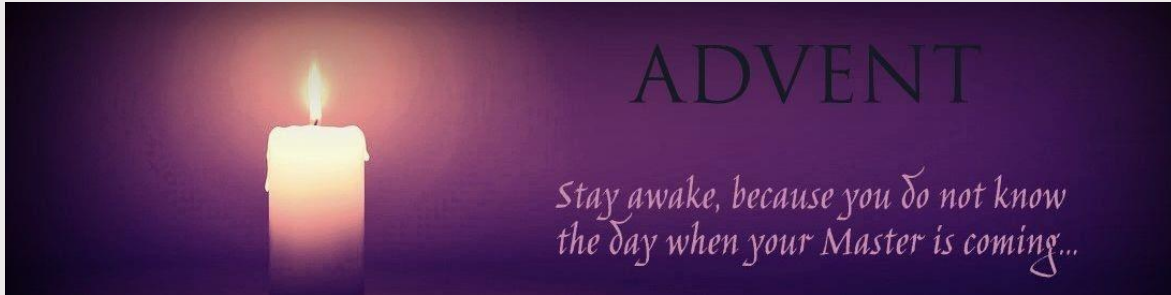


News from the Upper Thames Churches



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1. Services on Sunday 1 December - Advent Sunday

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship - *with the music group*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Holy Communion
 - 4pm Christingle
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Morning Worship
- Readings
 - [Jeremiah 33: 14-16](#) OR [1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end](#)
 - [Luke 21: 25-36](#)

2. Festive Events this weekend

- **ST SAMPSON'S - Christmas Tree Festival - Sat 30 Nov - Sunday 1 December**

Starting with **Preview Evening with prosecco & mince pies tonight (29 Nov) 7.30pm**

**St Sampson's Church
Christmas Tree Festival**

Saturday 30th November
10am - 4pm
Free Entry

Sunday 1st December
11.30am - 3.30pm
Free Entry

Join us for...

Refreshments available

Children's activities

Music

Raffle

Quiz

PREVIEW EVENING
Friday 29th November 7.30pm - 9pm
Entry £4 per adult - minimum donation for
Prosecco and a mince pie

- **CRICKLADE HIGH STREET - Community Christmas lights switch-on - Saturday 4pm - 6.30pm**

Starting with a children's lantern procession. Stalls, Santa's Grotto and carols.

- **HOLY CROSS - Christingle - Sunday 4pm**

You are invited
to our
Christingle Celebration
at Holy Cross Church Ashton Keynes
4 pm Sunday 1st December



Ashton Keynes CE school choir are singing
We hope you can make it!

*Small donations supporting The Children's Society are
welcome*
We'll finish in time to be at AK Christmas Tree lighting 5.15pm

- **LATTON - Christmas Tree lights switch-on - Sunday 4pm**
- **LEIGH - Christmas Tree lights switch-on - Sunday 5.30pm**

3. 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 2 December 7.30pm - 8.30pm at The Vicarage (14 Bath Road Cricklade).**

4. Reminders

- **Light a candle for Peace**

The run up to Christmas isn't an easy time for many different reasons so we're inviting anyone who would like to, to come to St Sampson's or Holy Cross and "be Still" and light a candle for peace: peace in our troubled world or peace for yourself or for someone you know, maybe because of loss or sadness, or because life is tough.

St Sampson's Church 2-3.30pm Sunday 8th December
Holy Cross Church 2-3pm Sunday 15th December



- **Volunteers Needed for NWMA Youth**

If you would be interested in supporting the facilitation of youth events, planning games and activities or catering for youth events please get in touch with Jessy Price - jessica.price@nwma.org.uk. For more information click here: [NWMA Youth](#).

- [Current Foodbank Shopping List](#)

5. Morning Prayers

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79134196612?pwd=0b8fDtH3jho0hwJfaSmdU3cAqCHHhU.1>

Meeting ID: 791 3419 6612

Passcode: xG0QAi

- **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.

6. December & Christmas Services & events

- **Sunday 8 December - Advent 2**

- St Sampson's
 - 10am Upper Thames Worship
 - 2-3.30pm Light a candle for Peace



- **Sunday 15 December - Advent 3**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion - *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 2-3pm Light a candle for Peace
 - 4pm Evensong at 17c Fore Street, Ashton Keynes
- St John the Baptist
- 10am Holy Communion

- **Wednesday 18 December**

- 6.30pm Christmas Carols at St Sampson's

- **Sunday 22 December - Advent 4**

- St Sampson's
 - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - 4pm Carols by Candlelight
- St John the Baptist
 - 4pm Crib and Carol Service

• **Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December**

- St Sampson's
 - 4pm Crib service
 - 11pm Midnight Communion
- Holy Cross
 - 4pm Crib service
 - 11pm Midnight Communion
- All Saints
 - 7pm Carols by Candlelight

• **Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Christmas Celebration Holy Communion
- Holy Cross
 - 10am Christmas Celebration - *followed by Holy Communion*
- St John the Baptist
 - 11.15am Christmas Celebration Holy Communion

• **Sunday 29 December - Christmas 1**

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together at St Sampson's