

# NEWSLETTER

February 2012



St. Sampson's  
Church

## Important News this Month



### Holiday Club

for 5 - 11 year olds  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> - Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
at Cricklade United Church  
£1.50 a day or £5 for week  
(£1 a day for other children  
in same family)

The final service for the Holiday Club will be in St. Sampson's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. Parents please note the dates.

Everyone please support the service. Would anyone willing to help (preferably on all four days) please speak to Judy or Christina.

### Messy Church

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 4 pm in  
St. Sampson's Junior School



### First two Lent Courses

#### Power, Money, Fame...and God

Venue: Prior Park Prep. School, Cricklade.  
Refreshments available.

Tickets: Graham Light (tel: 7509181)

**Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> February** - 7.30pm for 7.45pm start

**Jonathan Aitken** (former cabinet minister & ex. Prisoner)

**Thurs. March 1<sup>st</sup>** - 7.30pm for 7.45 pm start

**Baroness Berridge** (patron Conservative Christian Fellowship & Trustee of *More than Gold* Olympic Org.)

### Licensing of Suzi Tipper

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 a.m.

Suzi Tipper is being licensed as a lay minister to the Upper Thames Group of parishes in Bristol Cathedral. Everyone is welcome at this service. So please pray for Suzi as she takes this step.

## Advance Notice/Diary Dates

### Further Lent Course Dates

#### Power, Money, Fame...and God

Six people from worlds of politics, sport and entertainment talk honestly about their lives

Thurs. March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Baroness Berridge
Friday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Webb MP
Friday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Baroness Cox
Tues. March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Jones & Fiona Henley
Weds. April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Olanga

### UTG St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Cricklade Town Hall

Tickets £10 from Carolyn 750195 or Katy 751790 to include welcome drink, hot supper, pudding, shot of Irish whiskey & home-grown entertainment.

#### STOP PRESS:

Brush up your party piece and contact Katy to be included in the evening programme!!

### Festival of Crosses

Holy Week - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April

Local groups, schools and individuals will all be involved in making crosses to place in church for the festival. These can be any size and can be painted, stitched, sculpted, knitted - in fact use your imagination and create something unique and powerful that focuses on the Christian message at this time of year. For further information or inspiration phone Carolyn Russell on 750195.

### Away Day

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Cotswold Farm

'Spiritual refreshment in an informal setting'

Led by Rev. Mrs. Sandy Railton.

It would be helpful to know numbers especially of children as soon as possible for planning. Please speak to Bruce and Jo Valpy if you would like to come.

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Judy Ashby. Tel 750300. [Judith.ashby@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Judith.ashby@tiscali.co.uk).

Curate: Rev. Shirley Danby, Tel 751463. [shirleydanby@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:shirleydanby@tiscali.co.uk)

Administrative enquiries to Sue Clover, [sueclover.clover@googlemail.com](mailto:sueclover.clover@googlemail.com)

You are all warmly invited to join us for coffee after the 10am services

## Lectionary Readings for this month

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40: 21 - end  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 9: 16-23  
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1 - 12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor. 4: 3 - 6  
Gospel: Mark 9: 2 - 9

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Prov. 8: 1, 22-31  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 1: 15-20  
Gospel: John 1: 1 - 14

## Services

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Iona Communion  
4pm Messy Church - St. Sampson's Junior School

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am BCP Communion  
10.00am UTG service at Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes  
6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am BCP Communion  
10.00am AAW - Celebration Service  
4.00pm Informal Worship in Jenner Hall

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

7am & 10am Communion with imposition of ashes

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am BCP Communion  
10.00am Morning Worship  
6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Gen. 9: 8 - 17  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18 - end  
Gospel: Mark 1: 9 - 15

## Small Group News

Tuesday Afternoon Group starts again at 1.30pm on 7 February for 5 sessions at Elisabeth Beaumont's home - Evergreens, Croft Rd, Latton. We will be lift sharing - please ring Katy (751790) if you need or can offer transport. We will be using the new York Course, 'Handing on the Torch-sacred words for a secular world.' Please feel free to use this session as a 'taster' to see if it's your kind of thing.



Thursday Morning Group meets at Marilyn Sweet's farm, Purton Road on 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 9.45 - 11 am. Experience a new way of enjoying the bible with internet programme designed by Bible Society. Special time for mums/grannies with babies/toddlers. Tea/ coffee/cake and possibly short walk if weather permits. Tel. 750774.

Thursday Evening Home Groups Choice of two different bible study groups. Contact Michael Potter 752061 for details of a weekly study group and Matt & Sarah Smith are enjoying a new study on the Gospel of John meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.45 pm and fortnightly thereafter. Tel. 751366 for more details.

Big Questions for Seniors. Fortnightly on Thursdays starting February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm in the Jenner Hall. Contact Shirley 751463 or Pam 750771

Men's Pub Group meets fortnightly and this month on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in The Red Lion from 8pm. All welcome.

Ladies Lunch Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm. Just order your drink and lunch at the bar and join us at the big round table by the fireplace! It will be great to see you there.

## Congratulations Knitters!

So far Florence has sent off nine parcels of knitting for 'Teddy's for Tragedies' that go all over the world (including England) wherever tragedy occurs. The total so far is :

2 Blankets (1 metre sq.), 21 Teddies, 2 Clowns and 42 jumpers

One lady aged 99 years sent me six beautiful colourful jumpers! Patterns available from Florence Muskett, 751083.

## Porch for St. Sampson's North Door



In 2010 the PCC spent a significant amount of time discussing whether it would be a good idea to create a porch on the north entrance. It's now being discussed again. It has already been agreed by the PCC in

principle, however they do not want to continue without the support of the congregation so please read this information carefully and give your feedback to one of the PCC or staff team.

### Reasons for having a porch

1. The temperature in the building drops sharply as soon as we open the North Door and it is hoped (though we have no empirical evidence) that a second door will reduce the draught and resultant heat losses.
2. Porch doors will have automatic openers so will give much better disabled access.
3. Clear glass doors will give a much more open and welcoming appearance to the church than the solid closed oak door.

Cost We have a quote from November 2010 for £13,000+VAT. This is obviously no longer valid and we won't get another quote until we're pretty sure we can continue. We have to assume prices will have gone up. However, we think that some or all of the VAT may be zero rated as the doors will improve disabled access.

The picture is a mock-up of how doors could appear.

Further information from Judy or Brian Danby