



# Connecting Faith

MAY 2026

**Church News for Lacock and Bowden Hill**

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

**All are welcome at any of our worship services and activities**

## **MAY SERVICES AROUND THE PARISH:**

*{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 3<sup>rd</sup> May**                      **1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

*Easter 5*

**1030 Community Worship in St C**

*Bible Readings: Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14*

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**                      **1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

*Easter 6*

**1030 Community Worship with ROGATION starting from the School and concluding in St Cyriac's**

*Bible Readings: Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**                      **0830 Said BCP Morning Worship in St Anne's**

*Sun after Ascension*

**1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

**1030 Community Worship in St C with our Church**

**Annual General Church Meeting immediately after.**

*Bible Readings: Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14 and 5:6-11; John 17:1-11*

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**                      **1000 said BCP service in St Cyriac's**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**                      **1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

**PENTECOST**

**1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C**

*Bible Readings: Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**                      **1000 BENEFICE SERVICE in St Peter's Lords Mead**

*Trinity*

**SN14 0LL, with a bring and share meal immediately afterwards (bring some food/drink, come and join in the worship, fun, and fellowship)**

*Bible Readings: Isaiah 40:12-17 and 27-31; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20*

May Services in St Peter's Church, Lords Mead (as well as weekly Wednesday 10am)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**                      0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**                      0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**                      1000 Ascension Day Service

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**                      0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**                      0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

1800 PRAISE – informal gathering with scripture, prayer and song

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**                      0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 BENEFICE SERVICE

**Advance notice that after our community parish worship in St Anne's for St Anne's Day on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, there will be a BBQ and live music. The service on this day will begin at 11am.**

**More information about this and future concerts will be available soon.**

**Our Benefice {Group of Churches}  
Bible Verse for 2026 is:**

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

From Si: **Why have we called our services “Community Worship”?**

✓ *Words used speak volumes.*

The idea behind calling our worship services “community worship” is to enable the communities we reside in and serve to more easily understand that we are open and accessible to them. It is a part of our intentionality to be OUTWARD focused and missional. It is part of our call to the vicinity around us to join us, and join in. We are not a cozy club. We have “COMMUNITY” worship, often labelled

with other words such as “with communion” or “at Easter” to help describe what is included, but that welcomes and includes our wider community. **We offer and encourage and welcome all to worship. To gather as a community, for worship as a community.**

*A few words from Si:*

Two limericks this month for you, one for May and one for Ascension Day (14<sup>th</sup> May)

*The winter has gone from the bay,  
As blossoms break open in May.  
With faith as our guide,  
In Christ we abide,  
And thank Him for blessings today!*

*The disciples all stood in a daze,  
As Jesus ascended through the haze.  
He rose to the sky,  
Saying, "Do not just cry,  
Go spread all my words and my praise!"*

**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.
- ✓ The new developments being built and for the safety of the workers
- ✓ 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 [revisidunn@gmail.com](mailto:revisidunn@gmail.com) and he will assist or direct you.*

***Interested in Baptism and/or Confirmation? Do speak with Si, Jason or Stella***

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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