

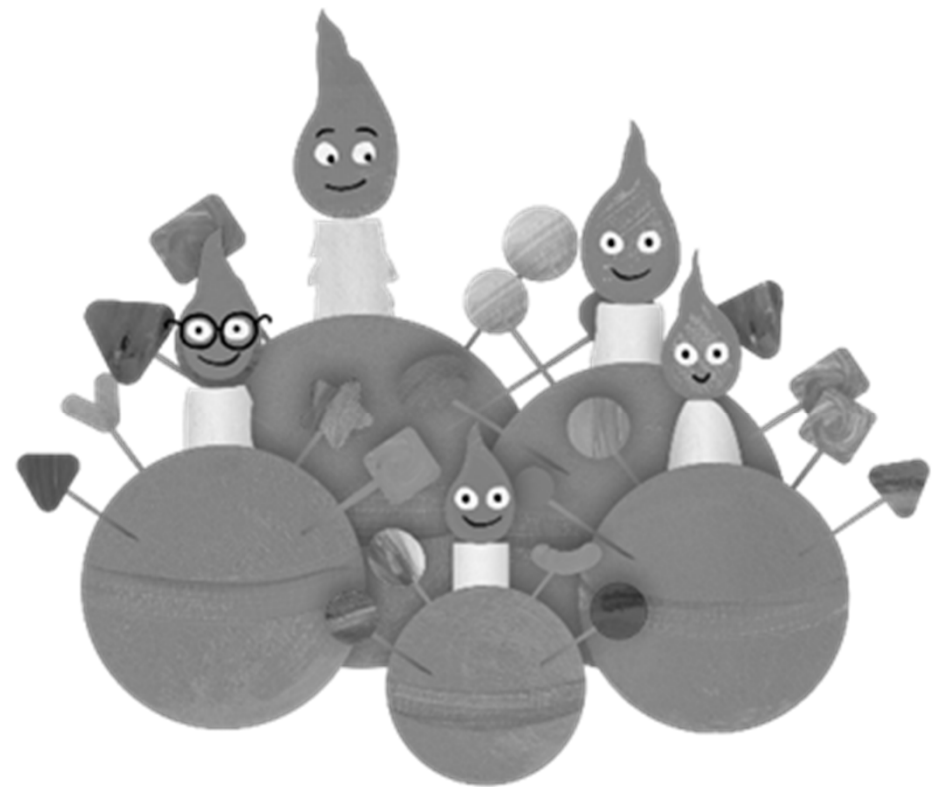


Lavington Lane – Sandfield (Dauntsey Academy Primary School), Footpath Works

The Parish Council has been notified that due to Health and Safety reasons the developers of the Lavington Lane site will be shortly fencing off all unlawful accesses of the site – from houses along the western boundary (Eastfield) and the entrance to the site by Sandfield Road and the north east corner (Cornbury Mill) to prevent children and the general public crossing the site.

Instead, they will fence the public footpath along the southern boundary so children walking to school can use that to link up to the bridleway which exits by Cornbury Mill and still get to the schools. The map attached shows the legal right of way around the field which will be fenced to ensure safe passage for those using the WLAV13 and WLAV29 footpaths to access Sandfield/DAPS from the Market Lavington direction.

Market Lavington & Easterton Church & Community News



Christingle Services

Wednesday 22nd 4pm, St. Barnabas Church, Easterton
Christmas Eve 4pm, St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington
Christmas Eve 4pm, St. Peter's Great Cheverell

December 2021

Since the **Speed Indicator Device** (SID) has been installed on Spin Hill the average speed of cars has dropped, particularly the number of drivers travelling at over 40mph. Though there are still occasional riders passing at over 60mph. This isn't someone trying to get a high score on the display because they travel at these speeds when they are approaching the side where the display does not show their speed. At the December meeting of the parish council there will be a vote on buying a camera that will photograph the number plates of these higher speed drivers.

The Monday Club

Do you have Monday afternoons free? Come check out the Monday Club.

The club is a social gathering of local friendly people living in Market Lavington and surrounding villages. We meet on the first and third Monday(s) of the month (excluding Jan & Aug). Usually at Market Lavington Community Hall; 2:15 - 3:45pm. You are most welcome to come along. Perhaps hear a speaker, discover a new place, be creative, play and have fun. Afternoon Tea is served at about 3pm for a small fee of £2.50 and conclude with a raffle (2 strips for 50p - small prizes).

November was full of fun with Christmas decoration making and a session of bingo. December dates are:- 6th - Christmas Carols 20th - Christmas (fully booked). These are our last hook ups for 2021, so wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are still needing helpers, to make and serve Afternoon tea, or courier members to and from the meet up. Please give us a call if you can help. Thanks. Jo Perkins 07936278533

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The office is now open twice a week,
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Reflection December 2021

Hello everyone,

As I write this, the sun is shining, there is a wind but it's not too strong and the leaves are drifting down from the trees. It is a beautiful autumn day.

The last month of autumn gives us time to think. We have said goodbye to those that have gone before us, we have honoured them with our services of All Souls and Remembrance. And now it's time to turn and look towards Christmas and another year.

It is a time to ask ourselves what have we learnt from the past year? What has given us strength, and what has left us drained and worried. There is so much strength in this island of ours, in our memories, in the land and in the thoughts and actions of those from long past, our inherited history. Each and every one of us can draw on those strengths. Each and every one of us is responsible for his or her future. What will we do with the life that is left to us? How will we use the time we have now with the knowledge we have gained to understand what is important and what will we take forward into a new year, especially after Cop 26.

The one thing that we can hold onto is love. Love that we have for one another, love that we have for our families and friends, love that we have for our planet, that which sustains all life.

I know that I care. I know that I love. I know that I live. To make my life meaningful this coming Christmas, I will find joy, to honour the past. I will cherish those around me for love of family and friends. And, as I celebrate the birth of Christ, I will look to celebrate as one people of one world, under heaven.

From our churches across the benefice, we invite you to celebrate with us in word and song this Christmas.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
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Rector

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Many thanks
Barbara Galloway



We began this column a year ago in anticipation of COP26 which finally took place last month in Glasgow - its overall goal: to chart a path to keep global warming limited to 1.5C and avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

On the positive side, the deal now reached contains some of the strongest measures seen in the past 30 years of climate talks.

Polluting nations agreed they hadn't done enough to cut emissions, and said they'd do more over the next year. Leaders from more than 100 countries, representing 85% of the world's forests, promised to stop deforestation by 2030. A scheme to cut 30% of current methane emissions by 2030 was agreed by more than 100 countries. Rich nations agreed to double the amount of cash they'll offer to vulnerable countries. For the first time fossil fuels were mentioned in a COP agreement. More than 40 countries, including some major coal-users, agreed to shift away from coal. Disappointingly, however, the pledges made did not go far enough to limit temperature rise to 1.5C. A commitment to phase out coal included in earlier negotiation drafts led to a last minute row after India and China pushed for a crucial change, and countries dramatically agreed to "phase down" rather than "phase out" coal.

Closer to home, we'd love to know whether you have used any of the tips we've suggested over the past year, or maybe you have your own that you'd like to share? Our radical suggestion for December: reduce Christmas card waste. It is estimated that over a billion Christmas cards are sent each year in the UK. The majority of these will then be thrown away, creating huge environmental waste. You can reduce this waste by encouraging friends and family not to send you cards. If you belong to a club or a group, don't send a card to everyone in the group. Agree to post one card to the whole group on a noticeboard or on your group's facebook page. Money saved could be donated to your favourite charity. Try upcycling any cards received by making your own cards and gift tags for next year. If you do have to get rid of your old cards make sure you recycle them whenever possible.

If there are topics you'd like covered in the New Year, please get in touch.
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Also, a huge thanks for the cards, flowers and support shown to me and a big thank you to Brenda Godwin, a friend and dog walker for Eric.



As you can see from this photo, even in the 1940s Eric was looking out for his little Sis, and carried on doing so until the end. To me, my Big Bro was "simply the best".

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I am very pleased to say that, thanks to very generous
 donations, the collection raised a total of £306.28 for the
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Ben Bannister



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Hopefully. The pandemic has certainly reminded us that our best laid plans may be disrupted. We are only human after all. None of us knows what challenges the future may bring. But the first Christmas happened exactly according to plan.

According to the Bible that plan was revealed almost as soon as the first human beings had sinned against God by defying his command. The Lord promised that a deliverer would come to break the power of sin and death. The fulfilment of that promise is the golden thread that runs through the Bible's story.

God promised Abraham that one of his descendants would bring the blessings of salvation to all peoples. The Lord told King David that from his royal family line would come a king who would bring hope to the world. Then, in the fulness of time God sent his Son the Lord Jesus. He came as one of us, born of Mary. His birthplace was Bethlehem, the City of David. Just as the ancient prophets foretold.

All went exactly according to plan. As Jesus grew up he knew that God's plan meant he was going to have to lay down his life and then rise from the dead to break the power of sin and death. And so he did. By faith in Jesus we can know forgiveness of sin and the hope of everlasting life. Nothing can separate the believer from God's love in the Lord Jesus. You can be sure of that because while our plans often fail, God's never will.

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PL/2021/09674, Wickersley, Parham Lane, Proposed garage - amended proposal for previously consented design

PL/2021/10125 & 10568 5 The Clays, Remove Walnut Tree.

PL/2021/10571 5 Lynchett Close, Single storey extension to rear of building

Easterton

PL2021/ 09083, Court Close Farn, Installation of Sky Satellite Dish

PL2021/10008, 16 High St. Field Maple (T1) - reduce crown to previous

reduction points on the Southern side, reduce Northern side to match

Field Maple (T2) - reduce crown to previous reduction points on the Southern side, reduce Northern side to match

Ash (T3) - pollard to previous pollard points at approx. 12m. This will give more light and space for field maple (T2 and oak T1)

Oak (T4) - this has been heavily reduced in the past. Reduce crown to previous reduction points on the Southern side, reduce Northern side to match. Crown raise Eastern side over field by 4m to allow signal to satellite dish.

PL/2021/10505 3 Oak Lane, Single storey front extension to replace existing porch

PL/2021/ 10740, Group of Ash with Ash Die Back running along the top of his garden and next to a public footpath, remove.

Details are available at

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Sat 18 Dec 2021

Driving along The Clays

The advice below has been received from Wiltshire Council.

At the December parish council meeting, members will be asked to vote funding for bollards to be placed to reduce the width of The Clays.

This will allow delivery or emergency vehicles to enter from each end , but stop vehicles travelling from one end to the other.
The bollards will be positioned in consultation with the owners of the different sections of The Clays.

To whom it may concern,

I write with reference to "The Clays" in Market Lavington, officially recorded as "MLAV24" in the definitive map and statement as a "bridleway".

The public are entitled to the use and enjoyment of MLAV24 ("The Clays"). Wiltshire Council has a duty under the Highways Act 1980 (Section 130) to ensure usage is legal and may take enforcement action where it is not. Wiltshire Council may also refer misuse to the Police for enforcement under the relevant law.

I wish to draw your attention to the specific legal restrictions attached to MLAV24:

1. A public right exists for walkers, people riding or leading a horse and cyclists (though cyclists must give way to other users by virtue of the 1968 Countryside Act).
2. It is an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Section 34) to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle (MPV) on any road being a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway. The Police have the power to enforce this law. If you drive along any part of MLAV24 by MPV you may be liable to prosecution under Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
3. Any person using the right of way should not interfere with the surface of it and no person should cause damage by their use. Wiltshire Council has powers in the Highways Act to repair damage and recover the costs of doing so.
4. Unlawful use of MLAV24 by MPVs may be controlled by the erection of barriers (applying the least restrictive access principals outlined in the Equalities Act 2010) under Section 66 of the Highways Act 1980.
5. The burden of proof for the possession of a "higher right" to use MLAV24 by MPV rests with the person asserting that right. If you do drive along it as a member of the public, you will need to demonstrate your lawful right to do so.
6. Historic use of a bridleway by MPV would likely not, on its own, constitute the possession of a "higher right" since the usage would have been contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Section 34) and therefore illegal.

Wiltshire Council Highways Department

Market Lavington Christmas Country Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came to and/or supported the Christmas Country Fair in Market Lavington Community Hall on November 20th. We hope you all enjoyed the Fair and found some great things to buy. It was good to see so many people back in the Hall again after the last two years. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us organise and run the Fair, especially June Wright and Barbara Galloway, and all our stallholders, many of whom are very talented local crafters. In case you were wondering, the Bonus Ball Hamper was won by Tom McMeekin.

The Fair raised a fantastic £1110.64 for The Soldiers' Charity, which brings the amount raised over all ten Fairs to just over £10,000. Thank you all very much! This money will help a lot of serving and former serving soldiers and their families.

Sue and Chris Bonney

At **St. Barnabas School** this term we have been having so much fun with our learning! September saw our new cohort of Reception children join the school and they have settled into school life very well and have quickly become an important part of our community. It is great to see them grow in confidence and that they are wanting to get as much out of the school day as they possibly can. All the children at St. Barnabas are making the most of our renewed normality after all the restrictions of the last couple of years, it is so lovely to see them all eat and play together, and have whole school assemblies again, it all reinforces our family atmosphere and makes everyone feel included. We were so fortunate that the children were able to visit St Barnabas Church for our Harvest Festival and we were able to have our Remembrance Assembly together where we read poetry, sang and held two minutes silence to remember those who have been affected by war. At the end of November we were visited by K'z Dance for our annual Bollywood Dance Workshop, this is always very popular with all the children and staff and proves to be a great fun day! Parents were invited to see the dancing that the children had learnt at the end of the day. We would like to say thank you to everyone who came to watch and for dressing your children up so beautifully for the event! In December we are planning our Christmas Market on 2nd December, please come along and support us if you can. We are also planning a whole school visit to the pantomime to see Jack and the Beanstalk; everyone is extremely excited about this trip as it is the first time we have been able to do something like it for such a long time.

Please remember that we regularly arrange 'Rags2riches' collections from our school and this is a great way for our school to raise money. If you are having a clear out of unwanted clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, towels, bedding and household linen please do drop it in to us. **Our next collection is on the 7th December 2021.**



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Winter training is now in full swing, a clear sign that Christmas is coming! Progress on the pitch remains strong with many teams towards the top of their respective leagues. Please get in touch with the relevant team contact if you are interested in joining The Badgers. We would also welcome contact from any small business wishing to sponsor an advertising board.

Badger Cubs - ages 4-6 years. Training Saturdays 9am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington with solid attendances. Plenty of enthusiasm, spectacular defending and goals...working on the passing! All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free!

U7s – The team is showing steady improvement, travelling all over Wiltshire and showing great enthusiasm for their football even in adverse weather conditions. Training Wednesdays 6pm @ Devizes Leisure Centre.

U8s – Showing really pleasing development as a team with encouraging results and cohesion. Training Fridays 5:45pm @ Lavington School Hall. New players always welcome. **U9s** mixed – With no league games scheduled during the month, the team have enjoyed a couple of well contested friendlies and a Halloween Party! League fixtures resuming soon. Training Fridays 6:45pm @ Lavington School Hall, Market Lavington.

U9s Girls – Continue to demonstrate masses of enthusiasm resulting in 14 plus players regularly attending training. A friendly is scheduled for 2 mixed aged teams later this month which is greatly anticipated. Training Saturdays 9:30am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. New players from age 7+ welcome and parent helpers and coaches.

U10/11s – Holding their own in games and enjoying training @ Dauncey's school 6pm on Fridays. All new players welcome.

U12s – Continuing the excellent start to the season so far with only one draw and the rest wins. Full squad of 18 leagues eligible players so squad is getting stronger, ahead of cup games this month. Training Fridays 6:30pm @ Northbrook, Market Lavington

U14s – Solid start to the season continues despite first league defeat in well over a year. The team is currently 3 in the league and playing and training enthusiastically. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauncey's School, West Lavington. New players welcome, including U13s.

U15s – Continuing our excellent start to the season, the team is currently second in the league with games in hand. Looking forward to forthcoming league cup tie against Bath City. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauncey's School, Market Lavington.

U16s – The team continues to play well, winning their last game and drawing the previous 2. Training well in good numbers on Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook.

Team Contacts for 2021/22 Season:

Badger Cubs– James Partington - 07532 628219	Girls Team – Liz Gaule – 07949 176623
U7 - Rob Nuttall - 07706 167347	U8– Pete Huntley- 07974756131
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News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

As always, Christmas is upon us just as the leaves are falling and we find ourselves busy dusting off our angel wings and polishing our halos before we know it!

Open days for September 2022 starters

I would like to thank all those parents who came along to our open days during November and would welcome any of you who would like to still visit to give us a call to arrange a time in December. Whether you are choosing a school for your little one for September or moving to the area and needing a place during the year, it is so important to visit the school you are considering for your child and we welcome you all to come and see DAPS for yourselves.

Decorating our tree

Christmas is such an exciting time for the children at DAPS and we are always so grateful for their infectious enthusiasm as the nights get darker and the playground duties get colder!

Every year, we welcome in December with our wonderful 'Dressing the Tree' event. Every child at DAPS makes their own tree decoration to hang on the tree, normally one made of natural material in the forest, and one afternoon we all wrap up warm and go outside to hang our decoration on the tree while singing carols together.

It starts our Christmas season and is one of my favourite afternoons of the school year.

Nativity fun

Our nativity play is always performed by our youngest pupils and it is often the first time any of them have performed on a stage or for an audience. Our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are busy learning their lines, practising their dance routines and learning to skip like angels whilst our amazing staff are working so hard in the background making it all happen. As the play approaches, their excitement makes the school buzz and they always make me so proud on the night.

Our POD PTA

Christmas is a busy time in school but also for our amazing parents and members of our local community that support us and tirelessly dedicate time and energy to help raise funds for the school, putting on wonderful activities for the children. This year the POD team are organizing a sell-out Wreath Making evening, a Christmas Fayre for the children and the much-loved Secrets Room where the children can choose surprise presents for their parents to wrap and put under the tree.

We would like to thank our dedicated parents, Governors and the wider DAPS and Lavington communities for all their support over this year. It has been another challenging year for all schools; with lockdowns, isolations, bubbles and much more but the support we have received as a school from all of you has made it so much easier.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a personal thank-you to everyone and wish you all a wonderful Christmas season!

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

I was very alarmed to hear that there was an attempted dog theft from the Plain this month. We have heard of numerous reports in Wiltshire over the last year but this one was incredibly close to home in a popular and well visited area and seemed to be coordinated to include the slashing of the victim's car tyres presumably so she could not give chase. After making some enquiries this turned out to be "fake news", there was no attempted dog theft although it appears the vandalism to the car was accurately reported. There have been ongoing acts of trespass by hare coursers and opportunistic thefts from cars, sheds and gardens across the area recently and it's clear we need to keep an eye out whilst not being scared to enjoy our surroundings.

If you do spot anyone behaving strangely or a suspicious vehicle loitering somewhere please notify the police immediately on 101 and warn your neighbours for good measure.

As many of you know I try to attend every parish council meeting across the area. It allows me to give updates on the work Wiltshire Council is doing but crucially I get to speak to fellow residents and hear about the local issues that matter to them. It is finding a solution to our local issues that got me into this role, not the party politics which frankly is an utter embarrassment at the moment.

Recent public attendance at parish council meetings has been high and I think it reflects the strong communities we live in. A few examples of contributions include residents with planning applications who have presented their proposals or sought advice, people raising concerns about Highways issues, objections to planning applications, pitches for financial support towards local projects have been delivered and thanks has been given for parish council support.

Your local parish council meets every month and is the perfect forum for discussion, support and action on so many elements that make up our rural communities. Having a moan on Facebook about a local issue doesn't achieve much - aside from temporarily venting some pent-up frustration. If you want to make a change then your local parish council is the best place to start.

As a statutory consultee on Planning and Rights of Way matters as well as the local representative body within the Community Area Transport Group dealing with Highways projects, your parish council has a "seat at the table" in many important discussions. In addition, your parish council has access to a budget formed from part of our council tax payments, so it is equipped to support local projects to improve our community from CCTV and play equipment to skateboard ramps and community events.

Public participation at a parish council meeting takes place at the beginning and you are free to leave at any time! It is entirely acceptable to turn up, listen or say a few words and then leave to be back at home in front of the TV within twenty minutes!

Finally a plea... if anyone is interested in a paid role as a Youth Worker / Youth Club Manager in the Lavington area please drop me a line!

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November 20th	4.12 GMT
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An uncluttered Christmas

Having just returned from leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to Iona, I am reflecting upon the rich threads which weave their way through Celtic Spirituality, including an appreciation of God’s creation. A life that treads gently on the earth because God created it and gave it to us to enjoy also reflects the fifth mark of mission: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. COP26 provided a platform for Christians as well as other environmentalists to highlight some of the ways God’s earth is being damaged beyond repair, calling us all to live simpler lives.

Advent is a time for preparation and gives all of us an opportunity to make changes to the ways we live to make the world a better place. As consumers, the temptation is to accumulate and to waste; as Christians, the call is to be generous and live as good stewards. The trappings of Christmas surround us – do we really need another special bauble for the tree? Or that glittery wrapping paper that will not easily recycle? Can we invite people in for a simple supper? Or give just one or two presents and not the usual dozen?

The first Christmas was very much a stripped-back affair. God’s Son, born in simplicity, grew up to teach the same simplicity, telling us not to store up possessions, and to give things away to others. His appreciation of the birds of the air and the lilies in the field were a challenge to our own worries and anxiety about ‘many things’.

Therefore, let our response be to tread gently on the earth, too: pointing out to those who have influence when the decisions they take mars God’s creation; preparing through a simple advent, and welcoming the Christ child in the most uncluttered way we can.

+Karen
Acting Bishop of Salisbury



Carol Concerts

Saturday 4th 7.30pm
Advent Concert at Edington Priory Church

Sunday 12th 6.30pm
Carol Service at St. Joseph’s, Littleton Panell

Monday 13th 7.30pm
Beer and Carols at The Green Dragon
Organised by Trinity Church

Sunday 19th 4pm
St. Peter’s Church ,Great Cheverell, Carol Service

Sunday 19th December, 4.30pm
‘Time for Tea+ Christmas Special’ Carol Service and Seasonal Tea
Ebenezer Church, West Lavington

Sunday 19th 6.30pm
St. Barnabas Church, Easterton, Carol Service

Wednesday 22nd 6.30pm
All Saints, West Lavington Carol Service



December Services						
	5th December Advent 2	12th December Advent 3	19th December Advent 4	24th December Christmas Eve	25th December Christmas Day	26th December
Early Morning		9.00 West Lavington Breakfast Church	9.30 West Lavington Holy Communion Common Worship		9.00 Great Cheverell Christmas Communion	
		9.30 Little Cheverell Holy Communion BCP				
Mid Morning	10.30 Benefice Holy Communion Market Lavington	11.00 Great Cheverell Simple Communion	11.00 Easterton Holy Communion Common Worship		10.15 Market Lavington Family Communion	10.30 Benefice Holy Communion Easterton
		11.00 Easterton United Toys Service			11.30 Little Cheverell Family Service for Christmas	
Afternoon and Evening			4.00 Great Cheverell Carol Service	4.30 Little Cheverell Crib Service		
			4.30 Easterton Contemplative Prayer	10.00 Easterton Night Mass		
			6.30 Easterton Carol Service	11.30 West Lavington Midnight Mass		

TRINITY CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER	Ebenezer Baptist Church	St. Joseph's RC Church Littleton Panell
<p>Sunday 5th 10:30am. Jo Williams</p> <p>Sunday 12th. 11am. TOY SERVICE.</p> <p>We will be uniting with our Anglican friends in St Barnabas Church , Easterton . please bring new, unopened toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal, to be forwarded to needy children.</p> <p>Rev. Gary Gotham will lead us in our worship.</p> <p>Sunday 19th. 10:30am.</p> <p>Holy Communion.</p> <p>Rev. Gary Gotham</p> <p>Saturday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY. 10:30am.</p> <p>We will be meeting in Devizes for a UNITED SERVICE in St Andrews Church. Led by Revd Gary Gotham.</p> <p>Sunday 26th. BOXING DAY . NO SERVICE.</p>	<p>You are welcome to join us for our Sunday afternoon services at 4.30pm. Please see the website for info on attending : www.pbc-ebc.org.uk</p> <p>Sunday 19 December, 4.30pm Time for Tea+ Christmas Special. A Festive Tea followed by a short Carol Service</p> <p>Christmas Morning Service, 10.30am</p> <p>Boxing Day Service, 4.30pm</p>	<p>Mass every Sunday and Christmas Day at 9am</p> <p>The annual Parish carol Concert, at Our Lady The Immaculate Conception Devizes with our brothers & sisters from the Wellsprings Benefice will be on the 12th December. Please come & get involved. Singers of all levels & ages needed, decoration makers, musicians, mince pie bakers, eggnog drinkers, tinsel wearers, Christmas elves and fairies welcome too!</p> <p>Enthusiasm and Christmas spirit more important than anything else! If you would like more info please contact Peter on 07906 897250. We could only do last year's concert online, so lets make this year a humdinger</p>