or emails you can sign up for. If you would like to know more about booklets to help you, please ask Shirley.

[Resources to help us take a quiet time and to read the Bible and to pray](#)

- [Foodbank shopping list](#)

4. June Services

- **16 June - Trinity 3**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship - *S Club for primary age children in the Jenner Hall*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6pm Evensong
- Latton St John:
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **23 June - Trinity 4**

- St Sampson's:
 - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross:
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
- Latton St John:

- 10am Morning Worship

- **30 June - Trinity 5**

- 10am Worship Together at **All Saints Leigh**

5. 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, 8.30am**

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.