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	9.00	West Lavington Breakfast Church			
	9.30	Little Cheverell Holy Communion Common Prayer	West Lavington Holy Communion Common Worship	West Lavington Praise and Worship	
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	11.00	Great Cheverell Simple Communion	St. Barnabas Easterton Holy Communion Common Worship	Great Cheverell Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion	
	11.00	Trinity + St. Mary's + St. Barnabas Community Hall		St. Barnabas Holy Communion	

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm St. Barnabas Church Easterton Contemplative Prayer**

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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

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## January Reflection

Christmas is over. Friends and relatives have been visited or welcomed and all the presents have been opened, the food eaten and the drinks enjoyed. Some have already gone back to work after the Christmas celebrations while others won't be back at work until after the New Year bank holiday. For some the celebrations will have been full of family fun and fully enjoyed with new photos for the album and more memories to be added to those already held dear.

For others, the Christmas season will have been difficult. Many will have felt isolated and alone. Some reliving their own nightmares of Christmas past and all of these people wishing for the celebration to end and the normality of their lives to resume. Add to that the extra pressure of fuel and food poverty that are very real problems for many in our communities, Life, in the winter months is now hard for many of us.

Please do make use of warm spaces. And remember that we all have a commitment as fellow villagers to care and help each other through hard times.

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David Green

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St. Arbuck's Community Cafe sponsor a Young Person category and prize. This year's award ceremony accompanied an annual village Beer and Carols celebration, led by Rev. Gary Gotham at the Green Dragon pub on Monday 12 December.

St. Barnabas School headteacher Mrs. Lindsay Clough, presented this year's Young Community Minded Person award to Rylee Kennedy aged 12. Mrs Clough said she was hugely proud to present the 2022 certificate and fifty pounds prize to such a worthy winner. Rylee is an extremely caring young person, helping with his siblings and carrying out chores such as collecting prescriptions. That much was great, but overcoming his ADHD to become one of the school's head pupils was outstanding. To add to the occasion it was Rylee's birthday, so the carollers were delighted to sing a rousing happy birthday to him.

### Snow in Market Lavington.

We do not get snow very often in Wiltshire, so we depend on volunteers to clear pavements and roads. This year we must thank Shiloh, Noel and Fred. Y9 pupils at Lavington who cleared the road up to Northbrook, and other people who cleared pavements and bits of other roads. Please remember that no-one in the UK has been sued for failing to perfectly clear a pavement.

We have salt/grit bins dotted around Market Lavington and Easterton. Some are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, and others, of the Parish Councils. The grit is best used for clearing ice using about a tablespoon of grit per square metre.. If it snows again, shovel and sweep the snow into piles or snowmen and then spread a small amount of salt to stop what remains from freezing.

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- 15th January - **TRINITY CHURCH SERVICE**  
Led by Clive Ilman
- 22nd January - **TRINITY 'WINTER WARMER' SERVICE**  
(3.00pm) Led by Revd. Gary Gotham
- 29th January - **Sector Service at St. Andrews, Devizes**  
(10.30am) Led by Revd. Gary Gotham



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Happy New Year? 'Some chance of that', you might reply. The war in Ukraine doesn't seem like it's going to end any time soon. Inflation continues to eat into people's incomes. Unions are planning more disruptive strikes for early 2023. And then there's a host of as yet unknown challenges that will no doubt come our way in the year ahead. Given that is the case, how can we look forward to the next twelve months with confidence and hope? I know someone who may be of help to us on that front, the Bible character Joseph. You remember, the one with the coat of many colours. Joseph dreamed that one day he would be a great man. His own brothers would bow down to him. But after that everything seemed to go wrong. His brothers sold him as a slave and he was taken off to Egypt. Initially he did well for himself as a senior household servant. Then Joseph was falsely charged with assaulting the boss's wife and ended up in prison. Joseph didn't realise this at the time, but this series of unfortunate events was all part of God's plan for him. He had to be in Egypt to forewarn Pharaoh that seven years of famine would follow seven years of plenty. He was given the task of making preparations for the years of scarcity. Eventually his own family came to join him in Egypt where he could make sure they were well provided for.

Joseph's brothers were concerned that when their father died it would be payback time, but he readily forgave them for treating him so badly. He explained, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." (Genesis 50:20). God specialises in bringing good out of evil. The crucifixion of Jesus was the most wicked act. Yet it was by his death upon the cross that Jesus rescues us from sin and reconciles us to God when we put our faith in him.

Yes, bad stuff happens, but as Joseph came to see, God is able to bring good out of it. There is a great verse in Paul's letter to the Romans that has brought hope and encouragement to many believers faced with challenging and uncertain times, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).

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

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‘The Holly and the Ivy when they are both full grown....’ yes, Christmas is nigh, but please leave as much berry bearing holly and ivy as both provide valuable pop-up cafes with sustenance for birds and, in the case of ivy, insects too as the weather cools down. The seasonal flowers to plant for December and January include snowdrops, you might add the longer stemmed variety Galanthus Magnet, and the Christmas Rose (Hellebore), also Sarcococca – the Christmas box - and a selection of brightly coloured croci. Lastly, at the end of a momentous year which saw the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, what about planting a native tree for the Queen’s Green Canopy.

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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.

**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.
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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.

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## **Background information and research undertaken regarding the new drop-down bollard on The Clays**

Just over a year ago, a number of The Clays residents who have lived there a significant number of years raised concerns with the Parish Council regarding the increasing numbers of vehicles using The Clays, many of which it appeared were using it as a short-cut to avoid congestion along the High Street. 'No through road signs' at either end of the Clays were being ignored by drivers, and regular reports of excessive speed and inconsiderate driving were being received. Vehicles using The Clays were damaging the surface, faster than residents could fill the holes.

The Parish Council recognised the importance of the Clays bridleway for pedestrians and other permitted users, as a safe alternative route away from the busy High Street; including children going to school, the elderly, people using mobility scooters and pushchairs etc. Following a full consultation with residents of The Clays, and with their support, the Parish Council therefore decided to investigate the matter further.

Enquiries with Land Registry, and notices in the Village Magazine were inconclusive in determining ownership of the Clays bridleway. With confirmation being received from Wiltshire Council that it was not their responsibility to maintain the bridleway, the Parish Council therefore agreed to take some responsibility, and improve the safety of the Clays for the benefit of the community.

There then followed a lengthy risk-based consideration of the issues, and possible solutions to improve safety on the Clays, with the matter having been discussed publicly at most, if not every Parish Council meeting, and some of the committee meetings, as far back as September 2021. There were several occasions during meetings where members of the public present took part in the discussions. Minutes from all Parish Council meeting are available to read on the Parish Council website. The Parish Council have now carried out surface improvements to fill the potholes and make the Clays surface safer and less uneven, and a new drop-down bollard has been installed to prevent unauthorised driving along the full length of the Clays. The bollard is dropped to allow for refuse collections, and properties and landowners along the Clays have all been issued with keys to the bollard to use as necessary. The bollard itself has a reflective cover, and a 'bollard ahead' warning sign has been placed at the Stobberts Road end to prevent drivers reaching the bollard and having to reverse back along the bridleway.

Enquiries included contacting Wiltshire Council Conservation, Highways, Refuse, and Rights of Way Teams, and the Emergency Fire Service. The formal response received from Wiltshire Council Highways provided the following information,

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

The Devizes Area Board is a panel made up of the seven Wiltshire Councillors from across the wider Devizes area. I sit on it and represent The Lavingtons, alongside Tamara Reay (Devizes Rural West), Simon Jacobs (Devizes South), Iain Wallis (Devizes North), Kelvin Nash (Devizes East), Philip Whitehead (Urchfont & The Cannings) and Laura Mayes (Bromham, Rowde & Roundway).

I love the work that the Devizes Area Board does to support the community. In our December meeting, which was really well attended by members of the public, we broke into groups to discuss a rapid local response to the Cost of Living Crisis. You will no doubt have heard about the Warm Spaces popping up across the area and we are desperate to supplement this with additional initiatives to help further. I will keep you updated via this magazine, my blog and Facebook page as more local support gets rolled-out. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help.

An excellent example of the support that the Devizes Area Board provides was shared with the audience during our last meeting. I champion all things "Youth" on the board and was thrilled to tot-up this year's grants we have provided for projects involving young people.

We have helped kick start youth clubs in Bromham, Great Cheverell and West Lavington with grants of more than £9,000. We've supported Parish Councils with improvements to play areas by donating more than £13,000. We supported local youth sports initiatives with grants of £12,500

and we assisted schools and church groups with grants of £15,000 for youth work. In total, over the last year, the Devizes Area Board has awarded grants for local youth projects totalling £61,000!

I often harp on about communities uniting in order to build things together. That local, grass roots passion really is the best foundation to a successful project and when those initiatives make it to the Devizes Area Board to request financial support, we are often fighting each other for access to the cheque book!

In other news, I talked about the issues with the completely flawed 5 Year Housing Land Supply last month. Some good news has come from Westminster in terms of amendments to housing targets in response to a rebellion from MPs fuelled by pressure from communities like ours. As always, the devil is in the detail, so I await confirmation from Wiltshire Council officers to confirm that our local control over house building has been strengthened.

Finally, I want to wish you and your families a very happy and healthy Christmas and a positive start to 2023.

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



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