# **Connecting Faith**

## OCT 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 October and November {Readings are generally taken from the set lectionary below, <u>but may alter</u> according to service or season, at the discretion of the presiding minister/s}

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's

1600 Community Worship in St Anne's

including Harvest and Benefice Worship Leader commissioning.

Bible readings: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 reading: Nehemiah 8:1-18 (also Bible Sunday)

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's

Bible readings: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18, Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Parish Remembrance Service

beginning at St Cyriac's 1015, ending at War memorial

Bible readings: Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's

Bible readings: Malachi 4:1-2a OR 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's

Bible readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Sunday 30th Nov BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST PETER'S LORDS MEAD

We will gather all together at 4pm in St Peter's, for a special service leading us into Advent. This will last for approximately an hour, and immediately followed by a bring and share buffet for all who desire to stay. There will be NO service offered in the morning at any of our 3 churches on 30th Nov. For those who desire to worship earlier in the day as well, then we would encourage you to join Si in supporting our brothers and sisters in St Andrews Chippenham for their patronal service beginning at 1030am. For our buffet on 30th, your ministry team will provide drinks and plates and cutlery, leaving you only needing to bring food suitable for sharing, and of course yourself to enjoy fellowship with each other.

It will be a special time leading us into the season of Advent together, which I look forward to enjoying with you all in.

#### \*Notable date to come\*

Saturday 8th November 0930-1230 in St Peters Church Lords Mead. Benefice Vision Day FOR ALL.

<u>Upcoming Worship Services in St Peter's Church, Lords Mead, Chippenham</u> (in addition to weekly Sunday 9AM Prayer & Wednesday 10AM Community Worship with Communion)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1030 Harvest Community Worship

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1000 Community Worship with Communion

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1000 Community Worship

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1000 Community Worship with Communion

## <u>A few words from a member of your ministry team:</u>

Church is so much more than a newsletter, or a building, or a place and space where occasional events occur including worship. Church is people, it involves community, a way of life, encompassing daily acts of kind and generous service, as well as actively showing love for neighbours and enemies. This is displayed as disciples of Jesus Christ gather (services etc), and as they act together (mission).

We are created from fellowship and community, *for* fellowship and community. God {Father, Son and Spirit} created us in his image to reflect him and his ways. This calls us into relationship with him, and with each other, in his name, and under the banner of his love, as well as into relationship with the world around us {mission}

Being a Christian involves joining in God's work of Kingdom growth and reconciliation as well as actively serving and sharing the message and mission of the church.

God's church is a movement of people, made in his likeness, that display a tangible sign of his grace:
Si

### Prayer points:

- ✓ That our worship will be honouring of God, and our declaring of the name of Jesus courageous and clear.
- ✓ Those we are aware of who mourn, are unwell, or in need of healing
- ✓ Our parish, the homes, the businesses, and the places of work, the National Trust and the many visitors we receive.
- ✓ 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 <a href="mailto:revsidunn@gmail.com">revsidunn@gmail.com</a> 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.

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