

## Market Lavington Sports and Fitness Facilities

The Parish Council has been approached with requests for more varied sports and fitness equipment in the village, particularly at the Elisha Field. The importance that sport has to play for both our physical and mental health is well recognised, and the Parish Council have therefore appointed a Working Group to look into this matter further.

In order to investigate the best and most appropriate facilities and equipment for Market Lavington, the Working Group need to seek your views and feedback. Please fill in this short questionnaire to help us move forward with improvements.

Age Group	Which of the following facilities would you like to see and make use of?
Age range under 10 (Parents Input)	
10 - 15 •	Netball/basketball •
15 - 20 •	Disability sports facilities •
20 - 30 •	Skate Park equipment •
30 - 40 •	Bootcamp/army style equipment •
40 - 50 •	Static fitness/cardio equipment •
50 - 60 •	
60 - 70 •	
70 Above •	Cricket facilities •

Please share any additional comments or other suggestions in the space below.

Please provide details of your post code  
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Please return your completed questionnaire to the Parish Clerk: - Email:

[clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Post: 23 Orchard Close, West Ashton. BA14 6AU,  
or place in the drop-off box in St Arbucks or The Old School

Alternatively, you scan the QR Code using your smartphone if you wish to complete the survey online, via Google Forms:



## Market Lavington & Easterton Church & Community News

**St. Barnabas Church, Easterton**

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## December Services

### See Centre Pull-Out for Christmas Weekend Services

4 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2		11 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	18 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4	1 <sup>st</sup> January 23 Christmas 2
	9.00am	W. Lavington Breakfast Church		
10.30am  Benefice Service  Great Cheverell	9.30am	L. Cheverell Holy Communion BCP	W. Lavington Holy Communion Common Worship	10.30am  Benefice Service  West Lavington
	10.00am		Great Cheverell Welcome to Worship	
	11.00am	G. Cheverell Simple Communion.	Easterton Holy Communion Common Worship	
	11.00am	United Service Toys Service Easterton		
Sunday December 18 <sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Time for Christmas Tea with Carols and Readings Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington 6pm Carol Service at St, Barnabas Easterton				

### Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00am Sunday and 11am Wednesday Mass at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church,

4.30pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

10.30 am Trinity Church in the Community Hall, Market Lavington

### Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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

**Rector:** Rev. Marion Harrison 816963

**Address:** The Rectory, 25 White Street, West Lavington, SN10 4LW  
lavingtonrector@gmail.com

**Benefice Office** as above churchlavington@gmail.com

Fridays and the last Thursday of the month are the Rector's days off.

The office is now open twice a week,  
Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

#### Church Wardens

##### Market Lavington

##### Easterton

Sue Allen 813603

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

#### Trinity United Church (Methodist/URC)

**Minister:** Rev. Gary Gotham, 69 Queens Road, Devizes, SN10 5HR Tel: 01380 724264 / gary.gotham@gmail.com

**Church Secretary:** Mrs Julia Garraway-Jones 01380 818401 jgarrawayjones@gmail.com

#### Market Lavington Parish Council

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#### Easterton Parish Council

**Chair:** Mr Chris Saunders 812317  
**Clerk to the Council** Sarah-Jane Bullock  
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#### This magazine

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**Your kingdom come ...**

The season of Advent began on Sunday the 27 November. Like Lent, it is a penitential season when the liturgical colour is purple and a time of preparation to celebrate the feast of the Incarnation without which there would be no feast of the Resurrection. Advent is not as long as Lent and it seems to be more about feasting than fasting! In a way it's 'Lent-lite' but for many of us one of our favourite seasons of the year as we watch and wait in anticipation of the joy and excitement of the celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and also contemplate the realisation of God's eternal Kingdom at the end of time. It is becoming something of a cliché to list the crises that presently beset us: climate, war, recession, refugees etc in a world already feeling unsettlingly different post-Covid. At times we can begin to feel overwhelmed and turn in on ourselves rather than remaining outward facing as is the Christian's orientation. God in Christ became a human being not to be served but to serve. Christ the King is with us still – here and now. His kingship is not based on human power but on serving and loving others. We are called to exhibit those Kingdom values in their lives until at last our prayer will be answered and God's Kingdom will 'come on earth as it is in heaven.'

As part of our on-going discernment of a new vision and strategy for the diocese, the Dean, the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, has kindly written some prayers for us all to use as a Diocese this Advent in our personal prayer time and when we meet together in church or on other occasions [see [www.salisbury.anglican.org/Advent](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/Advent)]. They are beautiful and I commend them to you most warmly. They recognise the situation in which we find ourselves but remind us that we are never alone and that our calling is to join in where God is already at work in his world.

May the God of peace  
make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

Bishop of Salisbury  
Rt Revd Stephen Lake.

**An Advent Prayer for the Diocese:**

Faithful God,  
your world is full of fear.  
Hunger, cold, and loneliness are all around.  
Your children are hurting.  
Into our darkness comes the child of Bethlehem -  
Jesus, the light who cannot be overcome.  
He is with us always.  
He speaks words of hope and words of truth.  
May his Spirit fill our hearts this Advent  
and awaken us to your purposes:  
making us generous in giving,  
active in serving,  
and alert to your reign of justice, mercy, and peace,  
which he calls us to bring to birth - here, and now.  
Amen.



**A BIG Thank You**

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Since we moved to Market Lavington 18 years ago, we have been overwhelmed by the genuine kindness and support that you have always shown us. It has been a real privilege to be part of such an amazing community.

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## TRINITY CHURCH

### DECEMBER SERVICES & EVENTS

4th DECEMBER - TRINITY CHURCH SERVICE  
Led by Joanne Williams

11th DECEMBER - UNITED 'TOY' SERVICE @ St.BARNABAS EASTERTON  
Led by Revd. Gary Gotham

\* 12th DECEMBER - 'BEER & CAROLS' @ The Green Dragon Market Lavington  
(7.30pm start) Led by Revd. Gary Gotham

18th DECEMBER - TRINITY CHURCH SERVICE  
Led by Revd. Gary Gotham

\* 19th DECEMBER - 'VILLAGE NATIVITY' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
(7.00pm start) Led by Revd. Gary Gotham

• Please look at the centre-page pull-out for more information

• (N.B. All Trinity Services start at 11.00am in the Community Hall unless otherwise stated. Thank you.)

• Visitors are always welcome to call in and meet us. All services are accompanied by refreshments. We are following current regulations to help keep you safe.

## Benefice Calendar 2023

There were 12 lovely photos entered into the Creationtide Competition. These have been incorporated into a calendar for 2023.

They are available to buy at £12.00 each. Profit to Benefice Funds. There is a limited number of calendars available so please let Beth know as soon as possible and she will reserve them for you.

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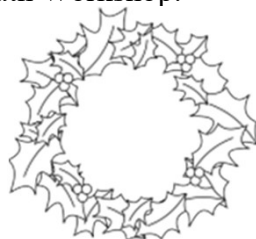
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### Market Lavington

**PL/2022/06408** 14 Lavington Hill, Erection of a two storey side extension.

**PL/2022/0210** 2 Drove Lane, Single storey rear extension

**PL2022/008281** 21 Church St. Replacement single storey rear extension.

**PL2022/08498** 1 New Street, T1 - Eucalyptus: To remove tree as it has outgrown it's position.

**PL2022/08221** The Barn, Spin Hill, Proposed dog grooming business (Four Paws Grooming) from a static site cabin on existing hard standing.

**PL2022/08818** 6 New Street, Cypress tree - Reduce by 3 metres to let more light in. Fruit tree - Fell. To let more light in. Hazel tree - Reduce by 2 metres to let more light in.

**PL2022/08220** The Barn, Spin Hill. Construct a single storey timber stable block on a concrete base, and a manure clamp. Change of use to mixed agricultural and equestrian.

**PL2022/08904** Palm House 48 High St. T1- Lime tree, fell. Old pollard growing close to a wall. Fell to stop roots damaging the wall.

### Easterton

**PL/2022/08164** 27 High St. 6 x Ash trees – fell

**PL/2022/08351** The Beeches, 2 Kings Rd. Erection of new 3 bedroom dwelling on infill land to the south east of The Beeches, 2 Kings Road, with existing access.

**PL2022/08428** Land off Kings Road, Conversion of a stable block to dwelling house (C3)

**PL/2022/08833** 60 High St. Row of Conifers - Fell. To let more light in and create space for replanting.

Hazel tree - Fell. To let more light in and create space for replanting.

One single Conifer - Fell. To let more light in and create space for replanting.

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So says the chorus of a favourite carol, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing. But why should glory be ascribed to the new-born Jesus? After all, he would have looked much like every other baby. Cute, yes, but worthy of the angels’ praise? I know artists often portray the infant in the manger as if he glowed in the dark with heavenly splendour, but that has no basis in fact. If anything, the Bible stresses how ordinary looking was Jesus. He ‘took the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men’ wrote the apostle Paul. As with any other baby, Jesus was weak and totally helpless, ‘tears and smiles like us he knew’.

Yet Christians believe that he who as an infant was cradled in his mother Mary’s arms, was also the eternal Word of God who upheld the universe by his divine power. He is fully God, the Father’s only Son as well as fully human. That is why angels worshipped the new-born King. They recognised him as their Maker made flesh. Another reason for worship is what Jesus was sent into the world to do. As the angel of the Lord explained to startled shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.’

God became man in Jesus because we needed a Saviour. That tells us something about the human condition. The Bible tells us, ‘all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God’. We are incapable of saving ourselves from sin, otherwise God would have left us to get on with it. Jesus came to live a life of perfect obedience to God on our behalf. He then laid down his life as a sacrifice for sin. His death was sufficient to rescue the world from sin. That’s because it was the Son of God in human form who suffered in our place at the cross.

Jesus is the King of love. He was born in the royal city of David. He was crucified as ‘King of the Jews’ to win us a place in God’s eternal kingdom. He rose from the dead and was exalted to the right hand of the Father, where he reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords. He is able to save completely those who put their trust in him. Will you join the angels in singing, ‘glory to the new-born King!’?

Pastor: Guy Davies [www.pbc-ebc.org.uk](http://www.pbc-ebc.org.uk)  
You are welcome to join us for our Sunday afternoon 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. This will be a ‘Christmas Special’ with Scripture Readings & Carols on Sunday 18th December.**

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you to all who attended our Macmillan Coffee morning this year. It was lovely to see so many returning and new faces. I am delighted to confirm that with all of your purchases and generous donations we raised over £1,700... a new personal best! We could not have achieved this without your support.

We want to say a huge thank you to all of you who attended, donated and helped on the day. We’re looking forward to seeing you all again next year. Sally & Derek Hale

### AutoSpeedWatch Device – Notice of installation on Spin Hill

There is still an ongoing problem with speeding on Spin Hill, despite the presence of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) reminding drivers of the speed they are travelling. The SID regularly records vehicles travelling above 60mph, well in excess of the 30mph speed limit.

The Parish Council takes the issue of speeding, and the subsequent safety risk for pedestrians and other road users very seriously, and as such, has purchased an AutoSpeedWatch device (ASW) to support the effectiveness of the Speed Indicator Device.

The ASW device will become fully operational at the end of November and will take still image photographs of the rear of speeding vehicles, identifying Vehicle Registration Numbers. Details of speeding vehicles, and evidence may then be reported to the Police by the Parish Council.

Traffic Enforcement Officers attending this location, Spin Hill, on 28th October and caught 4 vehicles speeding. Top speed recorded was 42MPH and all being processed for usual enforcement action. I have asked for another date soon and will let you know when I have confirmed.

John Derryman, Strategic Planning and Performance Officer,  
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

FLY TIPPING

Can we please remind residents that although garden waste is biodegradable, it is classed as waste, and it is still an offence to illegally fly tip it onto amenity land, or into woodland areas etc.

Whilst it might seem that putting green waste into these environments is innocuous and not harmful, it will have the effect of disturbing the fragile balance of the flora and fauna systems in the area where it is dumped.

There are a variety of ways to dispose of garden waste legally:

- You can take it to any Wiltshire Council recycling Centres
- Wiltshire Council offers a garden waste collection service, for a modest annual fee
- You can compost your garden waste on your own land. Home composting provides an excellent opportunity to use your garden waste in a resourceful manner and put nutrients back into your garden

We recognise that most people are disposing of their garden waste properly and legally, and therefore thank you in advance for your consideration and co-operation.



## MARKET PLACE CARPARK TEMPORARY CLOSURE WEEK COMMENCING 5<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2022

The Parish Council have arranged for the resurfacing of the carpark in the Market Place during the **week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2022**.

For safety reasons, and parking requirement for the contractor's vehicles, there will unfortunately be no parking available in the carpark whilst the resurfacing work is being carried out.

All vehicles will please need to be removed from the carpark by 7.30am on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December at the very latest, to ensure that the work can commence on schedule.

The Parish Council recognises that many homes do not have off-street parking, and rely on the Market Place carpark for overnight parking, and that finding an alternative parking location may be challenging. Whilst some distance away, the Parish Council is able to offer the Elisha Field carpark, off Drove Lane as an alternative place for parking vehicles whilst the work is being carried out.

The contractor will make every effort to carry out the work as quickly as possible, and weather permitting, it is hoped that the carpark will be able to have a staggered re-opening on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

We very much apologise for any inconvenience that this resurfacing work may cause, but hope you will appreciate, and benefit from the improved surface when the work is finished.

If you have any questions regarding the work, or concerns regarding alternative parking, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk.

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Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.

Market Lavington Parish Council



## From The Parish Registers

November 2022

**Frances Clare Godard MICHELL** was baptised at All Saints' Church, West Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison on 8th October 2022.

A memorial service was held for **Daisy Winifred ODBERT (Bunny)** at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 30th September 2022. Bunny was a founder member of the Tuesday Club formerly known as the Old School Day Centre. She died on 6th July 2022 having celebrated her 100th birthday. Her ashes were buried in the churchyard after the service.

## Christmas Opening

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Congratulations to William Goddard one of our U15's for qualifying as a level 1 referee. It's great to see the older children giving something back to grass roots football.

### Team Updates

U6s- are now training at Lavington School Sports Hall on Saturday mornings from 9 – 10 am with a good core group enjoying a diverse array of coaching. More players always welcome to come and join the melee!

U7s - relishing their games at the moment after a string of away matches. We have a new coach 'coming soon' to a pitch near you!. We're training at Dauntsey's School on Wednesday nights. Unfortunately, we are not currently able to take any new players in this age group.

U8s –Both under 8 teams settling into the new stage of the season with more evenly matched teams. A good couple of results for both over the last few weeks means the boys are enjoying their football more than ever.

U9s – Have made a slow start to the season but picking up valuable experience. We are pleased to welcome Toby Morgan (U15) as a new helper in conjunction with involving older club members. Training at Dauntsey's School 6-7 pm on Friday.

U10s -.Several new players settling into training which is now Tuesday 5-6pm Green Lane, Devizes. Lining up some friendly matches where we can alongside league fixtures to try and get the whole squad game experience.

U9/10s Girls Team - The girls team is growing in numbers and confidence. Having played a couple of friendlies this month versus Devizes and Keynsham they are gaining game experience and becoming a strong unit of friends as well team mates. The team mainly consists of U10s and U9s but all girls aged between 8 and 11 are most welcome. Training is every Saturday morning 9:30-10:30 at Elisha field, Market Lavington.

U11s -have had a rocky start to the season but looking forward to continuing to work hard together. We are looking for more players especially anyone who would like to take on the role of goalkeeping.

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Membership: give an annual membership to the National Trust, an art gallery, the Royal Horticultural Society or even Netflix!

Have a really good Christmas!

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U13s- Team building with new recruits and as a result they are developing and getting to know one another. We are back up to a squad of 16, but we always welcome more. Tough start to the session but positive signs going into a cup match this coming weekend. Training 7pm Fridays @ Dauntsey's School.

U15s – The team is looking forward to getting back into league action after a pause in due to half term and the weather and losing in the second round of the Wiltshire Cup. Training at 7-8 pm on Friday evenings at Dauntsey's School.

U16s - Playing well and currently 2nd in league. Recruited new players and training at Dauntsey's School, Friday's 7-8.

U 17/18s - After only one league game we sit second in the table. Spirit and attendance at training, and availability for matches, remain exceptionally positive. Training is at Devizes Rugby Club, Friday's 7-8.

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Lavington Pre-School

We began Term 2 with our Halloween Party which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We dressed up in our Halloween costumes, had face painting, party games and party food. To celebrate Bonfire Night, we made bright and colourful firework pictures both in the classroom and outside on our Perspex fencing. Leading up to Remembrance Day we spoke with the children about why we wear poppies and we watched the CBEEBIES short animation film which helps to give the children a better understanding of Remembrance Day. The children made poppies – some using traditional red and black colours whilst others chose glitter and bright colours. We made a wreath which our older children took to lay with the DAPS wreaths and we took part in their Remembrance Service. During the week commencing the 14th November staff and children chose to wear either their pyjamas, something yellow or something spotty, donating £1.00 to Children in Need.

We welcomed four new families to preschool and Miss Katie joined our team, she will be working one-to-one with one of our children. Our Annual General Meeting was on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 8:00 pm at Lavington Preschool or via zoom meeting. At the end of Term 2 we will be having our Christmas Party where we will be visited by Santa. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

West Lavington youth club update

The youth club continues to go from strength to strength with a stable group of young people attending on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. During the autumn we have moved inside focusing on arts and crafts. We have been fortunate to have some local people come along and supply activities for the children including Colin teaching the young people to play pool; Chloe coming to make soaps; Konnie introducing yoga and Simone making facemasks out of everyday ingredients. All the activities were received well and introduced the children and young people to experiences they may never have had before.

Moving into the New Year the youth club is organising an away day to Laser quest, Swindon, on the 31st of January. Although the trip is open to all, those who have attended 10 sessions or more will be prioritised for spaces. From the third week of January, we will also be opening for a third night in Market Lavington community centre on Monday nights between the hours of 19:00 and 21:00. Initially the sessions will be open for those in school year 6 through all secondary school ages. Once the session is established, we will review the offer and refine what we do to meet the needs locally.

If you would like more information about anything the youth centre does either find us on Facebook or email westlavingtonyouthclub2022@gmail.com we'd love to hear feedback on what we've done and what we can do going forward.

Dave, Joshy, Ellen, Chloe and Rex

News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

As always, Christmas is upon us in a blink of an eye and we find ourselves up in the school loft looking for the angel wings for the nativity play before we know it!

**School starter 2023 open days**

We have been very fortunate to welcome so many parents into our school throughout November who have been considering schools for next September. Although our open days are no longer running in December, we welcome any of you who would like to still visit to give us a call to arrange a time to come and look around. Whether you are choosing a school for your little one, moving to the area or considering an in-year transfer, 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 at DAPS and we are always grateful for the children’s energy and infectious enthusiasm as the nights close in and the playground duties get colder!

Every year, we welcome in December with our ‘Dressing the Tree’ event on the 1st of December. Every child at DAPS makes their own tree decoration to hang on the tree, normally one made of natural material in the forest, and on the first day of December we all hang our wonderful decorations on the tree whilst singing carols together. It kicks off our Christmas season in style and it is one of my favourite afternoons of the school year.

**Nativity fun for our youngest children**

Our annual Christmas nativity is performed by our youngest pupils and it is often the first time most of them have performed on a stage or for an audience. Our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are busy learning their lines and practising their songs whilst our amazing staff are working tirelessly in the wings. I cannot wait for this year’s performances!

**Time for some thanks!**

I always like to stop and reflect at this time of year on all the help and support our school gets from the community and I wanted to take this time to say a few thank yous. Firstly, to our DAPS children. Your boundless energy, beaming smiles and enthusiasm to learn is what makes DAPS tick, well done to every single one of you for being so brilliant in your own unique way. Secondly, the parents, carers, staff and Governors that are involved with school every day. Your ongoing support of the school is what makes DAPS so special and even on the coldest of mornings, your daily smiles at the school gate warm us all! Thirdly, to our PTA POD – the small but mighty team that raise thousands for the school through their events – not just for the children but for the parents and community in their sell-out wreath making evening too, thank you all for your tireless support. Finally, thank you to everyone within our wider community – those nearby in the Lavington’s as well as all the surrounding villages. Whether it be a direct help such as the kind use of your facilities, helping walk the children to swimming each week or hearing children read in class to the indirect kindnesses you all show – little things such as slowing and stopping to let the children cross the road in the morning – all those small kindnesses make a huge difference to us all, so thank you all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas season!

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

**Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson's Column**

Policing has been under the microscope in the last year and I don't see this scrutiny letting up any time soon – and neither should it. The public want their police force to keep them safe, protect vulnerable people, put victims first, catch the criminals responsible, produce quality investigations and lock the bad ones up. Wiltshire Police has had its fair share of criticism. It has received a poor PEEL inspection report and is currently in 'special measures'. I can reassure you progress is being made and my scrutiny of that performance is ongoing.

We have had some solid successes too. You told me road safety and speeding was a key concern. I have committed investment into the roads policing unit, increasing the number of officers and cars by 20%. We also tripled the capacity of the speed enforcement team, with extra police staff and state-of-the-art cameras. With this joined up approach, there are more traffic officers on our streets and there has been an increase of 42% of the number of people caught speeding and given tickets. There is still more to do but our roads will become safer as the deterrent of speeding tickets and prosecution starts to bite.

The rural crime team has also doubled since I committed investment in the team and in extra equipment. I was also pleased with the force's commitment to visit all victims of home burglary – let me know if this doesn't happen and I will act on your behalf to scrutinise that commitment.

We are also in the process of recruiting the next Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and I hope to have them confirmed in post by mid January. We look forward to welcoming them to the county.

In the meantime, our current Chief will carry on implementing the improvements needed to satisfy HM Inspectors and provide stability so the force can continue making Wiltshire safer for all.

Please also make sure you take part in my survey, taking place in December and January, which will ask you about your confidence levels in Wiltshire Police and about the policing precept for 2023/24.

It is important we capture as many people's thoughts as possible and you will find this on my website from mid December.

As ever, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and new year.

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## A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

I'm always incredibly busy fighting for the needs of our villages and residents. Often it involves a huge amount of cage-rattling and negotiating with many groups including Wiltshire Council officers, Cabinet, Wiltshire Police and our MPs. This month has been positive on several fronts.

Our Police & Crime Commissioner responded to my pleas for speed enforcement in Market Lavington by ensuring patrols came out to hold numerous speed check sessions recently. Speeds of up to 92mph in a 30mph zone were recorded by one Speed Indicator Device this year and, thanks to multiple police visits, this number has fallen dramatically. Wiltshire Police will continue to make regular appearances around the villages over the coming year.

I have also been lobbying hard throughout Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council for the adoption of ANPR cameras to equip parish and town councils with the means to independently deal with speeding. I am not a fan of speed cameras in open countryside, however, I am far less impressed by people hitting 90mph in a village during school pick-up time. It looks as though, after a lot of hard work, I have won the battle and Wiltshire Council will allow cameras to be fixed to existing posts to catch evidence of the most idiotic driving. The photos and calibrated speeds will be uploaded as evidence to Wiltshire Police for enforcement and parish councils also have the option of publishing photos of vehicles and speeds on social media.

Last week I met with parish councillors and our senior Highways engineer to look at possible improvements across the villages. Lots of good ideas were shared for making our roads safer. It was also useful to discuss what is not possible whilst being stood at various sites watching traffic movements. I will continue to support our parish councils in bringing requests forwards for Highways improvement funding.

To support Development, we have a "Core Strategy" document in Wiltshire by which we judge all planning applications to ensure building projects are in keeping with their environment, have infrastructure support, don't overload roads or schools etc. Some of our villages also have a Neighbourhood Plan or a Conservation Area Statement to further build "local" perspective into Planning decisions. Sadly, a lot of our local priorities are thrown out because of a Government target known as the "5-Year Housing Land Supply". Essentially, if we aren't hitting this target in Wiltshire, our sensible and reasoned rejection of poor applications can be (and have been) overruled at appeal. Some large developers know this and sit on projects to restrict supply and keep us under the 5-year target. Manipulation of the housing supply means we end up with developments we don't want. You can read more about this on my blog – [dominicmuns.co.uk/5-year-housing-land-supply](http://dominicmuns.co.uk/5-year-housing-land-supply)

Together with Cllr Philip Whitehead, I wrote a letter which is going out to all parish and town councils in Wiltshire for them to amend and send to their local MP. Danny Kruger has been briefed and will be handing letters over to Michael Gove asking for the 5 Year Housing Land Supply target to be scrapped. I aim to get this letter across to neighbouring authorities so that every parish in the country joins my campaign. I am optimistic that we can influence the Government to change this flawed system and protect our local decision making on how and where we build houses.

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We are often visited by past pupils who pop in to see both the staff and the children. It is always so lovely to see you all and to see how you are getting on, we warmly welcome your visits, you are always welcome back.

For our Harvest Festival Celebrations, we all walked to St. Barnabas Church in Easterton. Reverend Marion gave a service, and the children presented their perspectives on what Harvest Festival means to them. We were able to send a fantastic collection of food to the Devizes Food Bank and would like to thank all our families and members of the community who contributed to our foodbank donations.

All the children enjoyed the opportunity to learn about how best to manage their health and wellbeing when an expert educator from Coram Life Education visited us on the 9th November and delivered workshops to the children covering topics such as: Friends, All About Me, Meet the Brain and My Wonderful Body. Coram Life Education is the UK's leading charity provider of PSHE (Personal, social, health and economic) and wellbeing education in primary schools. SCARF's whole-school approach supports primary schools in promoting positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement.

During the term we were also visited by the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and each class was taught about the importance of CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and how it can save lives. We were also given a lesson in how to deal with an emergency, who to call and how to perform CPR on manikins. We were all surprised at what hard work it was to perform CPR but it was great to see the children understand that they have the ability to make a difference in difficult situations.

On Friday 11th November we held a Remembrance Assembly and the school came together to remember all who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We were silent at 11am and this was followed by the classes reading their poetry and presenting their poignant artwork, which is now displayed in the school hall. Many of the children were also involved in church services on Remembrance Sunday as part of their roles in the Beavers, Cubs and Guides.

We are now very busy planning for the festive season, with nativity songs already being rehearsed! We have a lot planned so here are some important dates to remember:

6th December – 2.30pm – School Performance of 'A Miracle in Town'.

8th December – 12pm – Family Christmas Lunch.

9th December – 2.45pm – Fabulous Finish, come and have a look at the amazing work taking place in our school.

12th December – Children's Christmas Tombola

12th December – Whole School Disco 5pm to 6.30pm

14th ks1/15th ks2 December – Pantomime Trip

14th ks2/15th ks1 December – Class Parties

We hope all our children and their families, and all in the community, have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas period. We will be back in January for more learning, fun and adventure!

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## St. Barnabas Primary School

We have had such a busy time at St Barnabas Primary School over this Autumn Term. There has been some fantastic learning taking place in all the classes, and it has been so good to see all the children enjoying their time in our school. Forest School sessions have seen hail and rain but still great artwork was produced using stones, leaves and sticks to show the changing autumn colours. Swimming has continued in Savernake Class with the children challenging themselves in the water and as a result great progress is being made. We are so proud of all the children and the efforts that they are making to be the very best that they can be.

Our open morning in October was a great success but if anyone missed the opportunity to come and see our lovely school then please do get in touch to arrange a visit. If you have a child starting Reception in September 2023 or if you are looking for a Nursery place for your 2,3 or 4 year old, please come and have a look around. There is no better way to see St Barnabas School and Nursery in action than by visiting us.

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December 17 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm
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December 31 <sup>st</sup>	4.09pm
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## December Reflection

I, would like to start this reflection with a thank you. Thank You to everyone who worked to get our Churches ready for Remembrance Sunday. Thank You to you who cleaned our churches, thank you to you who decorated our churches, thank you, to you who organized the services, thank you to you who took part in our service and thank you for joining us in the act of remembering the collective debt that we owe to those that won for us the freedom we enjoy today.

And now to December.

The church year ends towards the end of November when we celebrate Christ the King. The new church year starts on the last Sunday in November with the four weeks leading up to Christmas and the birth of Jesus. The season known as Advent. It's a time of preparation and waiting. A time to reflect on the past year with its highs and lows and what our faith has brought to our lives. It is also a time to think about how we will meet our God in the mystery and simplicity of the Christmas story.

For me the glory of Christ's birth is in all the things that didn't happen.

He was born not in a palace, but in a stable.

He was born not of wealthy parents but of a poor young girl and her betrothed.

He was not wrapped in satin or silk but in strips of peasant's cotton.

He was not waited on by servants but was surrounded by the animals he created.

He was not bowed to by the prestigious but was greeted with wonder by hill side shepherds.

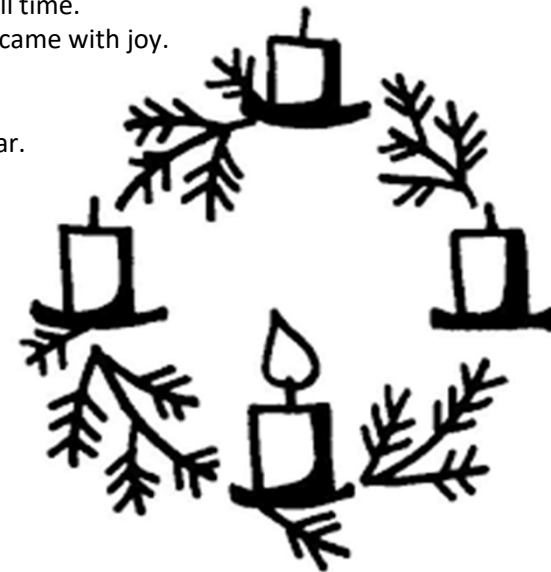
He was not acknowledged by the powerful but honoured by the wise.

He came to us as a gift, our gift for all time.

He came for every one of us and he came with joy.

And so, I wish everyone a joy filled  
Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Rev. Marion Harrison



### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

7pm Village Nativity  
Market Lavington Community Hall

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

6pm Carol Service  
West Lavington

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

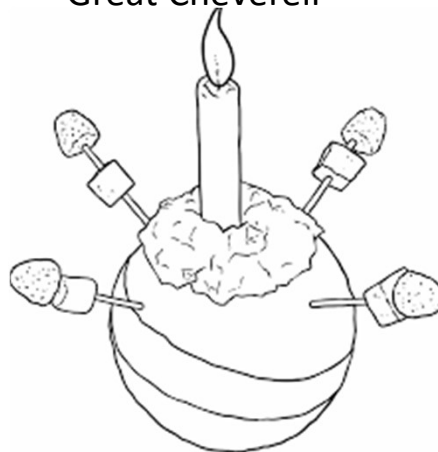
4pm Christingle  
Easterton

### **Christmas Eve Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

4pm Crib Service  
Little Cheverell

4pm Christingle  
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Christmas Communion

9.30am Little Cheverell  
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10.30am West Lavington  
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