

Holy Cross Church

Pew notes May 2013

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May Services at a glance

May 5th 8am BCP Communion
10 am Family Service

May 12th 10 am Upper Thames and Churches Together Christian Aid service *at St Sampson's* .
with Rev'd Chris Dobson (*Chris is the Ecumenical and Global Partnership Office in Bristol Diocese*)
6.30 pm Compline + hymns in Holy Cross

May 19th 10 am Morning Prayer
4 pm Messy Church *in school*

May 26th 10 am Holy Communion (Iona)

June 2nd 8 am BCP communion
10 am Family Service

Communion on a Thursday: 11am @18
Richmond Court (Joan Ashcroft's home) Thurs
June 5th .

Thurs May 9th is Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter & at 7 am there's a short UTG communion service in St Sampson's with breakfast. For those who fancy climbing the stairs we'll start with a hymn on top of the tower & after that we're in church.

Holy Cross welcomes the clergy of North Wilts for their Deanery Chapter communion and meeting on Tues May 7th

Our staff

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Holy Cross Church:

'Creating opportunities for everyone to experience God's love'

Upper Thames Group of Parishes

We welcome Ashton Keynes village Choir for their summer concert "Aspects of Song" in church at 7.30pm on Sat May 11th Tickets £7 + £3.50 children (includes wine)



Bite back at hunger
Christian Aid Week 12-18th May 2013



Helping people in poverty out of poverty. Thousands of churches will stand together this Christian Aid Week to speak out for change. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out & put faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. There is enough food for everyone in the world, but one in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight.

Our collection Starts Sunday 12th May. All of the money raised goes directly to help organisations in these countries helping the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. If you can help with collecting in the village, please contact Linda Tuck.. Please give generously

UGANDA VISIT Mrs Nicholas & Miss Thomas from school, along with Peter & Linda Tuck and Shirley & Brian Danby will visit the Diocese of Kigezi in June, particularly the town of Kabale and its christian primary school which is linked with Ashton Keynes C of E school. We hope to find ways to raise over £1000 for the flights for the 2 teachers. We're going to learn more & to share Christian friendship.



**Come to Messy Church Sunday 19th May
SCHOOL HALL 4 – 5.30 pm**

Great for all the family! We'll explore the story of the Good Samaritan Who will help him?

Will anyone help him?

Who is our neighbour?

Come and find out ...

With our usual mix of a story, song, activities, crafts , games and a cooked tea.

It's for everyone of ANY AGE

The vacancy process:- The proposal for an Upper Thames Group Council has been agreed by St Sampson's and Holy Cross PCCs and we hope Latton and Leigh will agree so we can start moving forward at the end of May. The other development areas are to form a St Sampson's leadership team and to consider the different gifts and skills of Holy Cross leadership team. The archdeacon is meeting with all PCCs on July 23rd to outline the third stage of the process which involves advertising, interviewing and appointing a new incumbent.

Church wardens + Shirley met Archdeacon Christine and Rev Gwyn from the housing Committee recently f& they advised us that it's Diocesan policy that **parish offices** are NOT sited at the vicarage now to protect the privacy of the incumbent. Church wardens are exploring other option

Agnostics Anonymous Meets on the 1st Monday in the month:- Phone Bridget Arregger for venue & details.

Big Questions? We all have questions about our faith. Big Q group for Seniors meets in the Jenner Hall 2nd and 4th Thurs. 4 – 5 pm lifts available. Ask Shirley , Jan Hall or Ann Barnes.

Prayer Lunches

Wednesday 8th May Ann Barnes

Wednesday 22 May Jan Hall

Wednesday 12 June Bridget all 12.30 to 1.30

Holy Cross Summer Fete Sunday May 12th at 3 pm Church Walk.

Wanted! Home-made jams, preserves, plants, books, toys, unwanted presents for raffle prizes, good quality bric-a-brac; to Gilly's: Brook House, Church Walk.

- ♦ Garden on a plate competition
- ♦ Children's Bottle Boat Race 4 pm
- ♦ Teas & Cakes, Treasure Hunt, Face-painting, Bottle stall, Tombola

LEE ABBEY 16TH TO 18TH MAY 2014

Renewal, Refresh & Resource for all.

Don't forget to secure your place with a deposit. Cheques to AKPCC.

Would you like to be involved in **chaplaincy support?** (of those in a secular environment).

Taster Evening June 26th 7.30pm.

Growing Churches One of the Bishop's team has done some research on churches in the Diocese which have been growing.

He found 4 key concepts present:

Hospitality

Generosity

Discipleship and lay involvement

Intentionality – everything done with a purpose

How do w

e measure up?

Please send any items to me for the June pew notes by May 26th. Shirley