

Holy Cross Church

'Pewnotes' January 2012



HAPPY NEW YEAR Important News

Holy Cross Christmas Fayre raised in the region of £1300 THANKYOU to all involved for your hard work!

Burns Night Supper

Friday Jan 27th 7.30 for 8 pm
AK village hall, traditional fayre (& veggie option), toasts, music, £15. Over 18s.
Single malt on the table + paying bar.
Tickets £15 from Peter Tuck 861466

'Any Questions'

Churches Together Mon Jan 16th 7.30 pm
Cricklade United Church.

A panel of clergy from our churches will respond to YOUR questions. Give us the question that's always bothered you and never seems to be addressed by Jan 8th and come to hear the discussion.

Flyers for questions are in church or feel free to email Shirley or Judy.

Churches Together in Lent

6 good speakers will talk about faith & their lives. Book (changed) dates now!

Feb 20 th	Jonathan Aitken
March 1 st	Baroness Elizabeth Berridge
March 9 th	Steve Webb MP
March 16 th	Baroness Cox
March 20 th	Paul Jones + Fiona Henley
April 4 th	Henry Olonga

Lunch and Prayer Group -

Alternate Wednesdays 12.45 - 1.45 pm. Lunch & prayer time. Contact Peter Hartland on 861221 for more info.

Exploring Christianity - The Old Testament.

10 sessions 7.30 - 9.30 pm on Wednesdays in Cricklade starting Jan 11th £25 to include a study guide. Contact Shirley D for more.

Monday Night Home Group meets alternate Mondays 8 - 9.30 pm. We'll start later Jan or early Feb.

Services at a glance

Jan 1st 10 am Communion NO FAMILY SERVICE

Jan 8th 10 am Upper Thames Group Service @ St Sampson's

Jan 8th Churches Together 5 pm Evening Communion Service at Cricklade United Church

Jan 15th 10am Morning Worship
4 pm Messy church in school

Jan 22nd 10 am Iona Communion
12 noon Baptism

Jan 29th 10 am 'Praise the Lord' in Songs and Word.

Feb 4th 8 am BCP Communion
10 am Family Service

Messy Church January 15th 4 -5.30 pm in the school hall. God's Creation with a story, games, activities and a cooked tea.

What a great turnout for Beer and Carols - people want it again next year!



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Could you help? notes from the PCC

- Holy Cross Church **needs two churchwardens** from April 2012. Could you serve the village in this way? Churchwardens have an important role in the life of our parish church. They represent and speak for the whole community, are elected by the whole parish & are responsible to the Bishop for the life and work of our church.

-The PCC **needs a secretary** - could you fill this role taking minutes at about 6 meetings per year?

- Our PCC has pledged **£21,500** to the Diocese for use for ministry and mission.

- Holy Cross Church will be involved in the Jubilee Weekend celebrations. Peter Tuck is our rep on the Jubilee Committee.

- **Next PCC meeting** is Thurs Jan 19th at 8 pm

- **Next Events and Outreach meeting** Thurs Jan 12th 8 pm



Holy Cross Vision

“creating opportunities for everyone to experience God's love”

Our 2 priorities

- Making connections with the village; being a church that is “alive and well”
- Growing the faith of all

Swindon Food Bank say **thankyou** for the harvest collection from Holy Cross and AK school of 103.1 kgs - enough to provide 121 meals for people in Swindon. There are boxes in church for us to continue our support.

Could you help out at our Pre-School?

Pre-school relies on helpers to release staff because there are so many tasks which need to be done as well as to reduce costs.

They need more help - **just occasionally** - would be helpful and you could for example, play with the children, read books to them, help with arts and crafts.

It would be a great way to serve the needs of the community and if you could do a morning here or there it would be a great offer.

Let Sarah Edmonds or Shirley Danby know if you could help in anyway.

Our **Christingle collection** from the **School** and our **church service** enabled us to send nearly £200 to The Children's Society for its work with vulnerable children and young people. **Thankyou.**

Children or Adults Receiving Communion before Confirmation.

In the Church of England it's possible to receive the bread & wine at a communion service, before being confirmed.

From February we'd like to run a group for children (or adults) who are interested, with the aim that they receive their first communion around Easter time.

Some children (and adults) are already interested - if you, your children, or someone you know, would like to know more, please get in touch with Shirley D or Judy.

Thankyou to all of you, for all you have done for God in the last year, helping the life of our church and community in so many different ways. May God bless us all in 2012. **Shirley**