



## 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> December 1000-1015 Open Prayer meeting prior to service**  
**1030 Community Worship in St Cyriac's**

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1600 Christingle Service in St C**

*Bible Readings: TBC {will be communicated in readiness}*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1600 Carols with Candlelight in St A**

*Bible Readings: TBC {will be communicated in readiness}*

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1600 Great Big Nativity in St C**

*Bible Readings: TBC {will be communicated in readiness}*

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1030 Christmas with Communion in St C**

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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1000-1015 Open Prayer meeting prior to service**  
**1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C**

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

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**  
**1030 Community Worship in St C**

*Bible Readings: TBC*

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service  
1000 Community Worship with Communion

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service  
1000 Community Worship with Communion

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service  
1000 Community Worship with Carols  
1800 Carol Service

**Christmas Eve** NO morning service  
1500 Nativity and Christingle Extravaganza

**Christmas Day** 1000 Christmas Community Worship with Communion

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec** 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service  
1000 Community Worship with Communion

We are opening St Anne's daily all year round so we have both buildings open to the public.  
If you would like to offer yourself to enable and facilitate this  
then please make yourself known to FoSA on [fosa@lacockchurches.org.uk](mailto:fosa@lacockchurches.org.uk) for them to organise.  
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

Our Benefice vision morning on the 8<sup>th</sup> November was an excellent time of sharing, encouraging, inspiring, and blue sky thinking. It was also a time to hear once again Si's leadership strategy, not in terms of activities, but in terms of leading people around and within the three churches in the benefice.

A few words from a member of your ministry team:

The real Christmas story is not about glittering lights or wrapped presents, decorated trees or even mince pies and puddings.

It is about God's breathtaking gift of Himself.

In Bethlehem's humble stable, the eternal Word became flesh, entering our world not with power or prestige, but with vulnerability and love. The angels announced peace, shepherds bowed in wonder, and wise men journeyed far to honour the newborn King. This child, Jesus, is Emmanuel—God with us—who came to rescue humanity from sin and restore us to the Father. Christmas reminds us that salvation is not earned but given, freely and graciously. It calls us to humility, to see God's glory revealed in weakness, and to respond with worship and gratitude. As we celebrate, may we look beyond the manger to the cross, where the gift was fulfilled, and to the empty tomb, where hope was secured. Christmas is God's love breaking into history, and into our hearts.

Si

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Prayer points:

- ✓ Our missional activities, acts of worship and social events.
- ✓ 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, including 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.**

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