

# News from the Upper Thames Churches

Dear Administrator,

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## 1. Vergers needed

Could you lend a hand? We need additional Vergers.

Would you like to help more in the church? If so, we are looking for volunteers to become vergers on an occasional basis to help at weddings and funerals. Primarily this would be at St Sampson's and occasionally at Holy Cross. The role includes greeting people, ensuring the church is "set up" for the service, sometimes playing music on the sound system, as well as being a support for the minister.

Full training will be given, together with an orientation programme and a buddy system to support you initially. There is an honorarium of £40 for each service you are a verger for, with an additional £10 if you are required to attend a wedding rehearsal.

Do feel free to speak to us to find out more.

Rev. Shirley mobile: 07980548844 email: [shirleydanby21@gmail.com](mailto:shirleydanby21@gmail.com)

or

Adina Grace tel: 01793 750138 email: [janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com)

## 2. August services - reduced schedule

Just a reminder that we are running a reduced schedule of services during August, but there will be one Holy Communion service every week in one or other of our churches (see schedule below). The normal pattern of services will resume in September.

## 3. Worship for 31 July - Trinity 7

- **Outdoor services at the Leigh All Saints Old Chancel, Waterhay** (contact [admin@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:admin@upperthames.org.uk) if you need directions)
  - 10am Upper Thames Group Holy Communion

- 6.30pm Upper Thames Group Evening Service

- **Readings:**

- [Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23](#) or [Colossians 3:1-11](#)
- [Luke 12:13-21](#)

#### **4. Cream Tea at Holy Cross Ashton Keynes, Friday 5th, 3pm - 4.30pm**

A reminder that there is a cream tea from 3-4pm on Friday 5th August. Our ministerial team will be there so do come along. Everyone welcome.

#### **5. Invitation from Debbie - reminder**

Debbie writes: ***On August 7<sup>th</sup> between 3-6pm, I am holding open house at 14 Bath Road. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come. No agenda, nothing happening, just time to be together in my house now that I have been here a year. An idea of numbers would be helpful, but is certainly not essential. And just to remind you that I have two dogs, one very old, one still quite young, so if you are allergic, take stuff before you come!***

#### **6. St Sampson's Church Fete Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

Our church fete will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September between 2pm and 4pm. Your help would be very much appreciated!

We need:

- **Tombola** items such as small gifts, bottles, sweets in a jar or packaged.
- **Books**, particularly paperbacks.
- **Stalls** We need a few more stalls and helpers. Would you like to organise or help run a stall? Children's activities or games would be great or any other types! Contact Sharon Smith (details below) if you can help.

**Please bring above items to** Adina Grace Staddlestones 4-5 Westmill Lane 750138 or Sharon Smith 54 Pittsfield 751375 **AFTER** 10<sup>th</sup> August. Ring to check we are in or take a chance!

#### **7. Morning Prayers**

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

Meeting link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71071630252?pwd=DzIRsl06qpg85hs4SqQ7GPcOThOF90.1>

Meeting ID: 710 7163 0252

Passcode: 13sRqV

- **Thursday Morning Prayers**

Everyone is welcome for Morning Prayers on Thursdays in St Sampson's. Coffee is provided and we meet from 8.30am for 8.45am start. Everyone is welcome and after a

brief catch-up, we use Iona Morning Worship and have a quiet time for our own prayers.

## **8. Upper Thames Services August**

- **7 August - Trinity 8**
  - St Sampson's
    - 8am Holy Communion
  - Holy Cross:
    - 10am Holy Communion
  
- **14 August - Trinity 9**
  - St Sampson's
    - 10am Holy Communion
  
- **21 August - Trinity 10**
  - St Sampson's
    - 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast
  - Latton St John
    - 10am Holy Communion
  - Holy Cross
    - 6pm Evensong
  
- **28 August - Trinity 11**
  - Holy Cross
    - 8.30am Holy Communion
  - All Saints Leigh
    - 10am Holy Communion

## **9. Church opening times**

- **St Sampson's:** every day, 9.30am – 3.30pm
- **Holy Cross:** Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, 10am - 4pm