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Church & Community News**



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August 2025

Your Voice in your Neighbourhood Plan

🌀 If you've spotted a favourite green spot or a hidden gem you think deserves a little extra love, our form for nominating **Local Green Spaces** or non-designated **Heritage Assets** is still open! Just pop over to the Neighbourhood Plan website at marketlavingtonNP2.org and share your suggestions—we'd love to hear from you.



The more ideas we get, the stronger and more community-focused our Plan will be! And if you'd like to know more about what counts as a green space or heritage asset, you'll find handy details on the website too. We have groups looking at locations to preserve for the current and future community and natural benefit. If you would like to contribute in any way please get in touch contact@marketlavingtonnp2.org.uk

🌀 We have just reviewed the **draft Housing Needs** survey from AECOM, an independent consultancy, which gives an idea of the mix of housing that we might need over the next 15 years. While this survey provides useful guidelines, it is not intended to set a definitive number of new homes and some areas rely on assumptions we consider impractical. Our feedback has already been provided to AECOM so that a final version can be prepared.

🌀 AECOM's **assessment of all the sites** suggested for housing by the Parish is expected soon. Once this report is received, the Steering Group will review it for accuracy before sending it back for final amendments. The completed report, which will include every site put forward, will then be made publicly available for consultation. This will be a vital opportunity for parish residents to share their views on the possible housing sites from which a shortlist will be created for inclusion in the Plan.

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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St Mary's, Market Lavington
Invitation to a Garden Gathering

We would love you to join us from 12:00pm at 25 The Spring,
Market Lavington on Sunday 17th August.

We will be providing a light lunch and drinks.

Bishop Andrew has very kindly agreed to join us, following the
special Benefice service which he will be leading at St Mary's church.
This gathering is very kindly hosted by Slater and Sally Reynolds on
behalf of St Mary's Church.

We do invite a donation on the day. There will be a raffle as well.
To help with arrangements can you please confirm whether you will
be able to join us, so that we can ensure sufficient food and drink for
the event.

We look forward to hearing from you and to meeting with you on
Sunday 17th August.

Very best wishes, St Mary's PCC team.

If you can attend, please:

email to stmarys@marketlavington.org

We are very grateful to a generous sponsorship for the event from Feltham
Construction Ltd who are the development company that will be managing the
construction of the new Co-Op and associated housing along the Spring

St Mary's Church
Working Party

Saturday 16th August
(Imber Day)

Looking for something
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Join us at St Mary's Church
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10:00am until 2:00pm

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We meet in the Community Hall, Market Lavington every Sunday morning at 10.30am unless stated otherwise.

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3rd AUGUST - Trinity Church Service
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10th AUGUST- United Church Service
Led by Rev'd. Tom MacMeekin

17th AUGUST - Trinity Sector Service
@ St. Andrew's Church, Devizes
Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

24th AUGUST - United Holy Communion Service
(11am) @All Saints Church, West
Lavington Church
followed by 'bring & share' lunch.

Led by Rev'd. Peter Mogar

31st AUGUST - Trinity Church Service
Led by Patti Harrison

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MARKET LAVINGTON MUSEUM SUMMER OPENING

Behind The Old School and the Church.

From 3rd May the Museum opens 14.30-16.30 Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday every week.

- 16th August - Imber Bus Day
- 25th August - Easterton Fête
- 29th October - last day at the museum
- 4th November - AGM in The Old School
- 27th December - Christmas opening 2-4pm
- 28th December - Christmas opening 2-4pm

This year the museum is celebrating the 40th anniversary. It was opened in 1985 after the building had been refurbished. We are planning to celebrate this at our annual Garden Party on 29th June 2025

Easterton Village Hall 100 Club

made its monthly draw at the Hub on Wednesday 4th June
The winner of the first prize is - Nick Beard and the winner of the second prize is Mike Allen
Well done and thank you to everyone for your support.
It's never too late to get your ticket!

<https://eastertonvh.org/page/100-club>

Benefice 200 Club April Draw

The June winner of the Benefice 200 Club was Sandra Gamble from West Lavington.
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Ebenezer Chapel

Won't Get Fooled Again

The Chapel I attended as a teenager in Rhiwderin near Newport, South Wales had a fascinating member of the congregation. His name was Bert Entwistle. Bert had a wonderful baritone voice and sang in local choirs. But that wasn't the thing that made him such an intriguing figure to my teenage friends and me. It was his son we were interested in. For John Entwistle was bass guitar player with The Who. The band have just announced their farewell tour, some sixty years since forming in the mid-1960s. Although only singer Roger Daltrey and guitarist Pete Townsend are still in the land of the living.

One of The Who's best known song is 'Won't Get Fooled Again', released in 1971. The air was full of revolution in the previous decade. Young people were busy throwing off the old order of deference and restraint. They demanded a less inhibited and more equal society. 'Free love' and all that. The heady idealism of that time had begun to peter out in 70s. In 'Wont Won't Get Fooled Again', Daltrey belts out Townsend's disillusioned commentary, 'Things look just the same, and history ain't changed'. At the climax of the song he roars, 'Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.'

That's the trouble with revolutions. The old order may be overthrown, but the new lot aren't necessarily a whole lot better. Which is the basic lesson of George Orwell's novels *Animal Farm* and 1984. Orwell had Soviet Russia firmly in his sights. The October Revolution may have got rid of the Tsar's corrupt regime, but you'd hardly call Stalin's Russia a bastion of justice, equality and freedom. Similarly with the so-called 'Woke Revolution'. The intention may have been good, to champion the cause of the oppressed and marginalised. But once the Woke Revolutionaries gained cultural power and influence, they soon became dab hands at doing a bit of oppressing themselves. In a now notorious case, Kathleen Stock was hounded out of her professorship at the University of Sussex for daring to insist that being a woman has something to do with biology.

Earlier this year the Supreme Court ruled that for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 the terms 'man' and 'woman' refer to biological sex, not gender identity. Even senior politicians who seemed a tad confused about the details of male and female anatomy now accept this common-sense judgement.

But why is it that even the most idealistic people who believe they are on the 'right side of history' often end up acting in a pretty brutal way? Former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg put his finger on it when commenting on why the internet seems to spew out so much fake news and other vile stuff, "This is the awful truth: we like misinformation, we like lurid headlines, we like gossip, we like mischief, we like people saying critical things of each other." Clegg added, "We are not nice. Human beings are not always nice and never ever have been." What Clegg calls "not nice" the Bible calls "sin". That is our wilful tendency to defy God and do damage to others.

That's why revolutions fail, and the new bosses soon become as bad as the old ones they removed. Accepting the Bible's realistic account of human nature will help ensure we won't get fooled again by people who promise sweeping change. The problem of sin is one what we cannot resolve on our own. That is why God sent his Son Jesus into our broken world. He came to rescue us from sin by dying upon the cross in our place and being raised from the dead. By faith in Jesus we can be forgiven and receive power to live a new life. The Christian Revolution is based not on human efforts to remodel the world, but the grace of God.

Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm.

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The 5 Anglican churches in our villages: St Mary's Market Lavington, All Saints' West Lavington, St Peter's Great Cheverell, St Peter's Little Cheverell and St Barnabas Easterton, receive patronage from Christ Church Oxford. Peter Moger took up this role in November 2024 and is involved in the recruitment process for a new vicar. Christ Church can also provide support for our new vicar through certain grants and an invitation to attend a biennial conference for Clergy. Parishioners are also invited to attend a biennial service and dinner at Christ Church. Peter is very keen to support us and has helped us obtain a grant from Christ Church to help with some of the work to improve the vicarage.

If you would like an opportunity to meet Peter, you will be most welcome to join us on Sunday 24th August at 11am in All Saints' Church, when Revd Peter will be leading a service of Holy Communion which will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the church.

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Responsibilities will include the day to day running of the cafe and
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The successful candidate should be sympathetic to the Christian ethos of
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All applications (with c.v.) should be in by 10 August 2025 and
interviews will follow.

If you would like to discuss this position further please contact Beth
at the cafe, or Les Charlton on 079 624 22 624
secretarytrinitychurchml@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer should also contact Beth to discuss how they may contribute to the
smooth running of this exciting community venture.

Eat Nourish Love (ENL) Autumn Fair 2025

The Eat Nourish Love (ENL) Autumn Fair 2025 will take place on Tuesday 23rd Noon - 9pm and Wednesday 24th 9.30 am - 4pm September at Tedworth Park, Tidworth (SP9 7AH). Formerly known as the Early, Early Christmas Fair, the event has been updated and expanded — now offering two fabulous days of shopping, delicious food and drink, supper, champagne, and a line-up of nine expert talks from some brilliant speakers.

This year's talks feature well-known names including Millie Mackintosh, Dr Louise Newson, Lucinda Miller, Grace Fodor, Lieutenant General Sir Simon Mayall, Emma Mills and Eve Cameron. Please see the attached flyer with more details.

The fair supports two incredible charities — Walking With The Wounded and Horatio's Garden — and brings together over 120 hand-picked stallholders.

Tickets are just £6 online or £7 on the door. You can book a Talk & Fair Bundle for £22, which includes fair entry across both days and one expert talk of your choice. Additional talks are £16 each. For the evening, we have Champagne & Shop at £12 and Supper & Shop at £26. All online bookings are automatically entered into our free prize draw.

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Autumn TERM starts Sunday 7th September 2025 and includes 12 Tuesday swims and 9 Sunday swims. The last swim being Tuesday 9th December 2025.

The club swimming times are
Sundays, 3:30 to 5:30pm. Tuesdays, 7:15 to 8:15pm
Membership fees for the term:- £40 for individual and £80 for a family.

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

Morning Swimming starts Thursday 4th September 2025 and is from 6:30 to 7:30. Membership fee for the term is £35

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Edington Music Festival: August 17th-24th

The Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy is celebrating its 70th birthday this year! Started in 1956 by the Priory Church's new vicar, Canon Ralph Dudley, over one weekend with half a dozen of his choral scholar friends, it was part of a bid to raise enough money to repair the church's very leaky roof. In its 69 years so far, and now with three choirs, 6 organists, over 70 participants in all, and over 8 days of services, the festival has raised over £250,000 for the benefit of the parish and the wider communities which host this wonderful event.

Its congregations now come from all over the globe, from New Zealand to North America, drawn to what is the oldest, and generally regarded as the finest, celebration of church music within the context for which it was written.

This year's theme, "The Ways of the Lord", follows journeys made along roads and ways in the Holy Land, with music celebrating the anniversaries of the birth of the leading composer of the late 16th century, Palestrina, and of some more recent composers, Sir John Rutter and Bob Chilcott, whose compositions for the season of Christmas feature in Tuesday's 'Road to Bethlehem'. In between, there is a wide range of music from Byrd, Gibbons, and Hassler, through to Warlock, Daley and McDowall, taking in favourites such as Stanford, Howells and Britten en route. Three choirs will sing at four daily services including Choral Evensong, recorded for later broadcast on BBC Radio 3, on Wednesday afternoon; a rare liturgical performance of Wood's Mark Passion on Friday evening; and Choral Matins on both Friday and Saturday mornings. Services are free, and everyone is welcomed to enjoy sublime music and spiritual solace.

The Festival Supper, the light-hearted demonstration of the relationship between festival and Parish, is an evening of food and music this year on Wednesday 20th August, and tickets can be bought from Hugh Hancock; musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org.



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR CHORAL WORKSHOP

This year's Edington Arts Choral Workshop will be held in Edington Priory Church on Saturday September 13th from 10am-4pm. Applications are now open for what will be a really interesting and enjoyable day's learning how to sing a capella (unaccompanied) in different styles to the highest standard we can achieve. If you can read music and have some experience of singing in a choir, this one's for you!

The day will be led by The King's Singers' first baritone, Chris Bruerton, who has chosen the music; four pieces which range from polyphony by the great 16th century composer Orlando di Lassus, to an arrangement by former King's Singer Bob Chilcott of the traditional air "Greensleeves", through Ralph Vaughan Williams and Eric Whitacre.

Full details are at www.edingtonarts.org, where you can also make an online booking. If you would rather book by phone, please phone Anne on 01380 831425 or 07977 464375. The cost for the day is £25, which includes music hire and refreshments on arrival and mid-morning. (Copies of Greensleeves and the Lassus will be available for sale either individually or in bundles of ten).

The day will finish with tea and cake to which family and friends are invited, followed by an informal run-through.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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We always aim to have two volunteers for each shift. It is a great way to meet other book lovers and to welcome everyone young and old.

The duties are not at all onerous, the shifts are split into two 1.5 hrs on a Wednesday, 3 x 2.5hrs on Friday and 2hrs on Saturday. We ask that Volunteers can be available for three shifts per month - this can often be just two depending on numbers. Ahead of each month our Volunteer Co-Ordinator will ask for your availability and draw up the rota. There are no set shifts. You will receive full training for the volunteer role.

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If think you can help your Link Group, please contact Barbara or Colin for more information on **01380 812755**.

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Rhyme Time in the Library

Rhyme Time carry's on through the school holidays in Market Lavington Library, and it's fine to bring along your primary school aged children as well.

If you're a library member and have children staying with you, you're welcome to join in.

The dates are 1st and 15th August from 10:15 to 10:45am.

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

Now that the Council is back in full swing following the elections in May (in Wiltshire at least; Kent is apparently not holding any meetings still) it has been interesting to receive some updates from the new administration.

A main issue that impacts us locally is Black Dog Crossroads. The electricity supply was due to be installed in June, however, has slipped back to August. I don't now why this has been delayed, potentially an issue with SSE who need to do the work, or a decision by the Council. The installation of the cabling will now commence in early August and is expected to last five weeks.

The actual signals will be installed towards the end of the cabling work and will commence in early September. In total the project includes 4-way traffic signals, junction resurfacing, and drainage improvements.

As we get closer to the completion of the project there will need to be some temporary closures for side roads (Worton and Broadway) and it is expected that over-height vehicle access to Broadway will be retained. My advice has been to limit closures to nights; further Information will be published mid-July. I have also advised that work should move forwards as much as possible to coincide with school holidays.

We also have a new development of 47 houses being planned in West Lavington in the field behind White Street. This has been a shock to many residents and feels huge given the recent developments the village has seen At Holloway Rise and Hedges House. A consultation is being organised for the afternoon of the 9th July, at the Churchill Arms. Like many residents I will be in attendance to learn more about the proposal and discuss my concerns with the community; impact to the roads, schools and doctor's surgery surely top of the list.

Two worrying updates have come from Council officers in the last week. The first is that radioactive material with readings above the safety threshold was uncovered on a Council owned site (a former RAF base in Melksham). What is really alarming is that officers found out about this in January and kept it from councillors and the local community until June. The same week we found out about this, councillors were also told that the balanced annual budget that officers had forecast at the end of the last quarter had miraculously turned into a £5m overspend. I accept that this represents just 1% of the overall budget, however, it is inexcusable that £5m in costs can magically appear between the point the previous administration shut the doors and turned the lights off and the new administration entered the building. Something doesn't add-up (excuse the pun) and so the upcoming Cabinet meeting will be very uncomfortable for officers, the new Leader and his team.

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This year we sadly say goodbye to 10 of our older children who are all moving on to Elm Class at Dauntsey Academy Primary School. We would like to wish them all the very best as they start the next step of their learning journey in September. We will miss you all, however, we will still get to say hello over the fence when out playing in the garden.

We also say goodbye to Miss Polly, who has worked closely with one of our children over the last 2 years. Miss Polly will be working as part of the team at DAPS.

On Friday 29th August we will be holding a playdate between 10:00-12:00 hrs. This is an opportunity for the families who will be with us in September to come and meet up before the new academic year begins.

We would like to thank all our families old and new for their continued support and wish you all a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming you back on our first day on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

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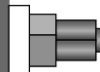
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Joan Loveridge-Sanbonmatsu

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PL/2025/05353, 29 Park Road, SN10 4ED. Single storey side extension. Single storey rear extension. Loft conversion.

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Hopefully we can enter again next year and include Easterton Sands and Eastcott.

A huge heartfelt thanks from all to everyone who has taken the time in their busy schedule to help win this award..

We await the official announcement on the CPRE BKV website
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	9.30 am				Matins West Lavington
	10.00 am		Welcome to Worship Great Cheverell		
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