



Connecting Faith

FEB 2026

Church news for Lacock and Bowden Hill
a Benefice with St Peter's Chippenham, and the Chippenham Mission Area

All are welcome at any of our worship services and activities

FEBRUARY services:

*{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 1st FEB **1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

Candlemas **1030 Community Worship in St C**

Bible Readings: Malachi 3:1-5. Hebrews 2:14-18. Luke 2:22-40

Sunday 8th FEB **1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

2nd before Lent **1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C**

Bible Readings: Romans 8:18-25. Matthew 6:25-34

Sunday 15th FEB **0830 Said Service in St Anne's based on BCP**

Sunday before Lent **1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

1030 Community Worship in St C

Bible Readings: Exodus 24:12-18 OR 2 Peter 1:16-21. Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday 22nd FEB **1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

1st Sunday of Lent **1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C**

Bible Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7. Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday 1st MARCH **1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

2nd Sunday of Lent **1030 Community Worship in St C**

Bible Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a. Colossians 3:12-17. John 3:1-17.

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

The 2nd of these is on Thursday 19th FEB 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)

Sunday 1st Feb 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

Sunday 8th Feb 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

Sunday 15th Feb 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship

ASH Wednesday 18th Feb 1000 Community Worship with Communion

Sunday 22nd Feb 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

1800 PRAISE – informal scripture/prayer/song

Sunday 1st Mar 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

Lent lunches in St Cyriac's. All welcome. Do bring a friend
12-2pm Saturdays 21st and 28th Feb and 7th 14th and 21st March

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. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE**

Our Benefice Bible Verse for 2026 is:

“For the word of God is alive and active” {Hebrews 4:12a}

A few words from a member of your ministry team:

We have chosen Hebrews 4:12a (for the word of God is alive and active) as our “verse for the year” for 2026 in our benefice. The full verse of Hebrews 4:12 is:

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword” and is a profound declaration on the nature of Scripture and its impact on the human soul.

Living and Active: Not dead, or static but a living voice from an eternal God. Inviting believers to engage with the Bible daily to allow it to do its "active" work.

Divine Mirror: The Word acts as a mirror, exposing our true spiritual condition and revealing who we are and who we are not.

Sharper than a Two-Edged Sword: The metaphor highlights the Bible's precision. It does not just cut to harm, but cuts to expose, diagnose, and heal the deepest parts of human nature {our hidden motives, fears, and sins}. Because it is two-edged, it cuts in both directions as it convicts us of sin while simultaneously revealing the grace of God. {cutting away what is not of God, to build up what is}.

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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