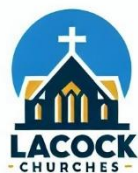


HAPPY NEW YEAR



Connecting Faith

JAN 2026

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 JANUARY

*{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}*

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| Sunday 4th Jan 2026 | 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service |
| <i>Epiphany</i> | 1030 Community Worship in St C |
| <i>Bible Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12</i> | |
| | 1600 Plough Service in St Cyriac's with Young Farmers |
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| Sunday 11th Jan | 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service |
| <i>Baptism of Christ</i> | 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C |
| <i>Bible Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3:13-17</i> | |
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| Sunday 18th Jan | 0830 <i>Said</i> Service in St Anne's based on BCP |
| | 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service |
| | 1030 Community Worship in St C |
| <i>Bible Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7 OR 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42</i> | |
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| Sunday 25th Jan | 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service |
| <i>Conversion of Paul</i> | 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C |
| <i>Bible Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-30</i> | |
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| Sunday 1st Feb | 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service |
| <i>Candlemass</i> | 1030 Community Worship in St C |
| <i>Bible Readings: Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2: 22-40</i> | |

We are also trialing a monthly mid-week *said* service in St Cyriac's based on BCP.

The first of these is on Thursday 22nd Jan at 1030am

Upcoming Worship Services in St Peter's Church, Lords Mead, Chippenham

(in addition to every Wednesday at 10AM for Community Worship with Communion)

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| Sunday 4th Jan | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service |
| | 1000 Community Worship with Communion |
| Sunday 11th Jan | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service |
| | 1000 Community Worship with Communion |
| Sunday 18th Jan | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service |
| | 1000 Community Worship |
| Sunday 25th Jan | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service |
| | 1000 Community Worship with Communion |
| Sunday 1st Feb | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service |
| | 1000 Community Worship with Communion |

Our Benefice Bible Verse for 2026 is:
For the word of God is alive and active
{Hebrews 4:12a}

We are **opening St Anne's daily all year round** for the benefit of all
If you would like to offer yourself to enable and facilitate this then please make
yourself known to FoSA on fosa@lacockchurches.org.uk or to Janet Doel.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

A few words from a member of your ministry team:

Kindness is one of those quiet forces that reshapes the world in ways we rarely notice in the moment. It doesn't demand grand gestures or dramatic declarations; it thrives in the small, deliberate choices we make every day. Holding a door, listening without rushing to respond, offering patience when frustration would be easier — these moments accumulate, creating an atmosphere where people feel seen and valued.

Kindness also has a way of echoing outward. When someone experiences genuine care, they're more likely to pass it on, turning a single act into a chain reaction of goodwill. It's not about perfection or constant selflessness; it's about choosing empathy even when life feels busy or complicated.

True **Kindness** is of course also a spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22).

In a world that often rewards speed and competition, **kindness** slows us down just enough to reconnect with our shared humanity. And that simple shift can make ordinary days feel a little brighter.

Shalom, Si

Prayer points:

- ✓ Our spiritual and worship patterns and our endeavours to reach out and include others.
- ✓ Those we are aware of who mourn, are unwell, or in need of Christ's healing
- ✓ Our parish, the homes, the businesses, and the places of work, including the National Trust, Lackham Campus, 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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