

Holy Cross Church

'Pew notes' November

2012

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A letter from Judy

Dear Friends,
As you know, I will be leaving the Upper Thames Group on November 18th.

I wanted to say before I go, how much I have appreciated the love you have given me from my very first day. I have always felt that I belonged and in all the changes and challenges of the last seven and a half years, I have received an enormous amount of kindness, understanding and support.

I know that no church is a perfect community – the Bible reminds us that they don't exist(!) – but I see a lot of Jesus' model of acceptance, care and compassion both within the church and reaching out into the community. I am very proud to have been part of the church and wider communities. Thank you all for everything you have done for me and with me.

Words can't really express my sense of loss or how incredibly fortunate I have been to have had this opportunity and this time in these communities. I will always have a special place in my heart for Ashton Keynes, Cricklade, Latton and Leigh and will think of you and pray for you often.

With my love and prayers,
Judy

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November Services at a glance

Sunday Nov 4th

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| 8 am | Traditional BCP Communion |
| 10 am | Family Service |
| 5.30 pm | All Souls Service for Ashton & Leigh at Holy Cross |

ALL SOULS SERVICE is a reflective service to remember those who've died. Please contact Sue Judy or Shirley to add the name of a loved one you'd like remembered or add their names to the list in church. These names along with those whose funerals we have taken in the last year will be read out & there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in their memory.

Sunday Nov 11th

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| 10.55 am | Remembrance Sunday Service |
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Sunday Nov 18th

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| 10 am | Judy's final service at St Sampson's for all Upper Thames parishes; light refreshments afterwards. |
| 4 pm | Messy Church <i>in the school hall</i> 'Abraham and Sarah' |

Sunday Nov 26th

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| 10 am | Holy Communion at Holy Cross (Iona) |
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Sunday Dec 2nd

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| 8 am | Traditional BCP communion |
| 10 am | Family Service at Holy Cross |

Creative Christmas Craft workshops with Kathryn Gray with any profit shared between Friends of Holy Cross & projects supported by the Guatemalan Families Association

Christmas Felt Baubles. Materials & equipment provided. Mon Nov 12th 9.30 -12noon or Tues Nov 13th 7 to 9.30pm.

Printed Christmas Cards Thurs Nov 29th either 9.30 - 12pm or 7pm to 9.30pm

Tickets £10 each from The Village Shop. Booking essential. **To find out more**, contact Kathryn Gray on 01285 869341 or kathryngray28@yahoo.co.uk

Organ Recital given by Richard Sutcliffe

a first class organist who trained at Wakefield Cathedral. Thurs Dec 6th 7.30 – 9 pm with mulled wine and mince pies to raise funds for & encourage membership of Friends of Holy Cross. Richard will play a variety of organ music from Bach to improvisation on a theme of your choice. He'll explain a little about the organ and the pieces he plays. Not to be missed if you can make it!

OUR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – in the Village Hall on Saturday Dec 8th opening at 2.15 pm. We need help with stalls, on the day and with planning & making or collecting items beforehand. Please contact Alison if you can help in any way or have ideas for stalls.

**Ashton Keynes Village
Choir Christmas Concert**
Saturday Dec 1st
Holy Cross Church



Men's Breakfast on Sat Nov 17th

8.00 am at the White Hart Hotel Cricklade

Speaker Andrew Fleet, former Head of Hreod Nova School, Swindon will talk about the Barnabas Fund in which he's now involved. (<http://barnabasfund.org/UK/Home/>) Advance booking essential contact Graham Light 01793 759181 or lightg@hotmail.co.uk.

Judy's final service. Nov 18th Cricklade 10 am.

Please do come. There will be a list in church so lifts can be shared. It would be great if St Sampson's was packed so we can all say thankyou for all Judy has done for us & the community.

Big Questions of faith for Seniors

alternate Thursdays, 4 – 5.15pm at Jenner Hall Cricklade with lifts from Ashton or Leigh. Nov 9th and 23rd We're a small friendly group of the more mature age! We have a cuppa & are exploring Old Testament bible stories & how they might speak to us today. Tel Shirley 07980 548844

Messy Church is on November 18th in the school hall 4–5.30 pm



We'll be exploring Abraham and Sarah from the Old Testament & enjoy our usual mix of story, song, activities and games and tea together. If you can help, let Linda Tuck know on 861466.

Agnostics Anonymous will meet on the first Monday in the month starting Nov 5th at 7.30pm PLEASE get in touch if you're interested with Bridget Arregger

Wednesday lunches with a short time of prayer is on alternate Weds 12.45–1.45pm

Nov 14th at Anne Barnes' home

Nov 28th at Bridget's home

Friends of Holy Cross

Chair Alison; Hon Sec Yvonne Edmonds; Hon Treas Graham Loveday. Committee; Jon Hughes, Gilly Riddington, Graham & Margaret Cooper. We have a number of people keen to help with practical tasks or fund-raising and some helped our buildings committee & others with clearing of unwanted vegetation in the churchyard. The next event planned is Richard's organ recital on Dec 6th.

Notes from the last PCC meeting

- We'll be known as Upper Thames Group . Ashton Keynes with Leigh and Cricklade with Latton as the 2 parishes.
- Our pledge to the Diocese for 2013 isn't finalised but possibly as last year (£21,950) depending on costs during the vacancy.
- Services: 2nd Sunday will always be a joint service at Cricklade. No Communion here on Dec 25th on Dec 23rd instead. 5th Sundays at Latton Leigh or Ashton.
- Diocesan Advisory Committee will make a visit to advise re replacement lighting
- A lettings policy is being drafted.