

News from the Upper Thames Churches

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1. Sunday 27 July - Trinity 6

• Holy Cross

- 8.30am BCP Holy Communion

• Waterhay Old Chancel

- 10am Morning Service (Holy Communion) - *Revd Sharon's first Sunday service with us*
- 6.30pm Evening Service

• Readings:

- [Genesis 18:20-32](#) or [Colossians 2:6-15](#)
- [Luke 11:1-13](#)



2. Licensing of our new curate Revd Sharon Gleed

Revd Sharon was licensed curate of Upper Thames at a lovely service yesterday. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Hello everyone,

I'm Sharon Gleed and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all, as I come to join in with life and ministry in the Upper Thames Benefice.



Prior to training for ordination at Sarum College, Salisbury and serving my curacy in the Gauzebrook Benefice, I was a teacher, working in London and Bristol. I taught Deaf children and, for the last eleven years, specialised in Early Years Education.

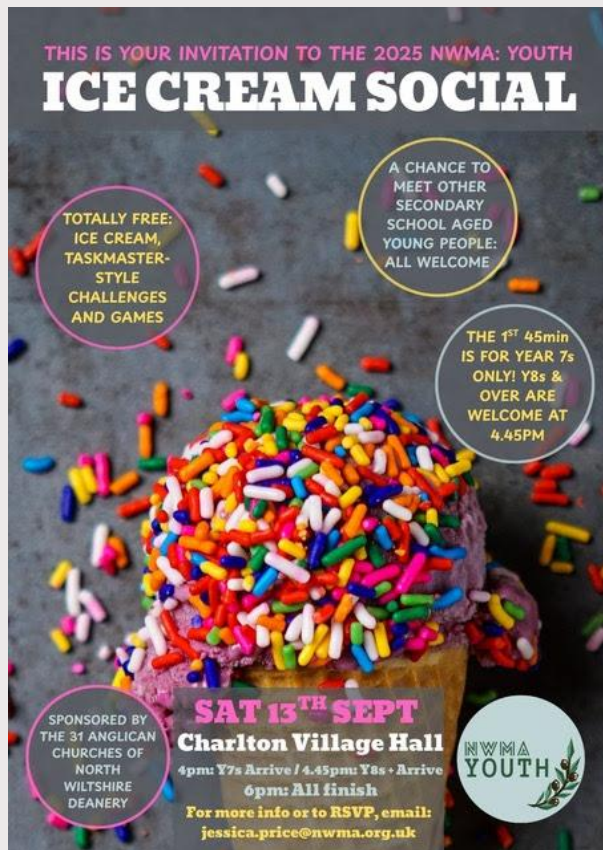
I am married to Edward and we have two adult children and a large black labrador, called Theo. I love singing and was a member of Malmesbury Singers for three years. I

have recently joined another choir, which sings at cathedrals around the country. I really enjoy gardening, trips to the theatre and from time to time, horse riding and creative play, for example painting and glasswork.

With my prayers, as I come to help share God's love across your communities.

Sharon

3. NWMA Youth Ice Cream Social - Year 6 invitation



4. Cricklade Open Gardens update

The Open Gardens event raised £1897.70 for the Cricklade Open Door and St Sampson's Church refurbishment.

5. Reminders:

- **Help shape the future of the Diocese of Bristol**

This September Bishop Viv is retiring and we will need a new Bishop of Bristol.

The Vacancy in See Committee is seeking views from across the diocese to help shape the future of our church and we are all invited to complete a short online survey and share our thoughts on the qualities and vision we need in our next bishop: [Public consultation on the appointment of our next Diocesan Bishop](#)

- **Malmesbury & District Foodbank**

Please help support local people in crisis. Donations of food can be left at **Ashton Keynes** village school, St John's **Latton** (Village Hall café monthly), St Sampson's **Cricklade**. Other Cricklade drop-offs: St Sampson's school, Tesco Express, Animal Fayre, Culverhay Stores, Cricklade United Church, St Mary's Church.



The current top needs include pasta sauces, UHT milk, and tinned spaghetti.

You can also support by donating money, either through regular giving or one-off gifts.

To find out more about the work of the Foodbank and how you can help, please visit their website: [Malmesbury & District Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

6. August Services

- **Sunday 3 August**

- Holy Cross
 - 10am Worship Together Holy Communion
- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 6.30pm Evensong

- **Sunday 10 August**

- St Sampson's
 - 10am Worship Together Holy Communion

- **Sunday 17 August**

- St Sampson's
 - 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast*
 - 6.30pm Evensong
- Holy Cross:
 - 6pm Evensong
- St John the Baptist, Latton
 - 10am Worship Together Holy Communion

- **Sunday 24 August**

- Holy Cross
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
- All Saints, Leigh
 - 10am Worship Together Holy Communion

- **Sunday 31 August**

- St John the Baptist, Latton
 - 10am Worship Together Holy Communion

7. Morning Prayers

- **Monday Morning Prayers at 9am on Zoom - 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/77713838432?pwd=AzDJt5p8Rs3WxmbjI3sSFVEEMFpAuF.1>

Meeting ID: 777 1383 8432

Passcode: 1FLvt0

- **Thursday Morning Prayers in St Sampson's Lady Chapel**

Everyone is welcome and we'd love new people to join us. There are usually about 7 - 10 of us in number and we meet at 8.30am to enjoy coffee and the Iona Community's 'Wee Worship Book', and finish by 9.30am.

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