

Connecting Faith

AUGUST 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 August and September

{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 3rd August 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible Readings: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 85 1-7; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

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

Sunday 17th August 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible readings: Isaiah 5:1-7 OR Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Sunday 17th August 1600 LAMMAS Service in St Anne's
Bible readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-3, 10b-11; John 6:35-40

Sunday 24th August 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's with Baptism
Bible reading Luke 22:24-30

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

Sunday 7th Sept 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible readings: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-7; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sunday 14th Sept 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's
Bible readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Sunday 21st Sept 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible readings: Proverbs 3:13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday 28th Sept 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's
Bible readings: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Notable dates to come

- ✓ As well as St Cyriac's being open daily, St Anne's will also be open daily during **August** (see attached poster)
- ✓ **20th September** evening concert at St Anne's – see attached poster
- ✓ **Saturday 8th November** St Peters Church Lords Mead. Benefice Vision Day. 0930-1230

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:

Work; Rest; Play.

All 3 are important. None should be neglected. All 3 require intentional thought and action.

As Genesis tell us, after speaking creation into being, God rested.

This is the heart and basis of the **Sabbath** which for many, in our modern lives and calendar, is a 24-hour time set aside to stop, rest, delight, and worship. Sunday works for many, but not for all.

It is (Sabbath that is) the best day of the week and in our era of chronic exhaustion, emotional unhealth, and spiritual stagnation, few things are more necessary than the recovery of this ancient practice and its inclusion on our own lives.

It is also a principle that should underpin the rhythms of our life.

Rest and Recuperation, Retreats, and Holidays included.

Shalom, Si



Prayer points:

- ✓ Jason, Fran, Ralph and Evy
- ✓ School members {pupils and staff} during this holiday season and preparing for a new term in September
- ✓ Our villages, the homes, the businesses and places of work, the National Trust and the many visitors we receive.
- ✓ Our Area Dean Marc as he remains on Sabbatical until September
- ✓ The upcoming vacancy as the Bishop of Bristol retires and the ongoing process of identifying the next Archbishop of Canterbury.
- ✓ 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 3rd August:	1000 Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 10th August	1000 Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 17th August	1000 Community Worship
Sunday 24th August	1000 Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 31st August	1000 BENEFICE SERVICE in St Cyriac's
Sunday 7th Sept	1030 Community Worship with Communion

Also attached is information on autumn events in Chippenham. Ask away if you need.

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.

If you are reading this in church and require a printed copy for yourself,
then please ask a member of the church to print one for you.

Faith Connections will be emailed out on 1st of the month.

If you wish to **subscribe** to this monthly newsletter OR you no longer wish to receive it and prefer to **unsubscribe**, then please email lacockandbowdenhillchurch@gmail.com to express your wishes.