



Connecting Faith

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Church news for Lacock and Bowden Hill

a Benefice with St Peter's Chippenham, and the Chippenham Mission Area

Anyone is welcome at our church services and activities.

Worship Services in Lacock Parish during November and December

*{Readings are generally taken from the set lectionary, which is below, **but may alter** according to service or season, at the discretion of the presiding minister/s}*

Sunday 2nd Nov 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's

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

4pm Remembering {All Souls} Service in St Cyriac's

Sunday 9th Nov Parish Remembrance Service beginning at St Cyriac's 1015,
and concluding at the War memorial

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

Sunday 16th 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 23rd Nov 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's

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

Sunday 30th Nov **BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST PETER'S LORDS MEAD IN THE HALL**

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

Sunday 7th December 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's

Bible Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

Sunday 14th December 4pm Christingle Service in St Cyriac's

Bible Readings: TBC

Sunday 21st December 4pm Carols with Candlelight in St Anne's

Bible Readings: TBC

Wed 24th December 4pm Great Big Nativity in St Cyriac's

Bible Readings: TBC

Thurs 25th December 1030 Christmas Worship with Communion in St Cyriac's

Reading: Isaiah 62.6-end; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.[1-7]8-20

Sunday 28th December 1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's

Readings: Jeremiah 31:15-17; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 2: 13-18

Notable date

- ✓ **BENEFICE VISION MORNING FOR ALL. Saturday 8th November** 0930-1230 in St Peters Church Hall, Lords Mead, Chippenham, SN140LL. A chance to hear Si's leadership strategy and to imagine together "how" we will work and be different for 2026-2030.

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 2nd Nov	1000 Community Worship with Communion 4.30pm Remembering Service beginning with coffee from 3.30
Sunday 9th Nov	1000 Remembrance Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 16th Nov	1000 Community Worship
Sunday 23rd Nov	1000 Community Worship with Communion
Sunday 30th Nov	4pm Benefice Service at St Peters

Opening St Annes Church in August was successful. Thank you to all who enabled this to happen. We would like to have the church open more regularly all year. If you would like to offer yourself to enable and facilitate this then please make yourself known

A few words from a member of your ministry team:

The final Sunday in October was Bible Sunday. The day set aside in the church calendar to celebrate the gift of God's word. We have bibles in church of course, but it is also a real joy as leaders if we see people bringing their own bibles to a worship service.

Especially knowing how the Bible changes, transforms and impacts lives.

In Acts 8:31 we find these words '*How can I understand unless someone explains it to me*'. A challenging statement from the Ethiopian eunuch (or curious seeker) and one which we might perhaps dwell on or reflect over:

- Who are/were the ones who explained scripture to us?
- Who were the Philip's and Phillippa's who sat alongside us when we were curious, seeking and didn't understand.
- Let us give thanks to God for those confident believers.

Let us continue to be like the curious seeker, open to learning and being guided by God. And alongside this, we need to also be like the confident believer who was led by the Spirit to come alongside those spiritually seeking.

Jason

Prayer points:

- ✓ Our missional activities and acts of worship.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ God's appointed person for the Diocesan Bishop of Bristol



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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then please ask a member of the church to print one for you.

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