

Holy Cross Church

Pew notes February 2013

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Vacancy Process

In this 2nd stage, we're exploring growth & leadership development. All PCCs are considering an 'Upper Thames Group Council' & how it might operate. The gifts and skills of all of us are needed during this time & beyond. At Holy Cross we need bellringers, at least one churchwarden & PCC members. God sees our potential – could you help?

Messy Church
4-5.30 pm
February 17th
3rd Sunday
School Hall



Great for all the family. We'll explore the story of Moses.... Will Pharaoh catch up with the Israelites as they escape from Egypt and head for the Red Sea? Come and find out... story, song activities, crafts, games and tea. It's for Everyone of Any Age.

FESTIVAL of EASTER CROSSES

Easter weekend & April 1st – 6th

We're inviting any group or individual to make a cross out of (almost) any material for display. It's a way for people to engage in the Easter Story and we hope many visitors will come to our lovely and lively church. It's to be Easter weekend and beyond with tea and cakes Saturday and Monday afternoons.

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent.

At 7 am! (yes!) in Holy Cross we have service of communion & imposition of ashes and we'll have breakfast together. . Do come along

Our staff

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Holy Cross Church: 'Creating opportunities for everyone to experience God's love'

Spring Clean Holy Cross Church

Sat March 2nd 10 – 12 noon

tea/coffee + cakes provided by Friends of Holy Cross

Come along in your marigolds with dustpans & brushes, long feather dusters and cloths - whatever you have. Come and visit the tower and try bellringing too!



February Services at a glance

- Feb 3rd** 8 am BCP Communion
10 am Family Service (*The Storm on the Lake*) led by the Family Service Team
- Feb 10th** 10 am Upper Thames Group Communion Service *St Sampson's* with Revd Dr Richard Armitage, Wilts Police Chaplain who will tell us of his work & ministry.
6.30 pm Evening Prayer + hymns
- Feb 17th** 10 am Morning Prayer
4 pm Messy Church *in school*
- Feb 24th** 10 am Iona Communion
6 – 6.30 pm "A quiet time in a quiet space" *in the school hall*.
- Mar 3rd** 8 am BCP communion
10 am Family Service

Communion in the week: 11 am @18 Richmond Court (Joan Ashcroft's home) Thurs Feb 7th & Mar 7th.

New to try in Lent:

Morning Prayer in Church 9.45am each Friday Feb 15th to end of March. 20 minutes with Bible readings & a short prayer time. Do join us.

"A quiet time in a quiet space" time to pause & pray on 4th Sunday in Feb and March in school.

Churches Together

Half term Holiday Club "On Your Marks"

Who for? 5 – 11 year olds
When? 12th - 15th of February 10 am – 12
Where? at Cricklade United Church
Cost? £1.50 per day or £5 for all days (£1 siblings).
What? Songs, Stories, Games, Crafts, Quizzes. Flyers in church. Ring Christina on 01793 751216 to register your child or talk to Linda or Shirley.

Stewardship Campaign - our giving to the Church and its work. This month in our Sunday services we're looking at our regular giving to the church, considering biblical precedents for giving generously and prayerfully thinking about how and what we give. Read my article in the Feb Village Newsletter for more. Peter Tuck, Lay Minister

Agnostics Anonymous

It's always good to explore more about faith (and not only the Christian faith) in small groups.

Agnostics Anonymous meets 1st Monday in the month Feb 4th & Mar 4th. Phone Bridget Arregger for venue & details.

Lent Lunches 2013

During the 40 days of Lent, traditionally the food eaten was simple as it was considered a time of fasting, penitence & preparation for Easter. Our Lent Lunches continue the theme of simple food but they also raise funds for a chosen charity. They're popular, friendly and informal gatherings, sharing soup bread & cheese and you can come to all or any of them at any time between 12 and 1.30 pm.

20th Feb: Shirley Massey & Maureen Thomas, 15 Park Place **27th Feb:** Pawan Donaldson, The Old Police House, Park Place.

6th March Ernie & Jenny Tidmarsh, 5 Rixon Gate. **13th March** Graham & Jane Broughton, 9 Richmond Court. Do come!

Mothing Sunday Posies

our 'Events and Outreach Group' are once more organising these & on Sat March 9th at 4 pm all are welcome to come and help in the making of them. At Alison's home, Melton Lodge Back St .

Thank-youto all of you who came to the Evening Service at which I was licensed by Bishop Lee on Jan 27th. It was very special service and it was a privilege to be upheld and prayed for by you all. I think the licence it is a bit like a driving licence – as curate my license was provisional and perhaps now I have a full

licence! My licence says I am 'assistant curate (assistant minister)' ...not much help! It means I'll carry on as I have been, ministering with you in Ashton and in the Upper Thames Group. Thankyou for your enthusiasm for this next step for me. Thankyou too for the wonderful nibbles and wine. As we sang in one of my favourite hymns "Past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, we live for Christ alone". Shirley

Our Wednesday Prayer Lunches

Feb 13th Bridget Arregger North End

Feb 27th Peter & Elizabeth Hartland, 4 Sadler Fields. Ring Peter Hartland 861221 for more

Big Questions for Seniors

Thurs Feb 14th and 28th 4– 5.15 pm in Cricklade Jenner Hall. It's friendly, starts with a cuppa & we share how faith impacts our lives. Transport from Ashton. Contact Shirley or Ann Barnes for more. Do join us.

Churches Together Exploring our Faith in Lent 10 Things They Never Told Me About Jesus'

by John Bell (Iona community & contributor to Radio 4 Thought for the Day)

Held in Cricklade with people from all churches
Tuesday mornings 10:30 - 11:30am 21 North Wall

Tuesday afternoons 1:30 - 2:30pm 83/84 High Street

Wednesday evenings 8 pm - 9pm in the Parish Office, 14 Bath Road

Thursday evenings 7:30 to 8:30 at Cricklade United Church.

You're free to drop in to any group as (often or not) as you can manage. All are welcome. Ask Pete (leading Thurs) or Shirley (leading Wed) for more details.

Give it a try – it's a great way to explore more about our faith together.

OUR Annual Parochial Church Meeting

is after the Communion Service on Palm Sunday

March 24th 11.20 am in Church.

We'll hear reports for the year, elect PCC and officers including church wardens.

This year all church **electoral rolls** are renewed. If you would like to have your name on our Holy Cross Electoral Roll please let us know.