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

The office is now open twice a week,

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

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December Reflection

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It is not hard to imagine the crowded inn. Friends and relatives have got together and seek to celebrate; the place is packed. Some who are weary are trying to sleep. The place is full to capacity. There is much conversation, perhaps some singing and dancing. There is no room here for Mary who is about to bring forth her son. There was no room at the inn.

How common these words are, though they may be said in different ways: “don’t disturb me, I’m busy.” “I would like to help but I don’t have the time.” “I like a routine and I don’t want anything to interfere with it.” Or “I can’t come and see you I have business to attend to.” And every time we excuse ourselves, we exclude ourselves from certain experiences. Being pre-occupied is a great defence against anything new happening.

“I would have said my prayers but there is too much happening to me right now.” In such ways we risk missing the coming of God into our lives.

Yet the innkeeper, busy, hard pressed, found room. He offered a space to Joseph and Mary. Simple accommodation and into it came the Christ Child. The innkeeper made room and the Christ was able to enter into his place.

Amid all the busyness of Christmas, the activity that threatens to overwhelm us, the Church invites you to make room. To join in with any or all the festivities the churches of the benefice are offering this Christmas. To hear the story of a child’s birth and rejoice with us that God comes, he comes into the world, he comes to me and he comes to you. So that all can rejoice in the mystery of the God who seeks to share in our daily lives. We celebrate the greatest of miracles that the Word is made flesh and dwells among us. Let us all give a moment to think over these words of St. John. “to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.”

So, from one child of God to another, May Christ our infant saviour, give you the joy of the Bethlehem Shepherds, the awe of the worshipping sages and the humility and love of the holy family.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a better new year, and may all the blessings of Christmas be yours.

Rev. Marion Harrison

TRINITY CHURCH

DECEMBER SERVICES



3rd DECEMBER - **TRINITY CHURCH SERVICE**

Led by Mr. Eric Clifford

10th DECEMBER - **UNITED SERVICE @ St. BARNABAS CHURCH EASTERTON**

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17th DECEMBER - **TRINITY CHURCH** are joining with **St. BARNABAS CHURCH** for
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24th DECEMBER - **TRINITY CHURCH SERVICE**

Led by Jo Williams



31st DECEMBER - **TRINITY CHURCH SERVICE with HOLY COMMUNION**

Led by Revd. Gary Gotham

N.B. All Trinity Services start at 10.30am 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.

200 Club

The November prize was won by Sue Allan of Easterton.

Tickets for 2024 remain at £12 each and will be available from November onwards. Please help support the Benefice with their costs of running the office. You might even win the monthly prize. You can make a payment online, or set up a standing order for £12 to be paid each December or January and you won't have to think about it any more. That's what I do – so much easier! The ticket sellers are;

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY LUNCH

A huge thank you to all involved in the Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch on Sunday – the ladies and gentlemen who cooked, the servers, the bar keepers, the raffle organiser and ticket sellers and the “muscle” who helped us set and clear away the hall. And, of course, to all of you who were able to attend and make it a very special occasion. Final figures are not available yet but we should be able to make significant donations to the Royal British Legion and the Village Hall improvement From the organisers of RSL

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My mum wanted to call me Alexander, which has a rather distinguished ring to it. But my dad registered the birth and dubbed me Guy. The name means 'wood', apparently. I guess the name was chosen more for how it sounded than what it meant. Unless he thought I looked as thick as two short planks. Oh, well. I'm stuck with it now.

When it came to naming Jesus, Mary and Joseph had little choice in the matter. For according to the Gospel accounts he was named by the angel of the Lord. First, Mary was told, 'And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.' Then Joseph was informed concerning Mary, 'She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus', with the added word of explanation 'for he will save his people from their sins.'

'Jesus' is the Greek version of the Hebrew name 'Joshua', which means 'the Lord saves'. In Jesus' case his name could not have been more fitting. The Bible teaches that the Son of God came into the world as a human being to bring us back to God. He lived a perfect, blameless life, died on the cross for our sins and rose again from the dead. Now we may be saved, by faith in Jesus.

As the angel of the Lord said to the shepherds of old, 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.'

'What's in a name?' In the name of Jesus we find salvation.

Pastor: Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm. On the Christmas Eve at 4.30pm we will be having a 'Time for Tea + Christmas Special', a Carol Service, followed by a festive tea. On Christmas Day we will be joining Providence Baptist Church, Dilton March for their 10.00am service.



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Christmas is always a special time at the theatre and Salisbury Playhouse is famous for its award-winning pantomimes such as Cinderella (2022/23) Robin Hood (2019/20) and Beauty and the Beast (2018/19).

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Christmas at Stourhead

The National Trust's Palladian house and garden is preparing to wow visitors for another year with the return of its glittering Christmas light trail between 1 December and 31 December. This magical meander through Stourhead's unique gardens, deep in the heart of Wiltshire, will be filled with larger-than-life illuminations, all choreographed to a soundtrack of much-loved seasonal music. New features this year include a Sea of Light stretching into the distance, larger-than-life crystals suspended in trees, and Liquid Lake, which fills the air with all the colours of the rainbow.

The trail is designed for visitors of all ages and is accessible for everyone to enjoy. Your very merriest Christmas starts here. Limited capacity with timed entry. Plan now to secure the date and time of your choice.

Fri 1 Dec to Sun 31 December 4:30pm - 8:30pm

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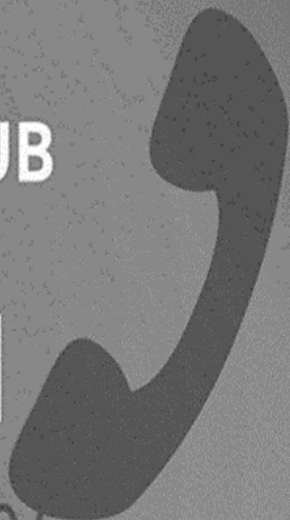
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Membership fees for the term:- £30 for individual and £60 for a family.

For further details about joining this offering please contact Alison Andrews
Membership Secretary on Lavingtonswim@gmail.com

Morning Swimming starts Thursday 11th January 2024 and is from 6:30 to 7:30.

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Alternatively for any of the above contact Club Secretary Anita Holness via email:-
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Folktales, Fire and Stone

Join us for a starlit walk around Avebury's stone circle for stories of stone and wood and magic, on the winter solstice, Thursday December 21st. We'll then gather under moonlight and beside a roaring fire, to listen to stories, many from Wiltshire. Led by renowned storyteller and writer, Kirsty Hartsiotis, author of Wiltshire Folk Tales, <https://www.kirstyhartsiotis.com>.

More information is available on the ticket page Folktales, Fire and Stone at Avebury event tickets from TicketSource

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around the Stones 6.30pm-7.25pm o Fireside tales 7.45pm-8.35pm.

o Timings are approximate

The Edington Arts Advent Concert.

Online booking for the Edington Arts Advent Concert in the Priory Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 16th December is now live. By clicking the 'Book Tickets' button on the website (www.edingtonarts.org) you can choose and pay for your seats. You will receive an e-ticket which you can print out, or keep on your phone, to show at the door. Alternatively you can still use the telephone Box Office at 01380 831256, and we will allocate your seats in the usual way.

Seats are going quickly for this concert, a highlight of the Edington Arts concert calendar. The choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, is a mixed voice ensemble of choral and music scholars, and they have put together a lovely programme of music not only from Advent, but also of beautiful music for Christmas. They were to have been conducted by their Director Matthew Martin, but he is unable to be there for the best of reasons – he's flying to South Africa to get married. He has handed the baton to his good friend, another superlative choral conductor, Jeremy Summerly, familiar to many of us through the Edington Festival.

So – 'Book Tickets' though www.edingtonarts.org, or phone Chrissy on 01380 831256.

The Ripple Effect Exhibition

Drawing inspiration from the River Avon – it's past, present and it's future, a special, free, exhibition is taking place in Salisbury. Marking the end of a wellbeing project run by Wessex Archaeology, artist James Aldridge and the Environment Agency.

Structured around the seasons and tracing the phases of the Salisbury River Park flood alleviation scheme, the exhibition features participants' work inspired during the two-year creative art, archaeology and ecology project. Reflect on our relationship with the river, learn more about the wildlife on our doorstep and experience the essence of the project captured in a bespoke film.

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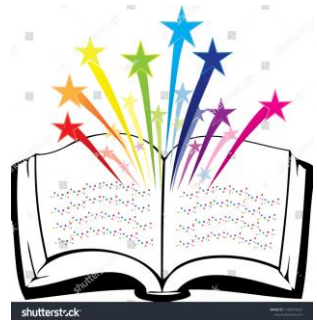
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Wed 6 December to Wed 31 Jan 2024

Rhyme Time

Please join us for Rhyme Time on Friday December 1st and 15th when we'll be including Christmas songs. It's held in the library from 10:15 to 10:45am.



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A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

By the time you read this there is a good chance you will have your Christmas tree up! If you haven't, there is still time, although you will be WAY behind Shaun and Kelly at The Churchill Arms who got theirs up at the beginning of November! I once decided to put a tree up on October 1st (partly to win a bet) and by the time Christmas arrived we were all sick of it! That said, the Churchill's beautiful tree and lights (and The Royal Oak's too!) was a lovely sight as I made my way back through West Lavington on a dark and drizzly evening. The weather has been so depressing recently I am looking forward to Christmas and spending time with friends and family.

Now that the early evenings are at their darkest and the weather is so poor, it is important to be extra careful on the roads. Speeds which might have been fine in the dry are now not appropriate as cold rubber struggles to grip to the wet, leaf-covered tarmac. Cyclists, horse-riders and pedestrians are also more difficult to spot and so more care is needed when driving. If you are on your horse, bike, or on foot, please make sure you can be seen, ideally wearing high-vis and carrying lights. In the pouring rain I drove towards Potterne one evening last week and encountered a cyclist on the tight bends heading to Devizes. The cyclist had no lights, was wearing dark clothes, and was without a helmet. I remember my driving instructor warning me to drive as though every person you encounter on the road is stupid... on this occasion he was right.

On the subject of the weather, I have been helping residents by drawing Wiltshire Council's attention to flood problem areas. I have seen the drainage teams responding very quickly to blocked drains across the area, but I am conscious that in many cases they are playing catch-up after years of not periodically flushing out pipework. The local parish councils have taken steps to help identify issues, including drain mapping and flood prevention work. If you are interested in volunteering as a flood warden, I am sure they would appreciate your help.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the survey I recently started distributing. Common priorities so far include road safety, speeding and support of local businesses. I will use your feedback to direct my efforts throughout 2024. As you know on the road safety front, I continue to push the Black Dog project forwards. Last week I asked Highways to use powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act to urgently close the slip road north of the crossroads. Two accidents in as many months there and, in my opinion, there is no good reason for its existence.

Thank you also to everyone who has raised concerns over the Hayfield Rise development and the habitation of homes on the site before the Puffin crossing is completed. This delay goes against a condition of the planning approval and is unnecessary. I am in discussion with enforcement officers on this matter.

Lastly, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a fantastic start to the new year. Please have a happy and restful break and take care of yourselves and each other.

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SAVING 'THE HOLLY CROWN'

By R. S. Jones

Last month, the Parish Council stepped in to help save my favourite tree from the chopping by the logging ponies in Canada Woods.

My name is Robyn, I am 9 years old and my favourite forest to play in is Canada Woods. A couple of months ago I heard that some trees were going to be cut down, so I immediately went back to the forest to see which trees were being cut down. My Dad and I have this cave made out of a tree and a holly bush and we call it The Holly Crown. My Dad and I pretend it is a pub that sells butterbeer, a drink out of Harry Potter. When I went to Canada Woods to see which trees were being cut down, I saw The Holly Crown was being cut down because there were pink spots painted on it. I was very sad about this.

So I wrote to the Parish Council to say: you don't have to cut all the trees down, so please spare me one tree – The Holly Crown.

Di Fraser, the Canada Woods boss, kindly asked the loggers to inspect The Holly Crown for me. They found out that although The Holly Crown structure tree is an ash tree with ash dieback disease, it has strong roots and is held up by other trees so it is not dangerous. Di even let me come and watch the logging ponies at work – the Comtois ponies were so beautiful.

So The Holly Crown has been saved and I feel very happy that my Dad and I can play in it for longer. Thank you Parish Council!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Another record-breaking year for us... £1,150! A huge thank you to each and every one of you who supported us back in September, without you none of this would be possible.

A big thank you to our helpers, without whom we could never achieve all this. Maisie and Cam on the raffle, Ally on produce, Derek and Bill with Bric-a-Brac, Jo, Grace and Ellie on Tombolo, Sharon and Bo putting on a lovely spread of cakes and not forgetting Helen and Julie in the kitchen on tea and coffee!

Once again, many thanks for all your continued support.

Sally & Derek

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. Once again, we have been learning about Diwali and we were visited by Kalpesh who had the whole school (including parents) dancing on the playground.



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.

For our Harvest Festival Celebrations, we all walked to St. Barnabas Church in Easterton. Reverend Marion gave a service, and the children presented their Harvest Poems and songs. 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 in Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to learn about managing their health and wellbeing when we were visited by the 'I can I am' bus at the beginning of term. They were able to make pizza and talk about the characteristics that make them unique and amazing. We were also visited by an expert educator from Coram Life Education who 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.

At St Barnabas, we are proud of all our pupils and the work they do every day. Sometimes we get the opportunity to show case our talents elsewhere and this year we would like to make a special mention to the children who entered the Devizes Eisteddfod competition. It takes a lot of courage to put yourselves forward for these events, so we are delighted to have students with the strength of character to have a go. We would like to say well done to everyone who took part.

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:

5th December – Nativity Performance

7th December – 12pm Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 - Family Christmas Lunch.

8th December – 12pm Key Stage 2 – Family Christmas Lunch.

11th December – Children's Christmas Chocolate Tombola and School Disco



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News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

The arrival of December is welcomed with the glitter covered chaos that Christmas brings in our school. The children are bubbling over with excitement and it is beautifully contagious to us all.

Decorating our tree

Christmas is such an exciting time at DAPS and our diaries are crammed full of exciting activities. 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 is a wonderful way to welcome the Christmas season into our school and a tradition that we all look forward to every year.

Nativity performances for our youngest children

Our much-loved Christmas nativity is always performed by our youngest pupils and it is often the first time they 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 on costumes, props, lines and choreography.

Christmas fun!

We also have lots of other exciting Christmas events – Christmas dinners, Christmas jumper day, Church carol services and class parties to name but a few. Our lovely PTA team also support us hugely at Christmas with the running of our Wreath Making night on the 4th December which only has a handful of tickets left. I love nothing more than driving through the villages seeing the wreaths hanging on your doors knowing that many of you created these whilst supporting our school. I will be joining you this year and am very much looking forward to making my first wreath with you all!

Our PTA team also host a Festive Friday event where the children can enjoy a lovely hot chocolate whilst taking part in all the fun activities put on for them and picking up a few stocking fillers whilst there. Not only that, they coming into school the week before Christmas and create a full shop for our children so they can choose a present for their parents or loved adults as a Christmas surprise too. It really is a wonderfully busy month!

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 their child next September. We welcome any of you who would like to 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.

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Returning after our half term break, we continued looking at Halloween – we used our fine motor skills to scoop out our pumpkins then we explored what the inside of a pumpkin would feel like with our feet; we dressed up in our Halloween costumes on the 31st and the children had their Halloween Party that afternoon.

We finished that week talking about being Eco Friendly – looking at recycling, composting, and litter picking.

We used our recycled cardboard to create some wonderful artwork, We have celebrated Diwali, making paper lanterns and tea light holders and talking about why different people have different culture celebrations and why Diwali is celebrated.

The children worked hard to create our Remembrance Wreath which we laid with the other wreaths made by DAPS children when we joined in their Remembrance service. The children also made individual poppies which were hung on our tree in the garden. Reverend Marion visited the children and spoke to them about Remembrance and what it feels like when we lose someone we love or a pet we have loved.

We all walked to Dauntsey House Care Home and delivered biscuits to the residents, the children also sang a few of their favourite songs and the residents joined in. Weather permitting, we are hoping to visit again just before Christmas.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We currently have spaces in 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 or managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com.



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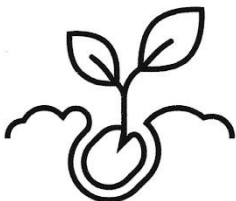
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Easterton

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PL/2023/09586 St Barnabas Church, Kings Road, 2 x Holm Oak trees - re-pollard

PL/2023/09420 Court Close, 5 The Clay, T1 Lime tree - Pollard to 8 metres to allow light into the garden and reduce weight from the crown.

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We are incredibly proud to share that, thanks to your support, we were able to raise an impressive £900 for each of our chosen charities, Cureusher UK and SANDS UK. We couldn't have achieved this without the generosity and kindness of local businesses. Their donations of items for the day and raffle prizes were invaluable.

So many people lent a helping hand in countless ways, and we are incredibly grateful to our friends and family who made this event possible.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for purchasing tickets and raffle tickets etc, and for helping us raise much-needed funds for these special charities.

Looking ahead, we are considering running the event again next year in September so look out for the adverts.

Warmest regards, Nichola Humpage & Penny Read

A letter to the editor

Hit and Run on Spin Hill.

As this is can be a criminal offence I passed this to the police. Colin Osborn

This morning I very nearly became the second fatality on the bend in the road at the top of Ledge Hill leading to Spin Hill, when some irresponsible driver failed to reduce her speed as she approached the bend!

The grey haired lady, driving a grey car registration RY05... could clearly see me walking my dog down the hill, as I do most days and I assumed she would either slow down or pull out but she did neither!!!

Given that I could hear traffic coming from the Spin Hill direction I signalled for her to slow down but she chose to ignore this and literally drove at me! I managed to push both myself and dog into the hedge but still caught my arm on the side of her car. She continued on her way!

So if you happen to know who this lady is please tell her that her driving is dangerous and that I'm ok, this time. My heart is still racing and she's very lucky it was me and not one of my neighbour's young children who regularly walk and ride up and down the hill, they might not have been able to get out of your way.

Yours Sam Phillips. 25/10/2023

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| | 10.30 am Triple Service at Easterton | | 10.00 am Christmas Communion Great Cheverell | 10.30am |
| | 11.00 am Great Cheverell Simple Communion | | 11.30 am Christmas Celebration Little Cheverell | Benefice Communion Great Cheverell |
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| | | 6.30 pm Carol Service Easterton | | |

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