

Holy Cross Church

Pew notes April 2013

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April Services at a glance

April 7th 8 am BCP Communion

10 am Family Service (*The Emmaus Road*)

April 14th 10 am Holy Communion for Upper Thames with Revd Canon Douglas Holt

NB this is at St Sampson's

6.30 pm Evening Service in Holy Cross

April 21st 10 am Morning Prayer

4 pm Messy Church in school "*The Prodigal Son*"

April 28th 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Communion on a Thursday: 11am @18 Richmond Court (Joan Ashcroft's home) Thurs May 2nd. Please ring Shirley 07980 548844 if you'd like a lift.

Thurs May 9th is Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter and at 7 am (Yes 7 o'clock in the morning!) we'll hold a short Upper Thames Churches communion service in St Sampson's with breakfast. For those who'd like to, we'll climb the tower to start with a hymn; those who prefer can stay at the bottom!! & the rest of the service will be in the church.

Holy Cross Summer Fete is Sunday May 12th at 3 pm in Church Walk. Let's hope the weather is a little more summery!

Our staff

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Holy Cross Church:

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



FESTIVAL of EASTER CROSSES

Thankyou to all who made a cross, to those who organised the festival and those who welcomed people and offered hospitality.

We will be leaving the crosses up (other than those people would like to take away) for the Easter period so do encourage friends family & villagers to visit.

Easter Flowers



Thankyou

to all those who made donations in memory of a loved one for our Easter lilies & to the ladies who arranged flowers making sure the church looked lovely for Easter.

Thankyou to those who Spring Cleaned Holy Cross Church and those who have spent much time cutting back the shrubs in the graveyard.

It has all made such a difference.

Joan Oldmeadow was a faithful servant of God all her life and a Service of Thanksgiving will be at Holy Cross on Sun April 28th at 3 pm.

Please let Shirley have items for the May Pew Notes by May 1st

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.

Messy Church
4-5.30 pm
April 21st
School Hall



Great for all the family.
We'll explore the story of **The Prodigal Son**

Come and enjoy story, song activities, crafts, games and tea. All are welcome

The vacancy process:- As part of growth & development of local leadership we're exploring formation of an Upper Thames Group Council. At an open meeting about this, all those present were positive, so Douglas with Matt Smith, Linda Tuck and Ian Wharton are drafting a proposal for PCCs to consider. If PCCs agree the detail, (all have agreed in outline), then we'll move forward on this. PCCs will remain the decision making bodies for each church.

Growth. Bristol Diocese aims that its churches release the energy of local leadership and to grow in 4 areas:- **Commitment** (to God); **Partnership** (locally and globally); **Influence** (locally and globally) and **Numbers**. It's impossible to evaluate growth of commitment to God, but in the other 3 growth areas, Holy Cross is a Growing Community with Christ at the Centre. This is because EVERYONE is part of that growth, from cleaning the church to running Messy Church. THANKYOU! Let's continue to grow in our faith & commitment to God and to make Jesus Christ well known in the village and in the world. *Shirley*

Agnostics Anonymous Meets on the 1st Monday in the month:- April 7th 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.

Lent Lunches 2013 Thankyou for such lovely lunches and for raising a substantial amount of money for 4 charities.



Bishops' Christian Aid Cycle Ride in aid of IF

Bishop Lee of Swindon and the Bishop of Ramsbury are undertaking a cycle ride to support Christian Aid's IF campaign. They will visit Cricklade at 12 noon stopping at the Jenner Hall. Refreshments on sale from 10 am. Please come along to support the Bishops and a good cause. Please sponsor the Bishops.

OUR Annual Parochial Church Meeting

elected Linda Tuck as churchwarden; Bridget Arregger as Deanery Synod Rep; David Clover as PCC vice-chair; Jo Buxton PCC Sec; Gaye Horrell Treas; PCC members are the above + Nick Buxton, Alison Beadle, Andrew Sims, Meggen Cantillon, Sue Clover + Peter Tuck (LLM), Shirley Danby (clergy).

LEE ABBEY 16TH TO 18TH MAY 2014

Renewal, Refresh & Resource for all.



A 280 acres estate on the North Devon coast on the edge of Exmoor it's a 90 strong international Christian community.

We've taken groups biannually & need to book for 2014. Peter needs a non returnable deposit of £25 PER PERSON including children. Brochures will be in church with a booking form. Would you like to come? Please let Peter have the completed form & your £25.00 deposit by 1st May. Total cost is £150.00 by 1st Feb 2014. Ensuite rooms on a first come first served basis cost £16.00. Cheques to AKPCC. Questions to Peter Hartland 861221