

News from the Upper Thames Churches



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1. Sunday 9 March - Lent Sunday

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together - *in the school assembly hall of St Sampson's school*
- **Readings:**
 - [Psalm 91: 1-12](#)
 - [Luke 4: 1-13](#)

2. Lent Talks

The next Lent Talk is taking place on Tuesday 11 March 7.30pm with Ram Gidoomal at St Sampson's School. Ram is Chair of Company with 7,000 employees, and Co-founder of Christmas Cracker - raising 10M dollars for good causes. [Interview: Ram Gidoomal, entrepreneur, author, philanthropist](#)

- Remaining Lent Talks:
 - **Wednesday 19 March at the United Church**
Stuart Burgess - Winner of top engineering prize & Gold Medal for Spacecraft design

- **Thursday 10 April at St Sampson's School**

John Glen - Former Cabinet Minister - Chief Secretary to The Treasury



STEF JONES
Thursday 6th March 2025



RAM GIDOOMAL CBE
Tuesday 11th March 2025



SHERMARA FLETCHER-HOYTE
Tuesday 18th March 2025

- **Friday 11 April at St Sampson's School**

Lisa Potts - Awarded George Medal after protecting pupils from Machete attack - click here for a short video: [Lisa Potts News Report VT.mp4](#)



PROFESSOR STUART BURGESS
Wednesday 19th March 2025



RT HON JOHN GLEN MP
Thursday 10th April 2025



LISA POTTS
Friday 11th April 2025

3. Messy Church at Holy Cross Sunday 23 March

The poster features a blue and white wavy background at the top. On the left is the 'AK Messy Church' logo, and on the right is the Holy Cross Church Ashton Keynes logo, which includes a cross and a cross-shaped plant. The main text is in red and blue, announcing the event on Sunday 23rd March from 3.30 to 4.30pm. The theme is Holy Week & Easter, and it is open to all ages. Activities include crafts, stories, celebration, song, and snacks. Contact information for Rev'd Shirley is provided at the bottom.

AK Messy Church

**Holy Cross Church
Ashton Keynes**

**Sunday 23rd March
3.30 –4.30pm**

Holy Cross Church AK

Theme: Holy Week & Easter

For all ages and stages

**Activities, crafts, story,
celebration, song and snacks**

Contact Rev'd Shirley for
more details 07980 548844

4. Funeral of Beryl Lisk

We have all been saddened to hear that Beryl Lisk has died, and our prayers are for comfort for Martin and the family. The funeral service for Beryl will be on March 26th at 1pm in St Sampson's and everyone is welcome to come.

5. Reminders

- **St Sampson's Quiz Night 29 March**



- **Lift-sharing for Mothering Sunday service on 30 March, 10am at Bristol Cathedral**

Laura Brierley is co-ordinating lift shares for all our Upper Thames churches. Please let us know if you would like a lift or can take someone in your car by emailing the [Parish Office](#).

- [Current Foodbank Shopping List](#)

Please leave donations in the box at the back of St Sampson's church. Donations are collected first thing on Friday mornings.

6. March Services

- **Sunday 16 March - Lent 2**

- St Sampson's:
 - 8am Holy Communion - *in the church* - followed by breakfast
 - 10am Morning Worship - *in the school assembly hall*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 4pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist:
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 23 March - Lent 3**

- St Sampson's:
 - 10am Holy Communion - *in the school assembly hall*
- Holy Cross:
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - 3.30pm Messy Church
- St John the Baptist:
 - Morning Worship

- **Sunday 30 March - Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)**

- St Sampson's:
 - 8am Holy Communion - *in the church*
- **10am Bristol Cathedral** - *Upper Thames Group invited to the Mother Church of the Diocese for Mothering Sunday*

7. Morning Prayers

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

We are a small group who meet on Zoom for 40 minutes at 9am on Monday mornings to read, pray and socialise following a Wild Goose Wee worship format. New members would be very welcome.

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. Do join us.

8. Church opening times

- **St Sampson's:** every day, 9.30am – 3.30pm
- **Holy Cross:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10am - 4pm
- **St John the Baptist Latton:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 10am - 4pm