

## **UTG weekly email, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

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### **Worship for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

- **UTG Holy Communion service**  
This Sunday's Holy Communion service is with Revd John Martin at St John the Baptist, Latton, 10am
- **UTG online worship**  
In this week's on-line worship we reflect on Jesus' words "I am the vine... you are the branches" helping us stay connected to Jesus. Our worship includes communion and comes from Holy Cross church. You might like to have with you, grapes and wine (if you have some in your home) and you could take them, reflecting during the hymn "As we are gathered Jesus is here". Our final hymn, "Thy hand O God has guided thy flock from age to age", reminds us that we are united in One church, One faith, One Lord. The words used in the service can be found in the file below:

**2 May online worship I am the vine.pdf**

- **Informal Worship**  
For information on this week's Informal worship, contact Sarah – [sarahsmith@talktalk.net](mailto:sarahsmith@talktalk.net)

### **Licensing and installation of Revd Canon Debbie Dewes**

Revd Canon Debbie Dewes will be licensed and installed on Monday 19th July at 7.30 pm in St Sampson's in the presence of the Bishop. More information when we have it.

### **Church opening times for private prayer**

**St Sampson's Lady Chapel:** Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays, 10am-3pm

**Holy Cross:** Sundays and Wednesdays, 10am-4pm

### **Links for Morning Prayers**

- **Monday morning prayers, 9am** with David Tarr  
Meeting ID: 778 6122 2829  
Passcode: 5wQDGx
- **Thursday Morning Prayers, 8.45am** with Phil and Pat Winfield

### **Dates of Upper Thames APCMs**

- Cricklade St Sampson: Sun May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 am (after the 10am worship)

- Ashton Keynes Holy Cross: Sun May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11 am (after the 10am worship)
- Latton St John the Baptist: Wed May 26<sup>th</sup>, 3pm
- Leigh All Saints: Wed May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

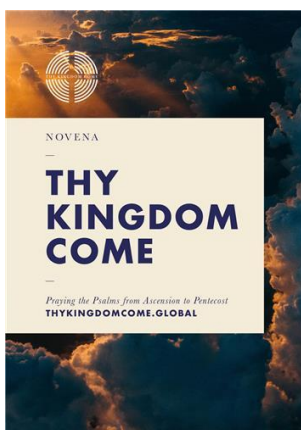
All will take place after the service in church.

### **Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative – Ascension Day (May 13<sup>th</sup>) to Pentecost (May 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

*Thy Kingdom Come* is a global initiative, in which Christians are called to pray for the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost. We're invited to pray for God's Spirit to move within the church, equipping us to share God's love with others and to pay attention to how God is speaking to us today. It would be really good if Upper Thames joined this initiative once again.

There are a couple of resources produced which can be ordered for you & which cost very little.

**Novena** – costs £1.86 and which has prayers to say over the nine days (often people pray at the same time each day).



**Prayer journal** – costs £1.79

Please let Jane or Shirley know if you would like us to order either the Novena (£1.86) or Prayer journal (£1.79) or both.

To find out more visit the [Thy Kingdom Come](https://www.thykingdomcome.global) website

### **Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May fundraiser (Revd Shirley)**

People in Upper Thames have always been generous of time and money for Christian Aid week. I have signed up to Christian Aid's [Walk 300,000 steps in May](#) (roughly 5 miles each day) and I and Christian Aid would be grateful for any sponsorship which could be offered in 3 ways:

- [Facebook Donation page](#)
- [Just Giving](#)
- A sponsor form from Shirley

Thank you in advance.

*Revd Shirley*

### **Forthcoming services**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> May – 10am Communion St John the Baptist Latton**
- **9<sup>th</sup> May – 10am Communion Holy Cross**
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day - 10am St Sampson's churchyard BYO coffee**
- **16<sup>th</sup> May – 10am Communion St Sampson's + APCM**

- **23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pentecost:**
  - **8am BCP Communion St Sampson's**
  - **10am Morning Worship St Sampson's – outdoors preferably**
  - **10am Communion Holy Cross + APCM**
- **30<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity – 10am Morning Worship St Sampson's (with communion afterwards)**
- **6<sup>th</sup> June:**
  - **10 am Communion Latton**
  - **10 am Morning Worship Holy Cross**
- **13<sup>th</sup> June – 10am UTG communion St Sampson's**

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