



St. Peter's Church, Chippenham
with St. Cyriac's, Lacock and St. Anne's, Bowden Hill.
Part of the Chippenham Mission Area

Notices 2nd Nov. 2025.

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A few words from your Ministry Team:

It was wonderful to worship together for Bible Sunday. The day set aside in the church calendar to celebrate the gift of God's word. To see so many Bibles in the room was a real joy! Especially knowing how the Bible changes, transforms and impacts lives.

We were left with the challenging statement from the Ethiopian eunuch (or curious seeker) in Acts 8:31 'How can I understand unless someone explains it to me'. I've found myself reflecting on this increasingly this week.

My encouragement is for us all to reflect on this passage and consider:

- Who are/were the ones who explained scripture to us? The Philip's and Phillippa's who sat alongside us when we were curious, seeking and didn't understand. Give thanks to God for those confident believers.

Let's continue to be like the curious seeker, open to learning and guided by God.

Alongside this, we need to also be like the confident believer who was led by the Spirit to come alongside those spiritually seeking. Jason.

Services and Readings at St. Peter's:

Sun 2nd Nov: 10am Community Worship with Holy Communion for All Saints Day

Daniel 7, v1-3,15-18; Ephesians 1, v 11-23; Luke 6, v 20-31.

4.30pm Remembering Service preceded by tea at 3.30pm (see overleaf).

Wed 5th Nov: 10am Community Worship with Holy Communion.

Romans 13, v 8-10; Luke 14, v 25-33.

Sun 9th Nov: 10am Remembrance Day.

Job 19, v 23-27A; 2 Thessalonians 2, v 1-5, 13-17; Luke 20, v 27-38.

3pm LIGHT Service

Services in Lacock

Sun 2nd Nov 1030

Community Worship in St. Cyriac's

Sun 9th Nov 1015

parish Remembrance Service, beginning at St. Cyriac's and ending at the War Memorial.

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, and one of us will respond.

In our prayers we pray for those who are ill: Bev Webb, Sue Moring, Diana Bishop, Nancy Harmer, Margaret Rice, Steph Ziomek, Bernard Rowles 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 recently bereaved, especially the families of Kath Howlett and of Jean Robertson.

Remembering Service-2nd November 4.30pm (preceded by tea at 3.30pm). This is in memory of personal loved ones from the past.

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

Food Box This Christmas, on behalf of St Peter's, we would like to give each family who benefits from Foodbox a gift bag of non-food items as a blessing from the church congregation. Caroline has made some suggestions and there is a list on the box in the Narthex where donated items can be dropped off. Foodbox volunteers will sort out the items and make up the bags. Gifts will need to be donated by the end of November. If you can donate one or more Christmas gift bags as well it would be appreciated. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity. Lynne and Si.

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. Remember to pass on to your ministry team {or use the paper provided in the narthex}, any thoughts you have in preparation for our morning on 8th Nov. For clarity, this is a time for us to hear from Si about his leadership strategy, and to consider "how" we will "be" for the next season (2026-2030 and beyond) as we follow God's leading us into a positive and exciting future.

Remembrance Day 9th Nov Si is also collating a list of names of those dear to us {family or close friend} who have died as a direct result of war, either as service personnel or civilians. Please email or whatsapp names, regiments (if applicable) etc to Si or write them on a piece of paper and hand to or leave in the vestry for Si. Message from Si, "I would like to use them for our Remembrance service"

Thursday Fellowship Lunch Club The next one is at 12.30pm on 13 November. Please bring along to the November lunch club any further payments for the Christmas lunch at the golf club in December. This is on Thursday 11 December at 1pm. Any questions phone Cheryl on 660972.

Sunday 30th Nov, as a 5th Sunday, sees our next **Benefice Worship Service** together, this time at St Peters Lords Mead. 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 in the morning at any of our 3 churches.

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 at 1030am.

For our buffet on that day, 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, which I look forward to enjoying with you all.

Rocking Around the Christmas Tree and Mini Fayre Saturday December 6th from 4pm - 6pm .

Including adult's and children's tombola, children's craft activities, water or wine and books. Refreshments to include hotdogs, mince pies and drinks. Any donations would be most welcome.

CONFIRMATION Advance notice that there will be a confirmation service held in St Peters Church on Sunday 19th July 2026 at 4pm. If you are not confirmed, receive a blessing at communion, would like to know more, or even know now you would like to be confirmed, then please speak to Si, Lynne or Jason.

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

Target is 50 words in 45 minutes; (ref: Today's "a few words from your Ministry Team").

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