**St. Peter’s Church, Chippenham**

**with St. Cyriac’s, Lacock and St. Anne’s, Bowden Hill.**

**Part of the Chippenham Mission Area**

Notices 14th Sept. 2025.

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**A few words from your Ministry Team:**

I associate September with change, especially that of the seasons and of schools and colleges starting their new year. Churches inevitably go through seasons and changes - for better or for worse. The question is, which changes should we accept and which should we resist? We’ll differ in our answers to that! We certainly need God’s wisdom to know the difference. Let’s resist change that denies the true nature and character of God.

“I am the Lord, and I do not change …” Malachi‬. And may we accept change that brings us closer to Him.

“So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” 2 Corinthians‬

As the saying goes, “Change is here to stay.” *David.*

**Services and Readings at St. Peter’s** The Church will continue to be accessible, and Services will continue as below, and see the item “Peter Window” overleaf.

**Sun 14th Sept: 10am Community Worship with Holy Communion for Holy Cross Sunday**

Numbers 21, v 4-9; Philippians 2, v 6-11; John 3, v 13-17.

 **3pm LIGHT Service**

**Wed 17th Sept 10am Community Worship with Holy Communion**

1 Timothy 3, v 14-end; Luke 7, v 31-35.

**Sun 21st Sept: 10am Morning Worship.** Proverb 3, v13-18; 2 Corinth 4, v1-6; Matthew 9, v9-13.

**Wed 24th Sept: 10am Community Worship with Holy Communion**

Ezra 9, v 5-9; Luke 9, v 1-6.

**Services in Lacock : Sun 14th Sept 1030 Community Worship with Holy Communion in St. Cyriac’s.**

 **Sun 21st Sept 1030 Community Worship in St. Cyriac’s.**

 **Sun 28th Sept 1030 Community Worship with Holy Communion in St. Cyriac’s**

**Our Pastoral Care**  Team continue to work quietly in the background and is ready to provide  a listening ear, a home or hospital visit for a friendly chat, help with transport to medical appointments or home communion. Ring our team leader Daphne on 653212, or Alison on 07516007977, or Angela on 653400, and one of us will respond.

In our prayers we pray for those who are ill: Bev Webb, Barbara Sheppard, Sue Moring, Diana Bishop, Nancy Harmer, Ken Hind, Evelyn Crossman, Joan Chapman, Steph Ziomek, Jean Robertson and Kath Howlett. Baby Evy continues to do very well. We pray for all who care for the sick and housebound, in hospital and at home, and those who are being looked after in nursing homes and residential care. We pray for those unknown to us who have no one else to pray for them: we do not know their names, but they are known and precious to God. We pray for those anxiously awaiting the results of hospital tests. We pray for the families of the recently bereaved.

**Peter Window** The organ is now protected against dust , and the scaffolding has been erected**.** Services will continue during the work – Sundays will be squeezed into the rest of the Church area, and Wednesdays will use the Meeting Room. That’s the current proposals!

**Anonymous donation.** We are truly grateful for the recent generous donation. If the donor is a taxpayer and would be willing to Gift Aid it, please contact Ivan. Thanks again.

**Ride & Stride T**his year’s Ride and Stride is on **Sat 13th** Sept. The congregation at St Peter's is asked to sponsor the walkers. Others are also encouraged to take part and visit as many churches as possible; by getting sponsorship, each one will support St. Peter’s as well as the Historic Churches of Wiltshire (50:50). Thanks to those helping to host the visitors from 9am onwards – there is a list on the N/Board.

**Local Walk** Our other local monthly walk is on Tue 16th .  Details: please contact John on 01249 247652.

**Ladies Guild** next meets on Thursday 18th Sept with Bernard Purrier on the Roman Baths & Rituals,

**Macmillan Coffee** after Church Wed 24 & Sun 28. About 11am. Bring friends to join in.

**Harvest** –Date for Harvest Service is 5th October.

**Messy Church** With positive relationships between the church and the school continuing to grow, we feel that now is the time to re-launch **Messy Church!**  Of course, something like this is best started with a launch event, and so we will begin with a **Messy Experience Day**during October half term. Whether you have worked with children and families before or not, if you know anything about Messy Church or not, all are welcome (and encouraged) to join the team to help make this happen. The event will run on the morning of **Thursday 30th October,**but help will also be required both before and afterwards. You could be a part of the **planning team, help out on a craft table, lead worship, or serve tea and toast** - wherever your skills lie, we need plenty of hands on deck!

If you are interested, have any questions, or just want to chat about all things Messy Church, then please get in touch with Lucy (Mission Area Children and Youth) - lucybridgewood97@gmail.com ; 07930 966 127'

**Concert** In St. Anne’s, Bowden Hill: The Band of Pilgrims present an Evening Concert at 7.30pm. (Bar from 6.30). Suggested donation of £10 to the Church Restoration fund and Band.

**Sunday 19th  October** in the Nave at St. Peter’s 4-5pm “**tea, toast and testimony**”, a time of singing and prayer with drinks and toast. Followed by an hour of adult bible study from 5-6pm.

Come, and invite others you know to the t, t & t (and the study as well if appropriate).

**Mondays 6th  October & 3rd  November** 1pm-2pm FREE lunch in the Nave for anyone and all, followed by 2.30-3.30 **outreach and interaction** with the preschool and school. Come, and Invite others!

**Benefice Vision day Sat 8th November** 0930 – 1230 St. Peter’s Lords Mead. There is an opportunity to add thoughts and notes in advance of this by pinning them to the appropriate blue notice board in the Narthex. Please write your thoughts (anonymously) concerning what you would like to see happen at our Church Benefice (includes Lacock) on a piece of paper, and pin it to the Notice Board.

**St Andrew's** in town are holding their fayre in their church on Saturday **11th October** from 10am. One of the stalls will be a Mission Area stall that promotes each church's activities, including ours of course. Si is helping with this, but it would be lovely to have one or two other congregation members assisting him. Let Si know if you are willing to help operate this stall, even for half an hour. Thank you.

**More future dates:** ***2025***Rocking around the tree and small Christmas fair on **SAT 6th Dec from 5pm**

A time of song and prose/poems etc as usual but the addition of a couple of simple and fun stalls to encourage new people in to join us. We can also invite the Lacock congregation to this.

***2026***May Fair for **Sat 9th May.** Patronal BBQ on **Sunday 28th June**

**Word search**. How many words of three letters or more can you make from **CHANGES** ?

Target is 20 words in 20 minutes; *(ref: Words from the Ministry Team, above).*

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