

Connecting Faith

JULY 2025

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 July and August

*{Readings are taken from the ones set in the lectionary,
but may change according to service or season at the discretion of the service leader}*

Sunday 6th July: 11AM UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE in St Peter's Lords Mead

Sunday 13th July 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Amos 7:7-end OR Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37

Sunday 20th July 1030 Community Worship
Bible Readings: Amos 8:1-12 OR Colossians 1:15-28 and Luke 10: 38-42

Sunday 27th July 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Anne's
(Patronal Festival)
Bible Readings: Hosea 1:2-10; Colossians 2:6-15 and Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 3rd August 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Hosea 11:1-11; Colossian 3:1-11 and Luke 12:13-21

Sunday 10th August 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 and Luke 12:32-40

Sunday 17th August 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Hebrews 11:29-12:2 and Luke 12:49-56
1600 LAMMAS Songs of Praise in St Anne's
Bible Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-3, 10b-11 and John 6:35-40

Sunday 24th August 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's with possible baptism tbc)
Bible Readings: Isaiah 43:8-13; 1 Cor 4:9-15 and Luke 22:24-30

Sunday 31st August 1030 Benefice Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Luke 14:1, 7-14



NOTE THE DATES

- ✓ Jason is being Ordained Priest on **Saturday 5th July at 3pm in Bristol Cathedral**
- ✓ **Sunday 6th July 11AM** United Benefice Service at St Peter's Lords Mead SN140LL where Jason will preside for the first time.
- ✓ **Saturday 26th July** St Anne's Day. {see attached advert}.
- ✓ **Sunday 27th July 1030AM** Parish Worship with Communion in St Anne's (Patronal)
- ✓ TBC: September Concert at St Anne's – More info to come

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:

Ordination is a lifelong calling for an individual, as they follow the lead of God's Spirit.

It marks a transition in ministry and service.

Although a personal calling. It requires a community to belong to, to serve, and to lead.

In the Church of England, Clergy (*vicars, rectors, priests, to name just a few other terms meaning the same thing*) are ordained twice.

Initially they are ordained Deacon, a servant, which they remain for the rest of their lives. At the heart of this is service, both to God, and for God. It is lived out to and with others in community. It involves being set apart and available and is rooted in prayer.

Then a year later for those called to priestly duties, they are ordained Priest.

Having been ordained deacon last year, Jason is priested this year on 5th July.

Differences between the two can be seen in active duties undertaken within church life and the life of the wider community. These are known as sacraments and include presiding at Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper, Eucharist), Marriage ceremonies, and offering Blessing and Absolution to name just a few.

Ordination is a powerful and personal experience that is also deeply rooted in community and faith. It is a significant event in the life of an individual, of God's call placed on their lives. But it is also significant to the church community to which they belong.

Shalom, Si



Prayer points:

- ✓ Continuing our prayer support for Jason, Fran, Ralph and Evy
- ✓ Greenways Benefice and for the candidate being interviewed for the post of Rector on July 10th.
- ✓ Lucy Bridgewood and her husband Alex as they move to Chippenham and as she takes up the post of missions Are Youth and Children's Worker later this month.
- ✓ Those from around the deanery being confirmed in St Barts, Corsham on 23rd July
- ✓ Our Area Dean Marc as he remains on Sabbatical until September
- ✓ That our worship will be honouring of God and edifying and our outreach effective.

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

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

Sunday 6th July:	11AM BENEFICE SERVICE in St Peter's Lords Mead
Sunday 13th July	1000 Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 20th July	1000 Community Worship
Sunday 27th July	1000 Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 3rd August	1000 Community Worship with Communion

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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