

# Holy Cross Church 'Pewnotes'

## February 2012



### EVENTS & DATES

**Where is God in the world of politics, money or fame?**  
6 eminent people will talk about faith & their lives.

Mon Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Aitken - ex cabinet minister and ex-prisoner

Thurs March 1<sup>st</sup> Baroness Elizabeth Berridge (Trustee of More than Gold Olympic organisation and Patron of Conservative Christian Fellowship)

Fri March 9<sup>th</sup> Steve Webb MP (Lib Dem. Minister of State for Pensions)

March 16<sup>th</sup> Baroness Caroline Cox Founder of The Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust and Life Peer.

Tues March 20<sup>th</sup> Paul Jones + Fiona Henley (ex-lead singer of Manfred Mann and now Radio 2 presenter; actress and singer)

Wed April 4<sup>th</sup> Henry Olonga (former Zimbabwean cricketer and critic of Mugabe).

Fliers are in church - please invite people to come with you and ask if you'd like a lift or ticket.

### UPPER THAMES GROUP OF CHURCHES is US!

St. Patrick's Day Celebration  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Cricklade Town Hall

Tickets £10 from Peter T (861466) or Katy Bell (01793 751790) to include welcome drink, hot supper, pudding, shot of Irish whiskey & home-grown entertainment.

### WHAT SHOULD HOLY CROSS CHURCH LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE ?

Come and help shape YOUR and OUR Holy Cross Church

"I wish that we could...."  
Well maybe we can....

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 4 - 5.30pm (with tea and cake) in the SCHOOL HALL.

Your chance to be involved.

It's for ALL of us.

### Services at a glance

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 8 am BCP communion  
10 am FAMILY SERVICE (+ Baptism welcome to Harley Winter and Madeleine Chivers)

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am Upper Thames Group Service Holy Cross

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 10am Morning Worship  
Baptisms 12 noon and 2 pm  
Messy Church in school 4pm  
The Story of Noah.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Communion with Imposition of Ashes.  
St Sampson's 7 am with breakfast & also at 10 am.

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 10 am Communion (Common Worship)

March 6<sup>th</sup> 8 am BCP Communion  
10 am Family Service

March 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am Mothering Sunday Service

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## Notes from the PCC - we need your help.....

- We **urgently need two churchwardens** from April 2012. Churchwardens have an important role in the life of our church and village and it would be hard to keep going without churchwardens. We also **need a PCC secretary** - could you take minutes at about 6 meetings per year? We need some **PCC members** too. 6 meetings per year. **COULD YOU HELP?**
- We're going to look at the possibility of starting up a **"Friends of Holy Cross Church"** for those in the wider community who are interested in the upkeep and enhancement of the church building.
- We're going to look at **'stewardship'**, the place of giving to God and his work - giving of time, of talents & skills and our financial giving.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Upper Thames Group joint services** will continue for now and Judy will review
- **What shape Holy Cross - "blue sky" thinking** - for **EVERYONE** to be involved in shaping our priorities **SATURDAY MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> 4 - 5.30 pm** in the school hall.
- **Next PCC meeting** is Thurs March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm
- **Next Events and Outreach meeting** Thurs March 8<sup>th</sup> 8 pm



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8.00am  
10.00am  
4.00pm

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
8.00am BCP Communion  
10.00am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evensong

## Holy Cross Vision

"creating opportunities for everyone to experience God's love"

### Our 2 priorities

1. Making connections with the village - being a church that is "alive and well"  
2. Growing the faith of all

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

8.00am BCP Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion  
12 & 12.45 Baptisms  
4pm Informal Worship

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

8.00am BCP Communion  
10.00am Iona Morning Worship  
6.30pm All Souls Service for Upper Thames Group

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

8.00am BCP Communion  
10.00am Iona Communion - Bishop Mike  
12 noon Baptism  
6.30pm Evensong



Home Groups are an excellent way to explore faith together

**Monday Night Home Group** alternate Mondays 8 - 9.30 pm. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Bridget Arregger's home; Godwin's Cottage North End.

### Big Questions for Seniors

Alternate Thurs 4-5.15pm in Cricklade Jenner Hall. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> There is transport from Ashton. We're going to explore Jesus' miracles.

Talk to Shirley D or Peter T if you're wondering about coming along

## Children Receiving Communion before Confirmation.

We're going to run a group for children who would like to know more about our faith and who might also like to receive communion. One group will meet in Cricklade 4.30 - 5.15pm on Tuesdays from Feb 28<sup>th</sup> (for 5 or 6 sessions) and another group will run in Ashton, possibly in the school lunch hour.

Please let please Shirley D or Judy know if your children are interested.

**Suzi Tipper** (who lives in the Leigh) will be licensed at a service in Bristol Cathedral on Feb