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Church & Community News

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## Please Share Your Views

It is time to update the Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan and we need your thoughts and comments.

**This will be a shared plan**, created by the community, with legal weight to guide the development of our village. It helps us to nurture our environment, choose where we want new development, and have our say in its design.

### What issues should our new plan influence?

- ⇒ Conserving local character and heritage
- ⇒ Where housing development goes
- ⇒ Protecting views and green spaces
- ⇒ Sustainable high quality design
- ⇒ Enhancing local biodiversity
- ⇒ Promoting the local economy
- ⇒ Flood management
- ⇒ Safe and healthy travel
- ⇒ And more.....tell us your priorities

**We will be consulting with you** throughout the new Plan process. It kicks off with our March 1<sup>st</sup> drop-in event and a month of listening to what you love about Market Lavington and your concerns, hopes and ideas for its future in the next 10-20 years, to help set the agenda for our new plan.



**We understand that building homes within our parish is a big issue.** A strong Neighbourhood Plan is our best way to get the right houses, in the right places, to benefit the whole village.



Alongside these homes, our plan will help to improve and protect our village, to make it resilient for the challenges of the future, and to enhance all those things that make it a pleasant place to live.



Some sites have been put forward for potential development. They will be independently assessed for their suitability and reduced to a short-list. Before any conclusions are reached, there will be further public consultation in the Summer.



For now, we need to hear from as many people as possible so that this can be a genuine Community Vision. Please come along on March 1<sup>st</sup> or fill out one of the **surveys** that will be available on paper or online - just follow the QR code overleaf and share this with your family and friends.

**Join the Facebook group, subscribe to the newsletter or visit the website for updates.**  
Thank you for your support - *the MLNP2 Working Group*

## Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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More information can be found on our website [www.lavingtonchurch.org](http://www.lavingtonchurch.org)

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## Now who doesn't like a good wedding?

It's really quite something when your son phones you up and says, "Mum, will you marry us?"

It's probably every vicar's dream: To marry their child with a wonderful partner and invite God into their marriage. A marriage that we would be praying would reflect His love, His generosity and His Joy. And, after all, if God is love then who else to ask to be part of their loving relationship!

This wedding was to be slightly different though. My son's fiancée is Greek and the daughter of a Greek Orthodox priest. So not only was I able to marry my son, her father was able to do a blessing of wedding crowns – a Greek orthodox tradition - and say some Greek prayers.

It was also different because the couple wanted the dog they love passionately, Olive, to be part of the ceremony. So, she was bought a new attachment to her collar that had a neat little pocket to hold the rings. The plan was that she would run down the nave at the appropriate time and deliver them to the Best Man who would then take them out and give them to me. High excitement – and it worked.

And then there is the beauty of the service that is highlighted by wonderful organ playing, delightful choir singing and bells joyfully ringing. All enhancing the special day that two people, who love each other, become legally married.

Every service is so unique to each couple. It is such a privilege to help them find material that reflects their own characters, hopes and dreams. And, wonderful to hear the different poems, pop songs, love songs, choral music, readings and bible reading that they have chosen. And I get to put my own stamp on it to by choosing blessings that I think are especially appropriate. Blessings and messages that tell them to be silly at times, be attentive to each other, and urge them not to work so hard that they forget to play together. Blessings that remind them that God will be with them throughout their married lives - being there for them to turn to in the tough times as well as in the most joyful times.

So, if you are thinking of inviting God into your marriage please do contact the church office – we'd love to book you in!

Rev'd Caroline Spindlow

Associate Priest

## **Ebenezer Baptist Church**

### **Talking about Generation Z**

The Times has published an in-depth survey of the attitudes and opinions of 'Generation Z'. That's people born between 1997 and 2013. From what I can work out, I'm 'Generation X'. But unlike the song by The Who, we're not talking about my generation. The survey produced some troubling results. Apparently, 48% of Gen Zers think that Britain is a racist society. Only 11% would fight for King and country.

There is a lack of trust in our institutions such as the police and NHS.

The reasons why only 41% of twentysomethings are proud to be British are discussed in the paper. Kemi Badenoch blames lefty teachers for promoting a negative view of our history and achievements. Columnist Hugo Rifkind identifies difficult economic circumstances as the key problem, "Give them better lives, today and in the future, and their pride will follow."

Interestingly, the younger generation seems to be more attuned to the spiritual side of life. According to The Times, "62 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds identified as either 'very' or 'fairly' spiritual." Only 13% professed to be atheists, opposed to 25% of Gen Xers, who were born between 1965 and 1980. The New Atheist movement associated with Richard Dawkins is evidently petering out. One of their key advocates, Ayaan Hirsi Ali recently renounced her unbelief and now calls herself a Christian.

It seems that the secular vision of a world in which we can find meaning and satisfaction without God is failing on its own terms. Covid-19 lockdowns stalled economic growth. Rising house prices mean it's hard for young people to get on the property ladder. Social media has messed with their heads, as avid users compare their humdrum lives with the glamorous world of TikTok influencers. As one Gen Zeder quoted in The Times reflects, "I think once they hit that place of, 'I have tried and I am still not good enough,' that's when people are turning to Christianity."

In his great work, Confessions, Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) charts his journey towards God. As a young man he tried all that the world had to offer to satisfy the deepest longings of his soul, but to no avail. He later confessed, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." But how may our wayward hearts find rest in God? It's certainly not a matter of being good enough. God deals with us on the basis of grace. He sent his Son, the Lord Jesus to die on the cross so that we may be forgiven by faith in him. Jesus now says to all generations of people, "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Guy Davies [www.pbc-ebc.org.uk](http://www.pbc-ebc.org.uk)

You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm. On the 4th Sunday of the month we have 'Time for Tea +', a traditional Sunday tea, followed by a short service.

The ashes of **Andrea Margaret TAYLOR** of Tavistock were buried at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington, in the grave of her mother Jennifer BELL, on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**Joy Denise HAINES** of Calne, who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 aged 67 years. A service was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington, followed by burial in the churchyard in the grave of her parents Denis Hubert and Gladys Edna HAINES.

**Catherine Jill INGRAM** of Market Lavington, who died on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024, aged 83 years. Her service and burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 was led by Rev Sandra Meadows.

**Emma UPTON** of Market Lavington died on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024, aged 52 years.

A funeral service was held at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

The ashes of **Noreen JONES** were buried at All Saints' Church West Lavington on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Her parents, William and Norah GOURLAY ran the Old Horse and Jockey Public House on the High Street at one time.

**Benefice 200 Club February Draw**

The winner of the February draw was Pauline Jenkinson.

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket or paid online again this year.

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[bonnie\\_matters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk)

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to be followed by refreshments.

All are very welcome.



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**9th MARCH - *United Church Service***

*Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham*

**16th MARCH - *Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion***

*Led by Rev.d Gary Gotham*

**23rd MARCH - *United Church Service***

*Led by Joe Vakacokaival*

**30th MARCH - *United Sector Service & 'Mothering Sunday'***

*Led by Rev.d Gary Gotham*

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Take along clothing, which must be in good condition, that you'd like to swap. Get a token for each item you take and use it to swap.

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## **St Barnabas Primary School**

We are extremely proud of our St Barnabas Primary School citizens who are simply brilliant in every way! This term we have been busy planning school trips: SS Great Britain and We The Curious -information to follow soon! We will also have our KS2 Times Table Challenge and our whole school Spelling Bee next term.

### **Sarum Class**

Sarum Class have been busy learning number facts and ten frames in Maths. They've conducted a science experiment on how water freezes, been bird watching and building dens in Forest School and becoming explorers just like Shackleton. The children in Sarum have also been learning about the Lunar New Year.

### **Silbury Class**

Silbury Class had a lovely start to the term, they explored the outside environment in the cold and wintery conditions, where they become scientists and talked about ice and water. In Maths they have been developing their addition and subtraction skills along with learning more about 2D and 3D shapes. They created their own Chinese lanterns as well as Chinese dragon and lion masks, whilst hearing about how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. The children in Silbury have been exploring Science and Arts by investigating trees on the school grounds and describing them using scientific languages.

Silbury are looking forward to a class trip to SS Great Britain next term.

### **Savernake Class**

The children in Savernake launched a new topic in their literacy class all about Rhodopis: the Egyptian Cinderella, where they enjoyed dressing up as the characters, exploring the text and creating a story map. They were challenged by creating letters and shapes using only code in their ICT unit. In History they have been learning about the Anglo Saxons and in Art the children have been exploring Still Life. We are proud that our children in Savernake continue to be the quickest TT Rockstars School in our local area for multiplications. Additionally, the children of Savernake celebrated the Chinese New Year by creating wonderful presentations. Lastly, we are happy to report that the children have been focusing on their handwriting, learning greetings in French and working extra hard in their music lessons.

### **Stonehenge Class**

Stonehenge class had a great start to the term kicking off a new art unit where they learnt how to draw a portrait. They spent time developing their understanding of electrical circuits and designing their own security devices. They've been enjoying learning about the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China as part of their History topic and building dens and making bird houses in Forest School. Finally, I am delighted to report they enjoyed a couple of table tennis sessions at Dauntsey's School.

We ended the term with a group of children completing a wonderful performance in the Dauntsey's Dance Show, where they rose to the challenge alongside a number of other local schools. They thoroughly enjoyed participating and making new friends; we couldn't be prouder.

## A new Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared — which is why we need your ideas and comments. Please complete the survey!

On 1 March, we held our first drop-in session at the Community Hall. In the past week, a survey has been launched through the Neighbourhood Plan website – asking for your thoughts and ideas. **You can connect through the QR code on this page.**

We've also been delivering paper copies to every household in the Parish, so we can be sure **everyone** can make their views heard.

This will be a shared plan, created by the community, with legal weight to guide the development of our village over the next decade and more. It helps us to nurture our environment, choose where we want new development, and have our say in its design.

Please take a few minutes to complete and return the survey. Every comment will be read and will form part of the evidence to underpin the final document – that in turn will be put to a referendum next year. **Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please leave a comment on the 'Get in Touch' page on the website or send an email – details below.**

If you missed the drop-in session on 1 March, we're running more drop-in sessions during the rest of the month at the Old School in Church Street, linked to when the Library is open. Please do come along on any of these dates.

**Wednesday 5 and 12 March** : 2:00pm — 5:00pm

**Friday 7 and 28 March** : 10:00am — 2:00pm

**Saturday 8, 15 and 29 March** : 10:00am — 12 noon.

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## Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2

Understanding how you feel about Market Lavington is central to the process of preparing a new Neighbourhood Plan.

What do you think is good about living in Market Lavington? What needs to be fixed? If we're having more housing, what type of housing do we need? Should we do more to address climate change and biodiversity? How would you like to see the village evolve in the next 10-15 years?

We hope you will become involved by completing the survey and helping deliver a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects local need.





### **Dauntsey Dance Show**

A huge congratulations to our DAPS dance team that took part in the Dauntsey Dance Show at the end of term. They danced to a medley of ABBA music including Mamma Mia, Dancing Queen and Waterloo. More than 20 of our dancers performed on stage in front of a huge crowd who were clapping along. It was a big stage and they filled it with not only their brilliant routine but also their huge smiles! They performed alongside 13 local schools from the surrounding area. Their performance was wonderful and I know they did themselves, their parents and our school proud. Well done to you all, it was fantastic to watch.

### **DAPS day at Devizes Town Football Club**

During February, DAPS were invited to Devizes Town Football Club as special guests! The children were invited to be team mascots and escorted the team onto the pitch at the start of the match, before enjoying a half-time feast! After the match, the children announced the Man of the Match and they got to run the post-match interview of the Team Manager too. Such an amazing day for all the children involved and warm thanks to all at Devizes Town FC for making our children feel so welcome and special.

### **The Secret Garden production**

This month we will be inviting the M&M theatre group back to school for a magical production of The Secret Garden. Live theatre is a wonderful experience for our children and they thoroughly enjoy it when the travelling theatre group visit.

They have joined us in school for several years now and it is always a highlight of our Spring Calendar so we are looking forward to enjoying this year's performance.

### **Book week**

As we welcome the children back into school after their half term break, and hopefully welcome Spring too, we also launch straight into book week, one of my favourite weeks of the school calendar. The children will be dressing up as a character from their favourite book as well as bringing that book in to read with their class. We have a book swap box outside each classroom so the children can swap a books and we have a visiting book fair where the children can browse lots of authors they might not have discovered yet. We also have a bedtime story evening where the children come into school in their PJ's and onesies with their teddies for a bedtime story with their teachers. A perfect way to celebrate our love of reading here at DAPS!

### **Visit DAPS**

As we approach the time of year where primary school places are offered to the little ones starting school in September, we are keen to invite anyone new to the Lavington area or who have put DAPS down as either a first or second primary school choice to come and visit us. I am so proud of what our children achieve at DAPS and I would love to show you around our wonderful school and grounds. Please just give us a call on 01380 813373 and we would be delighted to show you around at a time convenient to you.

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Information for candidates	Key election dates
Publication of the Notice of Election	11 March 2025
Nominations open (nominations can be delivered to County Hall between the hours of 10am and 4pm on working days)	12 March 2025 - 10am
Nominations close	2 April 2025 - 4pm
Deadline to register to vote	11 April 2025

Nomination form for election to a Parish Council

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-01/Nomination%20pack%20PARISH.docx>

**Your Parish Council Needs You! – March 5th**

The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils has organised this special online event for anyone interested in standing for their local Town or Parish Council in the May 2025 elections.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role of the Councillor, the way a Parish Council meeting works, which services a Parish Council can influence and how the Parish Precept is raised and spent, then this is the session for you!

This event is for anyone interested in standing for election in May. To receive the joining instructions, please email, Ian Nockolds the Local County Advisor at [inockolds@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:inockolds@communityfirst.org.uk).

Whether you think that your Parish Councillors are the best thing since sliced bread but need more help, or you think that they are self-serving people out of touch with the parish and should be replaced, or more likely you haven't thought about your councillors. This is your chance to stand for election.

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Our next lecture on Wednesday 5 March features the life and work of Edouard Manet. Now regarded as one of the greatest painters of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century his works shocked and appalled the public at the time. Often viewed as the father of impressionism, Manet never exhibited with them.

This lecture will help us to better understand his importance as a bridge to the modern world.

For details of the full lecture programme go to:

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We then moved our topic onto wildlife and woodland animals. The children investigated different footprints, matching them to the small world animals and going out onto the school field to see if we could find animal prints in the mud. Using playdough and the twigs that they collected, the children created their own hedgehogs. We also spoke about which animals we thought were nocturnal and why.

We had lots of fun celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Snake. We were visited by Miss Julie's husband with their pet corn snake. The children asked lots of fantastic questions and went on to use their scissor skills to cut out and make their own snakes. We had the opportunity to try some traditional Chinese foods including a favourite – fortune cookies. The children also made their own fortune cookies with their own fortunes inside.

We finished our term with a tea party on Valentines Day when we invited our grandparents to join us in the afternoon for sandwiches and cakes. The children loved having their families visit them in the setting and this was a wonderful finish to such a busy term. We are looking forward to the start of Spring in Term 4.

We currently have spaces for 2-year-olds and 3-4 year olds. If you have any queries, please either call us on 01380 812551 or send an email to [lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com) or [managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com).

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If you have a photograph of the crowds at the Easterton Country Fête, Remembrance Service, Curry Lunch or the Litter Pickers in action from a previous year which might be included in the Village Report, please can you email it to [eastertonbkv@aol.com](mailto:eastertonbkv@aol.com)

Thank you to all volunteers - The Easterton BKV Team



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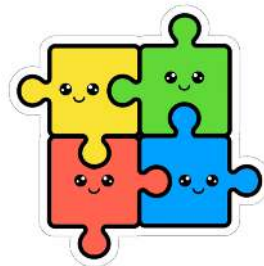
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This Order will come into operation on **10 March 2025** and the closure will be required between the hours of 19:00 and 23:59 until 21 March 2025. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

## Jigsaw Puzzle Swap at The Wharf

Are you into jigsaw puzzles? There's a Jigsaw Puzzle Swap, on Friday the 7th of March, from 10am to 12 noon, at The Kennet and Avon Canal Museum at The Wharf. If you've finished that one, and now need a new challenge, this is the place to go.



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It has been almost four years since I was elected to serve as your local councillor. Now that all the nonsense about mayors and combined authorities has been put to bed (for now at least!), Wiltshire will go to the polls on Thursday 1st May. This will be your chance to have your say as to who you want to represent you for the next four years. I am even more passionate about fighting for The Lavingtons than I was in 2021 and so I have decided that I will stand for election again.

In the next few weeks we will enter the pre-election period where everyone, from the Council to news outlets, must ensure that communications are non-political. This then is the last opportunity for me to talk about some of the things we have achieved together as a community of residents with shared experiences, frustrations and objectives.

In my role as Vice-Chairman of the Devizes Area Board, I have awarded grants of more than £50,000 for local community projects across The Lavingtons. This investment has supported West Lavington Youth Club, Worton & Cheverell Football Club, Broadwell Play Area, Market Lavington and West Lavington Halls, and youth outreach work across the area.

You will know from my periodic updates here and on social media that I have delivered on my 2021 election promise to you concerning Black Dog Crossroads. My persistence resulted in the closure of the dangerous spur road and the addition of extra warning signs. The big win, of course, is the installation of traffic lights, which will begin in the next few months. My work with Black Dog is not done though! Next in my sights is a reduction in the speed limit on the A360 to 40mph through the junction; I believe I can deliver this for you in the next two years.

I've worked hard with the parish councils and Community Speed Watch groups to challenge the Chief Constable to increase police presence across The Lavingtons to combat speeding in our villages and we have seen increased patrols as a result. Road safety is incredibly important to me and I continue to champion improvements, including Market Lavington, West Lavington and Great Cheverell High Streets, Kings Road in Easterton and Spin Hill and Parsonage Lane.

I want to keep supporting you for another four years, not only with road safety and community projects, but also in Planning. I have spoken at numerous Planning committees to win refusals for contentious developments that threatened our communities. I remain on-hand to assist our parish councils (and you as a resident) with any Planning related issues we face.

The villages that make up The Lavingtons are very special and we have achieved so much in the last four years. I have plans for further improvements, in particular the surface of the B3098 through Market Lavington and Easterton, the crossing on Lavington Lane, HGV traffic through Great Cheverell and the strengthening of our Neighbourhood Plans.

**You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to [dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk) or by phone on 07585 394 178.**



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**MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> TO JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

### **Charity Quiz Night at The Pelican Inn**

From 7.30pm on Friday the 21st of March, The Pelican Inn, here in The Market Place, presents a Charity Quiz Night and Raffle in aid of Red Nose Day. It costs £2 per person to enter the quiz, and there'll be prizes for the winners.

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Now is the time to step up and give an hour or so a week to help deter dangerous driving in our village.

Market Lavington Community Speedwatch Team is calling for more volunteers to help educate inconsiderate drivers.

Full online training is provided and you'll be joining a friendly group of villagers who are concerned about this local problem.

To express your initial interest please email:  
clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

After which the Team Leader will be in touch to go through in more detail what is involved. Thank you we look forward to hearing from you.

**ROAD CLOSURE**

B3098 (Part), West Lavington and Market Lavington; from the new housing estate to part way up the hill to The Spring.

To enable: D.R Groundworks to carry out new pedestrian traffic light crossing, resurfacing and lining works.

Alternative route: via B3098 (unaffected length) – C20 – A360 – B3098 (unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on 31 March 2025 and the closure will be required between the hours of 19:00 and 01:00 for 4 nights. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions

## Blazin' Fiddles

Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon. 8 March 2025

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## A Spike of Green by Barbara Baker

When I went out the sun was hot  
It shone upon my flower pot.

And there I saw a spike of green  
That no one else had ever seen!

On other days the things I see  
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## Rights of Way Working Group

We hope that some of you have noticed the work that is being carried out on footpaths and bridleways recently. We're making the most of these winter months by cutting back hedges and overgrown areas to the fence line where possible, having liaised with adjoining landowners. This has two benefits. We're very aware that some stretches are extremely muddy and so by widening the path it's now possible to walk on grass. We're considering options to address this problem. We're also working with the Parish Council's footpath contractor as clearer footpaths make it easier for him to maintain them.

Together, we have cleared the following:

MLAV2 from Canada Woods towards the "Dauntsey crossroads" with MLAV's 7 & 8

MLAV6 from Spin Hill/Ledge Hill down past Wick Farm to the Dauntsey drive.

MLAV26 from White St towards West Lavington

MLAV27 from White St up to The Ridgeway

Over the coming weeks, signs numbering the paths will be going up to identify them. If you notice a problem, please report via the MyWilts app and notify the Parish Council on [clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) , both with details and photos.

Thank you.

Our Public Rights of Way network is a pleasurable way for people to enjoy the beautiful views and rich biodiversity of our village. The landscapes around Market Lavington are influenced by the underlying geology, soils and landforms which impact the flora and fauna, and the ecosystems they create. In Market Lavington we have rights of way that pass over grassland, through woodland and alongside globally significant chalk streams. The farmed landscape provides habitat and food for wildlife along the hedgerows, field margins and in the field corners, small copses and dew ponds. The hollow ways / sunken paths evolved by the cumulative effect of thousands of years of people and animals moving along them, contain unique and complex communities of plants, fungi, insects and other microorganisms. There's such a wealth of things to see along the way at all times of the year, both near and far. Jayne Taylor

## **Village Spring Clean**

The Youth Council are organising a spring clean on Saturday 29th March, meeting 2pm at Broadwell as they'd like to get that area clean and tidy before the schools Easter holiday.

It also coincides with The Great British Spring Clean fortnight.

They would like to extend that to a litter pick in the heart of the village if enough people come along, so if you'd like to join them they'd really appreciate your time. Litter pickers, black sacs and some high viz jackets are available, but please wear your own if you have one, and we advise you to wear gloves.

If you'd like to offer your time or want further information, please contact [j.taylor@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:j.taylor@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **Lent Begins**

Shrove Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Service at St John's Devizes

Study Group through Lent

11<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday evenings at 46 High Street, West Lavington

Fruits of the Spirit by Hazel Offner

Everyone Welcome.



## Church Services in March

2 <sup>nd</sup> March Next before Lent		9 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 1	16 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 2	23 <sup>rd</sup> March Lent 3	30 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday
	9.00 am	Breakfast Church West Lavington			
	9.30 am			Praise and Worship West Lavington	
	10.00 am		Welcome to Worship, Great Cheverell		
Benefice Communion (BCP)  Little Cheverell	10.30 am	United Service with Trinity Market Lavington Community Hall	Benefice Communion  St Barnabas Church, Easterton	United Service with Trinity Market Lavington Community Hall	Mothering Sunday, Great Cheverell  United Mothering Sunday Service, Market Lavington Community Hall
	11.00 am	Simple Celebration Great Cheverell		Morning Prayer, Great Cheverell	
	4pm				Mothering Sunday Service, West Lavington

### Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00am Sunday and 11am Wednesday Mass

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4.30pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

10.30 am Trinity Church in the Community Hall, Market Lavington



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Food included – there will be a paying bar and raffle.

*Save the date!*

Friday 25 April  
7.30 pm



Tickets £8.00

Get your tickets in advance from St Arbucks (Market Lavington) or Devizes books, or pay on the door. To reserve them in advance, please email [admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk)

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