

News from the Upper Thames Churches



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1. Sunday 4 May - Easter 3

- St Sampson's:
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion
 - 10am Morning Worship *with the Music Group*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist:
 - 10am Morning Worship
- Readings:
 - [Acts 9:1-20](#)
 - [John 21:1-19](#)

2. Services on 11 May

There is an 8am Upper Thames Group Holy Communion BCP at St Sampson's. Our usual Upper Thames Worship Together service is being replaced by the Christian Aid service taking place at 10.30am at Cricklade United Church. Please do come along to that everyone.

3. Christian Aid Week 11 - 17 May - message from the Christian Aid Team



When seeing the news from the most disadvantaged areas of the world it is apparent that Christian Aid's help and support has never been more needed. The charity continues to maintain its work in many areas of crisis while still undertaking extensive development support. Over the last months Christian Aid has supported in particular relief work in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank.

Events in Cricklade during Christian Aid Week:

- **Christian Aid service at the United Church - 11 May 2024 at 10.30am**
- **Call in for Coffee - Friday 16 May 10am-11.30am, United Church Hall in Calcutt Street**



Please come along for a coffee/tea in support of Christian Aid. Fairtrade stall available.

- **Street Collection - Saturday 17 May**

On the morning of Saturday 17 May there is a street collection in Cricklade High Street. We need your help! We are short of collectors so if you would be prepared to shake a collection tin/bucket for part of this time please contact Mary Coole (mary.coole@btinternet.com or Tel 01793 751020) or Jo Luxton (joluxton@ymail.com)

4. Latton Garden Party in aid of the Bala Children's Centre in Kenya



Bala Garden Party

By kind permission of Richard and Nesta Hawes

Saturday June 14th

**in the beautiful gardens of St Mary's, Latton, SN6 6DS
2.30pm – 5pm**



Teas with delicious cakes, a few stalls, Pimms, games for all ages, face painting, live music, a raffle, and an Auction of Promises

All proceeds will go to the Bala Children's Centre, Kenya
For more information or to volunteer on the day please contact
Dorian or Maura Ferdinando 07825 770523 / 07717 884962.

dorianferdinando@hotmail.co.uk

<https://balachildrenscentre.com>

Charity Number 1101120

5. St Sampson's compost bin & International Compost Awareness Week 4-10 May - a message from Laura Brierley

The compost bin at St Sampson's is well used and we will soon have usable compost!

International Compost Week will be held from Sunday the 4th of May to Sunday the 10th of May. During the week, initiatives all over the world will be held, with volunteers running workshops showing people how to begin composting in their own homes, schools, and businesses. There will be plenty of information online.

International Compost Week promotes the widespread composting of biodegradable materials as a sustainable way to manage waste. Compost is a great way to transform food and garden waste into a nutrient-rich plant fertiliser - a gardener's dream! As such, it can help to perpetuate a cycle of growing and nourishment that combats climate change, whilst also being a lovely, mindful hobby.



6. Reminders

• NWMA Youth fundraising Quiz Night on 9 May

Quiz Night
7-9.30pm, Friday 9th May
Minety Village Hall

FOOD INCLUDED WITH EVERY TICKET

COMPETE FOR A COOL TROPHY!

A QUIZ TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH WILTSHIRE MISSION AREA TRIP TO SPREE FESTIVAL
TEAMS: MAXIMUM 6 ADULTS, AS MANY U18S AS YOU WANT
TICKETS: ADULTS £15, U18S £8
TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA QR CODE
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: JESSICA.PRICE@NWMA.ORG.UK

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• Would you like to try bellringing at St Sampson's? Saturday 10th May.

On Saturday 10 May we have several bellringers visiting us to ring the bells between 9.40 and 10.40am. Anyone from 12 to 80yrs is welcome to come and see how it is done and then afterwards have a go. Some of our local ringers will be on hand until 12 o'clock to help teach you how to do it. It is not that easy to start with and takes time to become proficient but is good exercise and fun. If you enjoy the experience and decide to take up this worthwhile hobby, you will be helping to keep a centuries old tradition alive. Refreshments will be available.
For further information contact Brian Danby 01793 751463



- **Foodbank Shopping List**

Please leave donations of food and toiletries in the box at the back of St Sampson's Church. Donations are collected on Monday mornings.

7. May Services

- **Sunday 11th May - Easter 4**

- 8am BCP Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10.30am Worship Together Christian Aid service *at the United Church, Calcutt Street, Cricklade*

- **Sunday 18th May - Easter 5**

- St Sampson's:
 - 8am BCP Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 10am Morning Worship
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 10am Holy Communion
- St John the Baptist
 - 10am Holy Communion

- **Sunday 25th May - Easter 6**

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

8. 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/72095714839?pwd=5zpS2gKl1Ukgw8X1M6RmxAs1RU1HJ8.1>

Meeting ID: 720 9571 4839

Passcode: S2DKsJ

- **Thursday Morning Prayers at St Sampson's**

We are back in the church from next Thursday 10 April. 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.

9. 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

