**St. Peter’s Church, Chippenham**

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

**Part of the Chippenham Mission Area**

Notices 12th Oct. 2025.

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

*“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:18

I would like to think that I am a grateful sort of person. However, sometimes I find myself in circumstances which lead me to grumble or worry. That’s when this verse feels like a tall order. But it doesn’t have to feel like that! We’re instructed to give thanks IN all circumstances, not FOR all circumstances. One way to do that is by remembering things to be thankful for. Let’s have a go:

Our forgiveness through Jesus, our peace from the Holy Spirit, our family, our friends, God’s presence in our community worship, our needs met, previous answers to prayer - and much more. Our circumstances may not change straight away, but our faith will grow as will the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

*“I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips*.” Psalms 34:1

*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 12th October: 10am Community Worship with Holy Communion.**

Jeremiah 29, v 1,4-7; 2 Timothy 2, v 8-15; Luke 17, v 11-19.

 **3pm LIGHT Service**

**Wed 15th October: 10am Community Worship with Holy Communion.**

Romans 2, v 1-11; Luke 11, v 42-46

**Sun 19th October: 10am Community Worship**

Jeremiah 31, v 27-34; /OR/ 2Timothy 3v14 to 4v5; Luke 18, v 1-8.

 **4pm Prayers & Praise** “Tea, Toast & Testimony”

 **5pm Adult Bible Study**

**Wed 22nd October: 10am Community Worship with Holy Communion**

Romans 6, v 12-18; Psalm 124; Luke 12, v 39-48.

 **Services in Lacock:**

 **Sun 12th Oct 1030 Community Worship with Communion in St. Cyriac’s**

 **1600 Community Worship in St. Anne’s, including Harvest and Benefice Worship Leader commissioning**

 **Sun 19th Oct 1030 Community Worship in St. Cyriac’s with Stella.**

**Sunday 30th Nov,** as a 5th Sunday, sees our next Benefice Worship Service together,  this time at St Peters Lords Mead, and at 3pm. We will gather all together at 3pm in St Peter's, for a special service leading us into Advent. This will last for approximately an hour, and immediately followed by a bring and share buffet for all who desire to stay.
There will be NO service offered in the morning at any of our 3 churches on 30th Nov.

For those who desire to worship earlier in the day as well, then we would encourage you to join Si in supporting our brothers and sisters in St Andrews Chippenham for their patronal service beginning at 1030am.
For our buffet on 30th, your ministry team will provide drinks and plates and cutlery, leaving you only needing to bring food suitable for sharing, and of course yourself to enjoy fellowship with each other.

It will be a special time leading us into the season of Advent together, which I look forward to enjoying with you all in.

**Remembering Service**-2nd November 4.30pm (preceded by tea at 3.30pm). If you would like to attend there are letters of invitation available in the Narthex.

**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.

**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, 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, Margaret Rice, Steph Ziomek, and Michelle. 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, especially of Kath Howlett and of Jean Robertson who died on Friday 19th Sept after a very short stay in Dorothy House. The funeral will be at Semington Crematorium on Tuesday 14th October at 11am.

The family of Kath Howlett would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended Kath’s service last week. Sue and Lynne are deeply grateful that Kath’s final visit to St Peter’s was filled with joy and love — a true celebration of her life, just as they had hoped. Your presence, support, and shared memories meant the world to them.

**Peter Window** The organ is now protected against dust, and the scaffolding has been erected**.** And I heard the sound of hammers today! 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.

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

**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, Si is helping with this, let Si know if you are willing to help operate this stall, even for half an hour. Thank you.

**Concert 18th October** at St. Paul’s hall, 7 for 7.30pm. by ‘Steeple Rocks and Steeple Belles’.

**Local Walk** Our next walk is on 21st Oct, meeting at Chippenham bus station at 9.30am to catch the 33 bus to Calne.  A quick coffee before our 4 mile walk to Cherhill following national cycle route.  Then we catch the number 42 bus to Calne and a number 55 bus back to The Pewsham for lunch.  After our meal we catch a 55 bus to the bus station.  This is a reasonably level walk, but it will be important to reach the bus stop in Cherhill by 12.50pm for the number 42 bus (the next one is at 2.43pm).  As usual let me know if you are coming so lunch can be booked.

**Messy Church**  Don’t forget the Messy Church Experience Day on the morning of **Thursday 30th October. H**elp will 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** -  lucybridgewood97@gmail.com ; 07930 966 127'

**School co-operation** 'With the end of this school term beginning to beckon, we as a Mission Area really want to bless the schools and teachers within Chippenham - with cake! If you are able to bake something for either the 20th, 21st, or 22nd October, would like to help with deliveries on those dates, want to write a thank you card - or all of the above - then please get in touch with Lucy at lucybridgewood97@gmail.com / 07930 966 127'

**Blue Service Books** We are running short of these ….. an amnesty has been declared!

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

Target is 30 words in 20 minutes; *(ref: Words from the Ministry Team, above).*

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