

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 set lectionary, **but may alter**
according to service or season, at the discretion of the presiding minister/s}

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:	I Tim 1 v 12-17; Luke 15 v 1-10
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
Sunday 5th Oct	1030 Community Worship including Harvest in St Cyriac's
Bible readings:	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Philippians 4: 4-9; John 6: 25-35
Sunday 12th Oct	1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's
	1600 Harvest Festival service in St Anne's
Bible readings:	Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
Sunday 19th Oct	1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's
Bible readings:	Jeremiah 31:27-34 OR 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday 26th Oct	1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's
Bible readings:	Joel 2:23-end; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Luke 18:9-14

Notable dates to come

- ✓ **20th September** evening concert at St Anne's – see attached poster
- ✓ **Saturday 27 September** from 10:00 am. Annual Cycle time trial up Bowden Hill by the Chippenham Wheelers club. {Cow bells welcome. Refreshments served by FOSA}
- ✓ **Saturday 8th November** St Peters Church Lords Mead. Benefice Vision Day. 0930-1230

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 7th Sept	1030 Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 14th Sept	1000 Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 21st Sept	1000 Community Worship with Baptism (Beau)
Sunday 28th Sept	1000 Community Worship with Communion

Thank you to those who enabled St Anne's to be open daily throughout August

A few words from a member of your ministry team:

Having our three grandchildren (two from Brighton and the youngest from Neston) come to stay all together for weekends and longer in school holidays, is always very special. Being an 'invisible' presence about the house listening to and watching the younger two playing is a real pleasure. Their games creative, imaginative and constantly developing and unfolding as they bring their ideas and experience to the party, is fascinating to observe. Sometimes Gran or Grandad or both are invited to join in the game! More importantly, their friendship is being strengthened as they play together, the already strongly formed bond between them continuing to deepen and grow each time they meet. It occurred to me that this is how it must be for our Father in Heaven, feeling the same joy and pleasure as he watches his children forming and enjoying relationships as we meet socially, come together to worship, as I do when in the presence of my grandchildren as they play and enjoy one another's company during those visits.

God is the 'invisible' presence in our midst as we go about our daily business, present by his Holy Spirit. But how often do we remember this, or consciously invite him into our game as we meet and play together? Jesus commands us to love one another. This means that we are to put aside our differences, come to and receive from the Father as little children, focusing on what we can achieve together in his name as we endeavour to live alongside one another in unity. Challenging? Yes. But when we choose to invite Father, Son and Holy Spirit to join us in each and every situation we can find and experience deep joy flowing in and through us, blessing one another. I think we made a pretty good start on laying the foundation of the Benefice we're moving toward becoming when we met together as one church at the end of September. Let's pray that God enables and helps us to deepen our relationships as we meet and grow in faith going forward together with him and with him at the centre of all we do.

'Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.'
'Now [we] are the body of Christ, and each one of [us] is a part of it.'

Victor

Prayer points:

- ✓ That our worship will be honouring of God, and our outreach effective.
- ✓ Those we are aware of who mourn, are unwell, or in need of healing
- ✓ School members {pupils and staff} as they enter a fresh year
- ✓ 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 returns from sabbatical
- ✓ The seeking of God's appointed person/s for both the Diocesan Bishop of Bristol and the Archbishop of Canterbury.



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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