

Life, Worship, and Ministry of the Church in Lacock and Bowden Hill **a Benefice with St Peter's Chippenham, and part of the Chippenham Mission Area**

Anyone is welcome at any or all our church services and activities.

Worship Services in Lacock Parish during May

Sunday 4th May: 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

Sunday 11th May: 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's
{Followed immediately by our APCM – this is our annual church fellowship meeting}
Bible Readings: John 10: 22-30 {additional readings Acts 9: 36-43 and Revelation 7: 9-17}

Sunday 18th May: 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Acts 11: 1-18 or Revelation 21: 1-6 and John 13: 31-35

Sunday 25th May: 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
{Baptism and Marriage Blessing included}
Bible Readings: Acts 16: 9-15; Revelation 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Sunday 1st June: 1030 Parish Community Worship with Rogation, beginning at St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Acts 16: 16-34; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17,20-21; John 17: 20-26

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Sunday 11th May

Immediately after the service in St Cyriac's. All are welcome, indeed are encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU for all those who have been and are involved in the function of our church, worship and mission life. For those who have served. For those who are stepping aside from serving for a break. For those stepping into acts of service or returning to them. For those feeling the nudge to explore and maybe get involved. **THANK YOU. YOU ARE APPRECIATED AND VALUED.**

Welcome to our first MONTHLY Church news which will be emailed on the 1st of each month.

This is part of our ECO church initiative as well as from Si needing to release his diary from creating a weekly news sheet. **It will still have the same information, services and bible reading references (taken from the lectionary) around which the theme of each service is created.** Any alterations to services or bible passages will be communicated by the ministry team as is current practice.

- Helps our care of creation and carbon footprint by not printing multiple copies each week.
- There will always be one printed hard copy in each church on the welcome table.
- We will use the lectern bibles for the bible readings each week, and the pew bibles to follow them, buying more if we need to {you can always bring your own bible to church if you prefer}.
- If you require a printed copy, then please ask a member of the church to print one for you.
- If you deliver a hard copy to someone use the photocopier in the vestry to continue to do so.
- If anyone has not signed up or engage with emails or would simply like a paper copy printed that they are unable to do themselves. Then please ask or use the photocopier to do so.
- Same for visitors!

Like to give the **Lacock Life Group a go?** {meets twice a month}
If you would like more information or like to attend, please contact Jason

A few words from a member of your Ministry Team:

In this season of church annual meetings. As spring has sprung and summer begins. With the rebirth of new life and the flourishing of it in design, aroma, colour and beauty. I am reminded of 3 of the phrases that I have used over the last 2 decades in church ministry life.

1. “going to a church service makes you no more a Christian than going to McDonalds makes you a hamburger {or Costa a coffee}”
2. “deeper roots = greener leaves”
3. “find you place; take your place; play your part”

The 1st may sound harsh because we are all on a journey. And are all on different parts of it. Also, we all need to start or restart somewhere. Yet it speaks of faith and discipleship that extend beyond a once or twice a week habit of attendance. It also reminds us of the living, walking, and talking nature of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. And one we are all called to embody.

The 2nd digs further into discipleship (remember being a disciple is being a continual learner). It reflects the idea of intentional and continual growth and depth; that supports and sustains spiritual fruit. Digging deeper into God, his word, his Spirit, his example and teaching of Jesus; all mean that what we then share, offer, show, declare and live, is effective in our witnessing to Christ because we are connected to HIM.

The 3rd simply reminds us that any community is the sum of all it’s parts. No small part. No big part. Simply being, taking and playing a part {or not}.

Shalom, Si



SAVE THE DATES AND SPREAD THE NEWS

Sunday 22nd June 4pm Community Worship Songs of Praise in St Anne’s
Saturday 26th July 2025 St Anne’s Day. {more details soon}.
Sunday 27th July 1030AM Parish Worship with Communion in St Anne’s

CONFIRMATION An opportunity for you to be confirmed locally is set for Wednesday 23rd July in the evening. If this is something you would like to take up. Or something you wish to explore. Please speak with a member of the ministry team ASAP. We’d be delighted to support you and journey with you.

In the morning of Saturday 5th July: Jason is being Ordained as Priest in Bristol Cathedral

Sunday 6th July: 11AM Benefice Service in St Peter’s Chippenham

where Jason will preside. This followed by a BBQ.



For St Peters congregants, the BBQ will also act as our patronal fundraiser and is ticketed.

For Lacock congregants, we are free to donate monies of course, or if preferred, food for the BBQ.

Si will coordinate numbers for Lacock. {N.B. for clarity, monies given by St Peter’s does not pay for the food which is always generously donated. All raised funds support church missional activities}

Upcoming Worship Services in St Peter’s Church, Lords Mead, Chippenham

(in addition to weekly Sunday 9AM Prayer & Wednesday 10AM Community Worship with Communion)

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If you would like to speak with a member of the ministry team and are unsure how to contact them.

Please phone Si on 07359 144207 or email on revsidunn@gmail.com and he will assist or direct you.

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