

# News from the Upper Thames Churches



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## 1. 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:**
  - 10am Morning Worship
- **Readings:**
  - [Psalm 63: 1-9](#)
  - [Luke 13: 1-9](#)

## 2. Lent Quiet Afternoon

You are welcome to join us for all or some of the time on **Monday March 24th between 2pm and 3.45pm in Holy Cross church AK**. Do what you like, just "be still", or try mindfully doodling, following a labyrinth, enjoying the outdoors or dipping into a variety of books. There will be a kettle and cake too. *Pauline, Shirley and Suzi*



## 3. Next Lent Talk Friday 11 April

Due to the cancellation of the Lent Talk scheduled for Thursday 10th April our **final talk will be by Lisa Potts on Friday 11 April at St Sampson's School**. Lisa was awarded the George Medal after protecting her young pupils from a Machete attack - click here for a short video: [Lisa Potts News Report VT.mp4](#)




## 4. Wessex Male Voice Choir Concert

Some of the proceeds will go towards the St Sampson's Refurbishment Appeal.


**Saturday 26 April at 7.30pm at St Sampson's Church**. Doors 6.45pm

Tickets £15.00 / U-16 £7.50 online from [TheWessex.org.uk/tickets](http://TheWessex.org.uk/tickets) no extra booking charge or from Helen Dixon on 01793 759123 [helendixonmail@gmail.com](mailto:helendixonmail@gmail.com) or Adina Grace on 01793 380583 [jandagrace447@outlook.com](mailto:jandagrace447@outlook.com)

**St Sampson's Church**  
**FUNDRAISING CONCERT**  
**Saturday 26th April 2025 at 7.30pm**

 **THE WESSEX** An award winning male choir, singing from a wide repertoire drawn from pop, folk, musicals and sacred songs.

**St Sampson's Church, Bath Road**  
**Cricklade, Wiltshire SN6 6AX**



Tickets £15.00 (u-16 £7.50) from [TheWessex.org.uk/tickets](http://TheWessex.org.uk/tickets)  
or Helen Dixon on 01793 759123 [helendixonmail@gmail.com](mailto:helendixonmail@gmail.com)  
or Adina Grace on 01793 380583 [janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com)

## 5. Reminders

- Messy Church at Holy Cross Sunday 23 March



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

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- St Sampson's Quiz Night 29 March  
**Tickets still available**



  
ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH  
APPEAL

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
All welcome!

**Saturday 29th March**  
7pm for a 7.30pm start  
at St Sampson's School Hall

£10 per person. Max 6 people per team. Hot  
supper included. Drinks/Wine available for a  
donation.

Tickets available from Sharon  
Smith 01793 751375



- **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 on Monday mornings.

## 6. March - April Services

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

- St Sampson's:
  - 8am Holy Communion - *in the church*
  - 10am Bristol Cathedral

- **Sunday 6 April - Lent 5**

- St Sampson's:
  - 8am Holy Communion
  - 10am Morning Worship *in the school hall with the music group*
  - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
  - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
  - 10am Morning Worship

- **Sunday 13 April - Palm Sunday**

- 10am Worship Together *in St Sampson's school hall*

**From this point on, all St Sampson's services will take place in the church.**

- **Friday 18 April - Good Friday**

- 2pm Final Hour service

- **Sunday 20 April - Easter Day**

- St Sampson's:
  - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
  - 10am Holy Communion
  - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
  - 10am Easter service
  - 6pm Evensong *at Harbert's Cottage*
- St John the Baptist:
  - 11.15am Holy Communion
- All Saints, Leigh
  - 11.30am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 27th April - Easter 2**

- St Sampson's:
  - 10am Holy Communion
- Holy Cross:
  - 8am Holy Communion
  - 3.30pm Messy Church
- St John the Baptist:
  - 10am Morning Worship

## **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

