

Market Lavington & Easterton Church & Community News

The bells will ring

Market Lavington Remembers

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Saturday
May 10th
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Activities
at the museum



8th May
Join the choir
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in the Community Hall
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and watch Dad's Army 7pm
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In the Community Hall
Free entry

May 2025



Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2

“Neighbourhood plans can identify and allocate sites for new development including housing, employment, business use, leisure and other forms of development.

They can also protect and safeguard land for future uses such as open space.”

Locality guidance on NP.

Moving to the heart of the Plan ...

During March and April, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been hearing from individuals across the Parish about their ambitions and concerns for the future of Market Lavington. The response to the public consultation is a core element in the work being done over the months ahead. Thank you to everyone who responded.

THE NEXT STAGES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NOW UNDER WAY.

1. Independent specialists AECOM – funded by charity Locality – are conducting a detailed **analysis of housing needs** in the village. The analysis will provide key data and guidance to support our eventual proposals for new housing.
2. AECOM are also starting their detailed **assessment of land to meet the number of new homes** needed to fulfil Local Plan requirements. The focus is on whether a plot of land is “developable *and* deliverable”. Most sites being assessed have been put forward by landowners following the call for sites at the end of last year.

Others have been identified through Wiltshire Council’s own strategic programme. Both these pieces of work will continue through the summer. AECOM’s draft conclusions are expected to be delivered to the Steering Group in July. Once the Steering Group is satisfied and AECOM have delivered their final draft, the Steering Group will prepare recommendations to be put to a second major consultation with the Parish. This will likely be in early autumn (to be confirmed).

3. The third piece of work to be pursued through the summer is the **gathering of a wide body of evidence** by Neighbourhood Plan work groups that will support the policies and other essential material needed for the new Plan.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO HELP, HAVE IDEAS, CONCERNS OR COMMENTS – you can always get in touch via the website marketlavingtonNP2.org.uk. Or you can drop a note via the Parish Clerk at Market Lavington Parish Council, The Old School, Church Street, Market Lavington SN10 4DT.

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

St Mary's & St. Barnabas Church (Anglican)

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Easterton

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More information can be found on our website www.lavingtonchurch.org

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May Reflection

St. Peter was originally named Simon, and was a member of a group of Galilean fishermen some of whom were called to the faith by Jesus. Simon was a powerful and extrovert character, and Jesus gave him the name 'Peter' meaning 'rock', saying symbolically "on this rock I will build my church". A defining moment for Peter, and identifying him as a cornerstone of the early Christian movement.

As leader of the disciples, he witnessed many of the key moments of Jesus's ministry, including the transfiguration and the agony of Gethsemane. Peter is best known for his deep, though sometimes faltering faith – he famously denied knowing Jesus three times in Gethsemane – during events leading up to the crucifixion. Peter was also impetuous but, despite the odd human weakness, he demonstrated an extraordinarily deep faith.

After the resurrection, he was forgiven and restored by Jesus who instructed him to "feed my sheep", importantly commissioning him as leader of the early church. In doing so, Peter preached boldly and travelled widely performing healings and conversions, and helped to establish the church in Jerusalem and beyond. His travels ended with his martyrdom in Rome, where he was arrested, condemned to death by Emperor Nero, and crucified.

Our church of St. Peter's, Great Cheverell, reflects his legacy of faith and perseverance, and serves as a place of worship and community. His story of doubt, redemption and ultimate deep devotion resonates with all Christians making him a fitting Patron for this place of faith and worship.

We shall be celebrating St. Peter with a Flower Festival over the weekend of 28th/29th June, as well as a Teddy Bear Zip Wire Event on the Saturday and a Patronal service at 10.30am on the Sunday.

All are welcome.

Benefice 200 Club April Draw

The winner of the April draw of the Benefice 200 Club is another resident of Easterton, Peter Parmee.

Congratulations Peter.

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Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

18th MAY - *Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion*
Led by Rev'd Gary Gotham

25th MAY - *United Rogation Service @ St. Barnabas Church Easterton*
(Local Arrangement)

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The Times newspaper recently published an in-depth survey of the attitudes and opinions of 'Generation Z', people born between 1997 and 2013. Interestingly, the younger generation seems to be more attuned to the spiritual side of life. According to The Times, "62 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds identified as either 'very' or 'fairly' spiritual."

Allied to this is a new interest in the Bible among Gen Zers. Publishers report that between 2019-24 there was an 87 per cent increase in Bible sales. People are evidently searching for something that will make sense of their lives and give them hope.

So, what's the Bible all about? First and foremost it's a book about God. According to the Good Book, he's a God of sovereign purpose, boundless love, awesome power and spotless purity. The one true and living God eternally exists in three glorious Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches that human beings are made in the image of God. But sin has ruined our relationship with God. We are made for him and nothing less than knowing God can satisfy the human heart. The Son of God, Jesus Christ became man in order to die on the cross that we might be put right with God.

But Jesus did not stay dead. God raised him from the grave and exalted him to heaven. In Jesus Christ, God offers us a relationship with himself that is real and satisfying by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that one day we will all have to give an account to God for the way we have lived our lives. Jesus died in our place so that we might not be condemned but have everlasting life.

According to Guinness World Records, the best-selling book of all time is the Christian Bible. The Holy Scriptures have something to say to people of all generations. Why not give it a read yourself? A wide variety of English translations are available for free on BibleGateway.com, or you can get a hard copy in most bookshops. The Gospel According to John in the New Testament would be a good place to start. Attending a church where the Bible is explained and applied will also help you get to grips with the message of God's Word.

Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

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Many thanks
Adrian, Caro and The BKV Team

Secret Gardens 2025 (£10 per head)

On Sunday 25 May 2025, 13:00-17:00, The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral hold their 9th annual Secret Gardens of the Close. This wonderful event is the highlight of our calendar and is immensely popular with Friends and visitors alike.

This year, 11 property owners within the Close will open their gates to visitors to explore their beautiful private gardens against the setting of our wonderful Cathedral.

Tea and cake will be available in the Bishop's garden at South Canonry, with an exhibition of botanical art in the Medieval Hall, with artwork for sale. The entry fee is £10 per person (under 16s free), payable on the day at the tent on Choristers' Green. Early bird booking will be available for Friends' members.

All are welcome.

Summer Sudans Fete (£2 Adults, Children free)

In aid of the Salisbury Sudan Medical Link join Bishop Stephen and Carol in the annual Summer Sudans Fete, in South Canonry on 15 June, 14:00-17:00.

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Sudan and South Sudan Partnership – A time of crisis

We have been fortunate to celebrate a peaceful Easter in our land, we find Sudan and South Sudan in probably the most desperate state in more than 25 years of our half century of partnership. This Spring marks the second anniversary of the conflict in Sudan, and the BBC has reported that fighting between the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) has claimed more than 150,000 lives. The UN calls it the world's largest humanitarian crisis in which some 12 million people have been forced to flee their homes, creating new crises particularly in neighbouring Chad and South Sudan.

As the conflict intensified, Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo, his family and staff were forced to flee and with other supporters we helped him re-establish the Episcopal Church HQ in Port Sudan on the Red Sea coast. More recently the SAF has recaptured most of Khartoum including the symbolically important Presidential Palace. The RSF is now concentrated in El-Fasher in the Darfur region in the north and west of Sudan. It has been responsible for the most appalling atrocities yet denies it is ethnic cleansing but "tribal conflict". Efforts are being considered for the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate. The UK Government's recent decision to reduce the Overseas Development Aid budget is very disappointing.

In South Sudan, violence has returned too. Many people worry that Juba may be consumed by violence again, most recently triggered by President Salvar Kiir arresting the First Vice-President Riek Machar. The South Sudan Council of Churches has been urging all parties to seek peace and not conflict. "Faith before tribe" should be the guiding principle but that is easily said but much harder to practice. How do we do that ourselves?

Our partnership with the Sudans is founded on prayer and fellowship so please continue to hold the people of the Sudans in your prayers.

One way in which you can offer practical help is by supporting the Sudan Medical Link Fete, held in my garden on Sunday 15th June at 2pm. All are welcome as we raise much needed funds for medical aid for families in South Sudan.

+Stephen, Bishop of Salisbury



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From celebrating World Book Day & Comic Relief to preparing our Year 6 students for the next stage in their academic journey, here at St Barnabas we have had a very busy & exciting term!

Here are some of this term's highlights...

Sarum Class have had a great time learning about our Wonderful World. The children have been learning about maps whilst creating their own. They enjoyed looking for signs of spring during a spring walk and looking after tadpoles in their pond. They explored the book 'Ten ways to help our world' which helped them understand many ways they can also help our wider world for the future. They learned what it means to 're-cycle' and talked about ways they could do better at school.

Silbury visited SS Great Britain as part of their History topic. Discovering interesting facts about Brunel and his achievements, attending a workshop and re-enacting the launch party of the ship, whilst dressed in character from that period. Additionally, they've enjoyed Forest School every week, where they explored our Forest School and the areas within it, helped clean up the garden, used their tree climbing skills and have begun to make their own bee homes.

Savernake were visited by an archaeologist who demonstrated the type of items that may have been discovered during digs over the historical timeline. The children have been working hard on their DT project creating Moving Monsters, which move through pneumatics.

Stonehenge - from winning a top-team trophy at a netball tournament to enjoying a visit from the author of The Becket List, our Stonehenge students have had a great term. Year 6 have been developing their reasoning skills and have been exploring how to solve problems involving statistics and geometry. Year 5 have been developing their knowledge and understanding of shape and measure. We hope you join us in wishing our Year 6 pupils the best of luck in their upcoming SATS (they have studying very hard)!

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"John Singer Sargent: The Private Radical" given by Gavin Plumley

Please be in your seats for 10:45 am.

Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon.

Coffee is available beforehand

John Singer Sargent – who died a hundred years ago, in 1925 – was high society's leading portraitist. His luxurious canvases mirrored his subjects' wealth. Yet beneath the high fashions and dazzling veneer of works such as Madame X, lurks a much rawer world. Sargent scandalised Parisian society with his frank depictions of human sexuality.

This talk charts the artist's life and his prolific output.

Gavin Plumley is a writer and broadcaster who appears on BBC Radio 3 and 4, and contributes to newspapers, magazines and opera and concert programmes worldwide.

Why not come to this lecture as a guest?- £8.

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Rhyme Time

Rhyme Time is held on the first and third Fridays of the month at Market Lavington Library, which is in the Old School, and runs from 10:15 to 10:45. It's for babies through to pre-school children,

but if you're child doesn't have a library card it's not a problem - just bring along some ID and we can issue a card immediately.

The dates for May are 2nd and 16th, and we very much look forward to seeing you.



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Market Lavington Youth Council

The Youth Council had a very productive afternoon at the end of March clearing the weeds from around the stream and the silt build up under the bridge at Broadwell. A litter pick around the village was carried out also. The Youth Council were helped by some volunteers from the village which was very much appreciated (as were the cakes!). Thank you. Broadwell is a much used and loved part of our village, and it was wonderful to see it spruced up ready for the spring and summer. We will next be meeting at the beginning of May, the date of which will be posted on various Facebook pages. If you have a young person in your family aged 10 to 16 years that would be interested to find out more about the Youth Council, please contact

clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Rights of Way Working Group

We have been busy putting up signs on our network of footpaths and bridleways to indicate the RoW number eg MLAV24, MLAV6 etc, though there

are a few more to be ordered and added. The purpose is twofold.

One is to enable you to identify the path you're walking. The network of Rights of Way can be found at wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com which shows all the footpaths, bridleways and byways in Wiltshire and you can zoom in on our village to identify them and plan your route.

Secondly, if you encounter a problem or have a question about a Right of Way, we would like to hear from you so that we can help. Most issues can be resolved by our team, but if not, we can forward it onto the appropriate people.

We will be working closely with the footpath contractor during the summer months to support him in keeping our paths free of nettles and brambles.

We have a growing team of volunteers, and if you'd like to join us, please let us know by writing to

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JUNE

1	WALK Potterne : Geology, Landscape & Building Materials	£10
	TALK Luxury in Wood : Stewart Linford – Expert craftsman	FREE
	TALK Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock : Space, Science & Beyond	£25/£22
2	Have a go! Writing Workshop – Got a story to tell?	£10
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**Look out for more information
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May 3	8.33pm
May 10	8.44pm
May 17	8.55pm
May 24	9.05pm
May 31	9.13pm

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Planning Applications

Market Lavington No new applications

Easterton

PL/2025/02852 The Old Stables, Eastcott, SN10 4PH. Removal of the existing conservatory and construction of single-storey rear extension

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Those readers who bought the Royal Mail's special Wildlife stamp issue will recognise how much of nature is around us and in our own gardens to enjoy, as we wrote in the August 2024 column. Now is the time that nestlings are becoming fledglings and are at their most vulnerable to predators, especially from corvids, grey squirrels, raptors and our own domestic moggies. So please do all you can to ensure that nestlings and fledglings are protected, the latter until they have learned to fly. Please remember to keep your feeding stations and bird baths scrupulously clean because there is still avian flu about. Also, as reported in earlier years be aware, especially if you are a bee keeper, that Asian hornets are now more prevalent. Let us ensure our own habitats are safe for nurturing nature. The Princess of Wales told scouts of the healing benefits of Nature on a visit to the Lake District in mid April, describing how she had found a very spiritual and very intense reconnection with nature.

Otis Tarda

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Tickets are available to purchase
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By the time you read this the results of the elections will be known.

There were no Parish Elections because fewer people stood than there were vacancies. This means that each council, after choosing a chairperson, will be able to co-opt additional members to their councils.

To be able to stand for co-optation at a parish council election **you must be** at least 18 years old AND be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights.

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You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the previous 12 months.

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/resource/co-opting-for-democracy.html>

In **Easterton** there were 5 nominations for 7 seats so there are two seats open for co-option.

Contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk if you are interested in joining the Parish Council.

In **Market Lavington** there were 6 nominations for 13 seats so there are seven seats open for co-option.

Contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk if you are interested in joining the Parish Council.

Church Services in May

4 th May Easter 3		11 th May Easter 4	18 th May Easter 5	25 th May Easter 6 Rogation	1 st June Easter 7
	9am	9am Breakfast Church West Lavington			
	9.30 am			Praise and Worship West Lavington	
	10.00 am		Welcome to Worship, Great Cheverell		
Benefice Communion West Lavington	10.30 am	United Service with Trinity St. Barnabas Church Easterton	Benefice Communion St. Peter's Little Cheverell	United Service with Trinity St Barnabas Church, Easterton	Benefice Communion West Lavington
	11.00 am	Simple Celebration Great Cheverell		Rogation Service Great Cheverell BBQ	

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