



Connecting Faith

JULY 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

JULY 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}*

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| Sunday 5th JULY
<i>TRINITY 5</i> | 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service
1030 Community Worship in St C
<i>Bible Readings: Genesis 24: 34-38; 42-49; 58-end. Rom 7:15-25a. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end</i> |
| Sunday 12th July
<i>TRINITY 6</i> | 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service
1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C
<i>Bible Readings: Genesis 25:19-34. Romans 8:1-11. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i> |
| Sunday 19th July
<i>Trinity 7</i> | 0830 Said BCP Morning Worship in St Anne's
1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service
1030 Community Worship in St C
<i>Bible Readings: Genesis 28:10-19a. Romans 8:12-25. Matthew 13:24-30.36-43</i> |
| Thursday 23th July | 1030 said BCP service in St Cyriac's |
| Sunday 26th July
<i>TRINITY 8</i> | 1015-1030 Open prayer meeting prior to service
1100 Patronal Service in St Anne's with BBQ
<i>Bible Readings: Genesis 29:15-28. Romans 8:26-39. Matthew 13:31-33, 44-45.</i> |
| Sunday 2nd AUGUST
<i>TRINITY 9</i> | 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service
1030 Community Worship in St C
NEW 8 WEEK SERIES: "AUTHENTICITY" USING 1 THESSALONIANS
<i>Bible Readings: Psalm 51 and Matthew 14:13-21</i> |

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

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| Sunday 5th July | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service
1000 Community Worship with Communion |
| Sunday 12th July | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service
1000 Community Worship with Communion |
| Sunday 19th July | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service
1000 Community Worship
1600 Diocesan Confirmation Service |
| Sunday 26th July | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service
1000 Community Worship with Communion
1800 PRAISE – informal gathering with scripture, prayer and song |
| Sunday 2nd August | 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service
1000 Community Worship with Communion |

Sunday 19th July see Si and Jason offering a Q&A time for questions or experiences you may wish to ask or share around our forward trajectory for both worship and outward mission. These will take place in St Cyriac's after the morning service.

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

Why call 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.**

After our community parish worship in St Anne’s on Sunday 26th July, there will be a BBQ and live music. The service on this day will begin at 11am.

A few words from Si:

Christian grace is the unmerited favour and unconditional love of God extended to humanity. Rooted in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, grace cannot be earned through human effort, perfection, or good works. Instead, it is a completely free divine gift given to the undeserving.

Grace acts in two profound ways: It justifies believers by entirely forgiving their sins and offering eternal salvation. It sanctifies them by providing the daily spiritual strength needed to overcome trials, resist temptation, and live a holy life.

Ultimately, it transforms human hearts, compelling Christians to extend that same forgiveness and mercy to others.

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
- ✓ Confirmation service on Sunday 19th July 4pm, being held at St Peter’s Lords Mead in Chippenham.



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.

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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