



Connecting Faith

SEPTEMBER 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

SPETEMBER 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}*

Our 8-week AUTHENTICITY series has some additional notes to support further reflection. These are attached to this newsletter as a separate PDF document.

Sunday 6th September 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service

***Authentic Hope* 1030 Community Worship with BAPTISM in St C**

Bible Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 and Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday 13th Sept 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service

***Authentic Community* 1030 Community Worship in St C**

Bible Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 and Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday 20th Sept 0830 *Said* BCP Worship with Communion in St Anne's

***Authenticity for today* 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service**

1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C

Bible Readings: Psalm 51 and Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday 24th Sept 1030 *said* BCP service in St Cyriac's

Sunday 27th Sept 1000-1015 Open prayer meeting prior to service

***17th after Trinity* 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St C**

Bible Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 and Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday 4th October 1015-1030 Open prayer meeting prior to service

***18th after Trinity* 1030 Community Worship with HARVEST in St C**

Bible Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9 and Matthew 21:33-end

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

Sunday 6th Sept 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

Sunday 13th Sept 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

Sunday 20th Sept 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship

Sunday 27th Sept 0900-0930 open prayer meeting before the service

1000 Community Worship with Communion

1800 PRAISE – informal gathering with scripture, prayer and song

Sunday 4th October 1030 Community Worship with HARVEST

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. All ages. All abilities.

**And we gather as a community, for worship as a community
that includes something for everyone all the time.**

Why adjust, alter and develop our worship to include all abilities?

It is not just because we desire and need to make new and younger connections. **True worship knows no boundaries, exclusions, or prerequisites of physical or mental capacity.** When we embrace all-ability worship, we mirror the heart of God, who invites every unique soul to draw near.

It is a profound recognition that perfection is never the ticket to His throne; breath is.

The Body of Christ

Every member brings a distinct gift.

Silence, motion, sound, and stillness blend together.

Limitations vanish under grace.

A Unified Voice

When the diverse community joins hands, worship becomes whole. We lay down our earthly expectations and judgments. We celebrate that God is magnified through every single person, exactly as they are created.

His glory shines brightest when the entire human family sings as one.

Prayer points:

- ✓ Our parish, the homes, the businesses, and the places of work, including the National Trust, Lackham Campus, Whitehall Garden Centre and the many visitors we receive.
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Those exploring leadership in church life
- ✓ The new developments being built and for the safety of the workers and the peace and joy of those already moving in
- ✓ God’s appointed person for the Diocesan Bishop of Bristol



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