

Greenways Benefice – Part of the Chippenham Mission Area

St Paul's, Chippenham, St Peter's, Langley Burrell & St Nicholas, Hardenhuish

“Loving God • Loving Others”

Weekly News – 11 May 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday 11 May

Psalm 23 & John 10.22-30

St Paul's and online 10.00am Worship

St Peter's No Service

St Nicholas 4pm Holy Communion

Next Sunday 18 May

Psalm 148 & John 13.31-35

St Paul's and online 10.00am Worship

St Peter's 10.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas 4pm Afternoon Worship



Our monthly Youth Worship Service for the Churches of Chippenham is this **Sunday 11 May** 6.30-8.30pm in St Paul's church. It includes worship led by our youth band, a guest speaker, fun & games and food.

Please pray that we are able to be joined by the youth of other Churches and that they are inspired to live more for Christ.

Upcoming Fortnight of Generosity Sunday 1 June – Sunday 15 June!

We are starting a teaching series on Generosity and as part of this we want to celebrate the different gifts and opportunities that God has given each of us. Please think of different ways you may enjoy contributing to the church and our local community. In order to practice generosity in our benefice we will have a series of opportunities coming up during the first two weeks in June such as churchyard tidy, car wash, shared meals, a CAP community event, a church giving day and so on. More details to follow, so watch this space!

A SUMMER BASH

Fun, Singing, Refreshments & Raffle
for a church loo !!

Saturday 21st June 2025

St. Paul's Church, Chippenham 7:30 pm



**The Prophecy
(Youth Band)**

**Bob Jones
(Guest)**



Tickets: £10 (Under 16's FREE)

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Mission Area Output from Meetings

Michael, Benji and Si committed to leading, offering and facilitating the first corporate gatherings we have had for the Chippenham Mission Area. Thank you for coming along to 1, 2 or even all 3 meetings, and engaging. Together with Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday and the incoming Youth and Children's Worker for the town this summer, we have some momentum.

Linked to this notice sheet email:

- 2024.06 Pic of the MA prayer. (which came from Deanery Synod members)
- 2025.01.08 pictures of the outcome of the warden gathering under the headings of dreams and what we can do now
- 2025.01.22 notes (taken by Ste C) of the PCC gathering together with 3 résumé slides of the sharing that were also displayed in last week's gathering PPT.
- Under the dates of 2025.05.01; Slides used on the evening; PDF of the meetings notes; Map used for prayer walking encouragement; and 2 pics from Greenways with 1 from St Andrew's and 1 from St Peter's of their responses to 'what makes us us', and 'what do we have to offer' as well as a separate pdf entitled 'vision sharing write up' from Rosy.
- PDF of the application pack for the incoming Youth and Children's worker to which they were interviewed and appointed. They will be line managed by Si Dunn and supervised on the ground by Jason Lee.

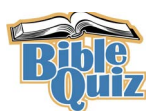
Watch this space for next steps and opportunities coming real soon.

An addendum for clarification. There is no paid mission area lead role. The lead incumbent is one of the town incumbents in addition to their parish responsibilities. The Deanery Leadership Team (lay and clergy) acts as the Mission Area Leadership Team, to whom the lead incumbent reports.

Prayer Points

1 Cor 15 v 13-15 says: "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" With this in mind, give thanks to God, who watches over us and provides for us in so many different ways. In your prayers it would also be good to thank God for those who encourage you in your fellowship through the church, and for those you can encourage.

- Please pray for all the volunteers and different ministries they support throughout the benefice, that they will be blessed as they give out, and will see God at work.
- DCC and PCC AGMs - pray for those who help make difficult decisions and ensure the smooth running of the churches, and particularly those who who have joined as new members this year.
- Pray for the planning of the Alpha Course at Station Hill Baptist in September, and pray that God would highlight those who we could invite.
- Pray for those who were baptised at our Easter service – they would know God's protection as they made this public step to declare their faith, and for a deeper filling of the Holy Spirit.
- Greenways Vacancy - Pray wisdom and encouragement for those involved in the recruitment process, and that God will be preparing the right minister to lead our benefice forward in the future.
- Pray for Bristol Diocese, the different outreach and development activities that occur in the many churches, and for those preparing to select the next bishop of Bristol.



Did you enjoy last month's "All About Easter" crossword on the St Paul's website?

This month we have another for you to engage with, slightly different, in that the word you need is in a bible verse or passage, so you need to get your bible's out for this one and go hunting! If you want a previous month's answers or to do it again you will find a link to each month's challenge on the quiz page [here](#). Enjoy!

Dates for your Diary

FGB Dinner Tue 20 May 7pm, Chippenham Town Hall

Generosity Fortnight for all to engage with, 1st-15th June. See article on this news sheet.

Concert for new loo, Sat 21 Jun 7.30, St Paul's church

FGB Dinner

Tuesday 20 May at 7pm in Chippenham Town Hall.

Peter Sutherland will tell how God changed his life on a business flight to London. Peter will also share how God healed him physically and emotionally.

Please give your menu choices (roast chicken or roast vegetable tart and creme tart or cheese, biscuits and grapes) to Keith by Friday **16 May** on 07824 341150 or keitholiver72@btinternet.com

Signclusion

British Sign Language Level 1

These BSL courses are relaxed, friendly and fun. The tutor has many years of experience in delivering BSL courses and Deaf Awareness training. Course starts **Thursday 11 September**, 7pm-9pm and runs for 32 weeks, term time only, in St Paul's Church Hall. Please book by **10 July**. Contact Michelle Raperport-Smyth (BSL Tutor) Signclusion@outlook.com.

Volunteer at Malmesbury Lifepath

Lifepath is a Scripture Union event run in partnership with Malmesbury Abbey. Up to 200 year 5 children a day will be looking at the life of Jesus, Eilmer's story, architecture, calligraphy, stained glass windows, the Abbey kitchen, medicines and more. If you can help **Sun 15 – Wed 18 June** contact Helen Venn at helen.venn@malmesburyabbey.com. More info is [here](#).

We are in a period of interregnum

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