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Church & Community News**



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November 2025

The November letter from Bishop Karen.

'As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you.'

These wonderful words are used at the start of Morning Prayer each day. It is a rich and powerful prayer asking God to not only go with us into a new day, but also that we may be changed by God's presence with us. Hence our love being a vehicle of God's love in the world.

This is a powerful prayer for our day and age, as the world so much needs the love and light of Christ in so many ways. We can pray it for ourselves and we can pray it for others. Our world leaders, our peace makers, those who put their own lives in danger for the sake of others. November is the month of remembrance, where we give thanks for those who have given their lives in the pursuit of peace, and we reflect on our own calling as peacemakers where we are, in our homes, in our communities, in the decision we make and our reactions to others. The prayer however is not just practical, it is also spiritual. What does it mean to have our hearts set on fire with love for God? That takes time and devotion, it takes prayer and worship. I am thrilled when I meet a new Christian whose heart is on fire with love for God. Those who come for confirmation are usually our best evangelists showing others what a change Jesus can make, and enthusing others with the joy of the gospel. For those of us who have been followers of Christ for many years, this prayer can be a challenge, and therefore a good reminder day by day, that we need to regularly rekindle faith so we blaze with God's love and light. In a month when we think about remembrance, and light bonfires and watch fireworks, do take some time to pray this prayer in your own heart, so we can all be set on fire with God's love as we make Jesus known.

Bishop Karen

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Reflection

November arrives with daylight shortening and the weather becoming wetter and windier, but perhaps with some frosty mornings. The trees have lost their leaves so that at night, the sky between the branches can be full of stars. We look back and remember the warm sunny days of summer, when we spent many hours enjoying our gardens and the countryside around us.

November is a month for remembrance. We have bonfire night, remembering the Gunpowder Plot in 1605, when a group of disillusioned Roman Catholics tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament, having lost hope of greater religious tolerance under James I.

In this month we also have Remembrance Day, marking the sacrifice of so many during both World Wars and so many in this century. Remembrance Day began in 1919 (called Armistice Day) to commemorate the Armistice Agreement which ended WW1.

Now, as we spend less time outside, we may sit and reflect on the things which have passed. For instance, this summer was noted for heat and drought, breaking previous records. Last winter was a record breaker for intense rain and wind, but will this winter be wet or cold?

In the light of climate change, as individuals, we need to think how we can reduce our environmental impact.

May we spend this month reflecting on: showing tolerance to those around us - the message of Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day; what we can do to preserve our precious world and preparing for Advent.

Wendy Wilshin

BOOK NOW FOR ADVENT!

Tickets are on sale now for Edington Arts' very popular Advent Concert, online through their website at www.edingtonarts.org or by phone from Chrissy on 01380 841254.



The concert is on Saturday December 6th, at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church, and will be given by the excellent chapel choir of the Queen's College, Oxford. Over the past few years this mixed voice choir of between 20 and 40 singers has developed into one of the most active and highly regarded university choirs in the country, a "jewel in the British Choral scene", according to BBC Music Magazine.

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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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2nd NOVEMBER - Trinity Church Service

Led by Jeannie MacMeekin

9th NOVEMBER - United 'REMEMBRANCE'

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(10.45 am)

Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

16th NOVEMBER - Trinity Church Sector Service

Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

23rd NOVEMBER - United 'TOY' Service @ St. Barnabas □ Easterton

Led by Abigail Perrow

30th NOVEMBER - Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion

Led by Abigail Perrow

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New Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Sarah Mullally

The Diocese of Salisbury welcomed the announcement of the appointment of Bishop Sarah Mullally as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Rt Revd Stephen Lake, said:

"The announcement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury is a historic and welcome moment for the Church.

"I thank God for Bishop Sarah's willingness to respond to this call to serve and look forward to working with her as we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ to a country so in need of hope and healing. Part of her ministry was shaped here in Salisbury, as a canon of Salisbury Cathedral, and knowing her gifts in pastoral leadership, we celebrate her appointment today.

She will be a blessing to the whole Church, in the UK and across the Anglican Communion.

I urge all people of faith to join me in praying for her as she prepares for this ministry."



Benefice 200 Club Winners

Pam Baker of Erlestoke won October prize.

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Ebenezer Baptist

On (finally) visiting Great Chalfield Manor

My wife and I have been on and off members of the National Trust for many years. Our latest 'on' period expired at the end of October. We've done all the local NT properties multiple times; Stourhead, Dyrham, Lacock, etc. Plus visiting many further afield ones for day trips or when on holiday. But decades came and went, and we'd not yet explored Great Chalfield Manor near Melksham. With only a few weeks left before our membership ran out, we finally made it.

It was a beautiful sunny day. The garden flowers were in full bloom, while the trees were just beginning to take on their autumnal shades. The manor house is regarded as a fine example of late medieval architecture. We joined a tour of the old place. Our knowledgeable guide filled us in on the fascinating history of the residence as he showed us around numerous rooms, each of which had a story to tell. Be sure to check the property's National Trust website before you visit, as the manor house is only open for guided tours on certain days of the week.

Great Chalfield Manor and Garden is only around 15 minutes away from where we live. So near, yet we almost missed out on the opportunity to visit the hidden gem. Our tendency to neglect special places that are close to hand put me in mind of the spiritual quest of Augustine of Hippo (354-430AD). In his pre-Christian life Augustine sought truth and beauty in the external world, where he hoped God might be found. He failed to realise that God was closer than he had imagined. "You were with me" he said, "and I was not with you." Although we may be far from God, he is close to us. As the Bible says, "in him we live, dwell and have our being". Augustine came to see that God has made it possible for us to draw near to him. He bridged the gap that separates us from him by sending his Son Jesus Christ to die upon the cross for our sins. Augustine, who had searched high and low for God, experienced the warmth of his embrace in Jesus, confessing, "you touched me, and I burned for your peace".

You may also be searching for meaning and purpose in life, but thus far what you are seeking has escaped you. As Augustine discovered, the answer may be closer than you think, "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near." (Isaiah 55:6)

Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm. On the 4th Sunday of the month we have 'Time for Tea +', a short service followed by a traditional Sunday tea.



Christmas fundraiser



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An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

Salisbury Cathedral

Wednesday November 12th 7.30pm

Matthew's gospel is the longest account of the life of Jesus. Heavily influenced by Judaism, the evangelist portrays Jesus as the one who fulfils yet transforms Jewish expectations of a Saviour / Messiah.

The Church year which begins at Advent 2025 will source most of its Sunday gospel readings from St Matthew. This evening is an opportunity to get ahead of the lectionary by diving into the priorities and values of the first evangelist.

Some of the most famous stories and sayings of Jesus are only found in the first gospel: the star-led wise men, parables of wheat and tares, sheep and goats, wise and foolish virgins, and many details of the crucifixion and resurrection are only found in Matthew. This evening will explore why these were important for Matthew and what they might mean for us today.

Booking Details

We are trialling a charge for this event. This is to cover the costs of the evening and support future adult learning opportunities at the Cathedral. If you would like to attend but cost is an issue, please contact k.padley@salcath.co.uk

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They are raising money to go to Peru with Camps International for a month, supporting local communities, building hospitals, schools and village faculties.

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1st Prize Les Charlton

2nd Prize Anthony Snook

The winners of the October draw were

1st Prize Les Charlton

2nd Prize Anthony Snook

Well done and thank you to everyone for your support.



It's never too late to get your ticket!

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"War Artists : Paul Nash, CRW Nevinson & The Great War"
given by Dr David Boyd Haycock

Paul Nash and C.R.W. Nevinson were two of the most significant artists to paint the soldiers and battlefields of World War One. Walter Sickert described Nevinson's painting *La Mitrailleuse* ('The Machine-Gun', 1916, Tate Britain) as probably 'the most authoritative and concentrated utterance on war in the history of painting'. Another contemporary wrote that Nash's shattered landscapes seemed to have been 'torn from the sulphurous rim of the inferno itself.' This lecture explores the artistic development of both men, and their distinct but related responses to representing an extraordinary, horrific and very modern war in paint.

Dr. David Boyd Haycock is an established freelance art historian and curator. He is best known for his 2009 book, *A Crisis of Brilliance: Five Young British Artists and the Great War*, and the subsequent exhibition he curated at Dulwich Picture Gallery. Educated at the University of Oxford, and a former curator at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, he is a specialist in British art and culture in the period 1860 to 1940.

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I was really saddened to hear that, yet again, derogatory and untrue stories are being bandied about regarding the apparent 'huge' amount of tax payers' money being spent on Canada Woods and Community Park. I understand a local mouthpiece is on a mission to advise the general public of this 'atrocious and unworthy' spending spree. To them I say the Parish Council has been able to effectively regenerate our woodland for less than they would have spent for just doing the bare minimum required by law; and therefore, please stop denigrating the few people who work extremely hard for this community trying to improve this well used amenity land.

A few facts: -

Prior to 2021 the annual Parish Council budget for Canada Woods was £3000. This £3000 was used for tree works to make safe areas of high footfall. On the annual inspection in December 2021, it was decided a proactive management plan was needed to protect and regenerate the woodland for generations to come. The following two years were spent finding the right contractor for the job of thinning out the woodland in order for new growth to flourish. It also took me half a year to get our felling licence from the Forestry Commission, but which saved the Parish Council £400. No money was spent in those 3 years therefore creating £9000 worth of budget underspend. The contractors were paid £10,000 and by selling some of the timber the Parish Council received around £3000.00. – oh look, we are in profit!

In 2024 the Parish Council spent no money for tree works in Canada Woods, Saving £3,000 of the annual budget. In 2025, so far, the Parish Council has spent no money on tree works in Canada Woods; that is another £1500 of budget saved. Unspent tree works budget is now being set aside for the next phase of the Woodland Management Plan. Due to the increase in Ash die back this is a prudent approach. Restocking may take place at that time and currently there is plenty of funding for trees; the 105 whips being planted in November are being donated by the Woodland Trust.

The recent tree works in Canada Woods was paid for by a grant from Wessex Water. The pedestrian access to the river, which people love and is widely used, was paid for by The National Lottery and a grant from Wessex Water.

There was a geotechnical failure in February last year due to the unprecedented weather conditions. This led to a slippage into the river of MLAV2 causing the river to divert and narrow and the footpath becoming dangerous. At the request of the bereaved family, the Parish Council are able to fund the repair of the river

bank from a legacy received from a deceased resident who loved Canada Woods. Additional funds from the remainder of the Wessex Water Grant will be used for planting native trees and wild flowers on the restored bank.

The Community Orchard was funded by the Tree Council. They paid for everything including the stakes, wire, mulch and ties. Nothing at all ventured forth from the Parish purse. There was little support from the Community but the Orchard allowed us to tick boxes on other funding applications and is a platform for planning a number of village events next year in Community Park by the Community Group.

I spend my week days looking for funding for Canada Woods and Community Park and currently my weekends restoring the original footpath through Community Park; there is not much support from the community. I have been looking for funding for two years for an accessible footpath from Grove Road to the Ladywood entrance. I have also looked for help with the degrading upslope from the bubbling kettle. I have been working on getting a zip wire installed within the woodland but there was little support from the community. I have asked for help to level Community Park so it is fit for ball games! There was little support from the community.

Grant funding applications take days, sometimes weeks to complete. Funders currently support Community Engagement projects, they want to know how many people will be involved, how many people will benefit and what these improvements mean to our community. After hearing this outrageous gossip, I am not sure how many more funding applications I can submit if I am truthful about the current state of community involvement.

What I do know is, there is a small group of good people who I am incredibly proud of, who kept the orchard alive during the hot summer, who come up with exciting ideas for no cost community- based projects and activities and who put their time and energy into a small, but well used, part of this village even though they get little back in kindness from the Community or funding from the Parish. They are the Friends of Canada Woods and Community Park - Community Group and I am the Chair of that Group.

I am not normally this angry so if you would like to join this great bunch of people in their endeavours or want to know more about what we do and the truth of how it is achieved, please see our website:

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Market Lavington and Easterton WI

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Currently we are operating with a skeleton volunteer Committee who are working as hard as they can to continually look at ways to raise funds to maintain, pay bills and improve the Hall and its facilities, in order to keep this great resource available for you, its community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Attend Village Hall events that help raise funds?

There are frequent events throughout the year. Come along, bring family and friends and meet others. This will add to helping funds raised.

Volunteer your help?

To support planning, promoting, or the running of activities to do with fundraising events. Or support with maintenance cleaning/clearing or decorating jobs. To this effect we plan to have a list of willing contacts, as job needs arise, so you can determine what capacity and availability you have to help out on that occasion.

Join the volunteer committee and/or become a volunteer Trustee?

We are set up as a Charity, and in order to run/stay open we have a legal requirement to be led by a Trustee and Committee status that works in the best interests of the Village Hall and the Community that the hall supports.

We urgently need a replacement Chairperson. Consider if this could be you!

Additionally, we are short of members on the committee, to perhaps take on specific Roles, or bring a range of skills, ideas, willingness and approaches to the team: everyone knows that many hands make light work and a problem shared is a problem halved.

We sincerely ask you to consider what having the hall as a community resource means to you and how you can offer your volunteer help on either a more regular, or ad hoc basis.

To register your interest or to enquire further on any of these matters (without any commitment), please contact us via the Committee Secretary email address (secretary@eastertonvh.org), who can connect you with the right person.

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Firstly, sincere apologies for not providing my usual update last month. So much was going on inside County Hall, as well as locally with several issues I was helping with, I didn't find a spare minute to sit and write my usual update for locals.

The electricity cable is now under the A360 and we have had a couple of weeks without the Hell of temporary traffic lights. They are hateful things that are never synchronised properly when they are first installed and require at least a few hours for the guys on site to figure out why traffic in one direction has been sat listening to an entire podcast whilst cars from the other direction have been flowing through continuously. Once they have it all figured out and adjusted the trench progresses 50m and the lights get moved putting us back to square one! Thankfully the difference between these temporary lights and the all-singing all-dancing ones are night and day. I am always pointed towards the installation on the main London Road in Devizes where it meets Windsor Drive (at the petrol station) as a good example. We had months of excruciating issues while the work was being done and then as soon as the new lights went in it has completely changed the experience for drivers passing through. Quick, safe and easy (until they hit central Devizes!)

The most painful stage will shortly be upon us with the closure of the Worton Road for more than a month (they will probably finish sooner than that). The official diversion is long and painful and those who know the local roads will no doubt annoy the surrounding villages by diverting through in large numbers. I wish there was a simple answer to this, or any other significant road works, but there just isn't. When Market Lavington High Street was shut during the day recently, I received several emails from residents who were angry that it wasn't done during the night. When the A360 through West Lavington was resurfaced overnight last year I had a few angry emails from people who complained it wasn't being done through the day! What works for one person will make life difficult for another, that's life; we just need to all focus on the objective which is a sensible solution to the dangers of Black Dog crossroads.

In other news, Market Lavington, Great Cheverell and West Lavington are all undertaking Neighbourhood Plan reviews. Following a number of substantial (and somewhat contentious) developments cropping up over the last few years it is vital that communities come together to decide where they would prefer new houses. I will stop you immediately if you are currently shouting at this page "WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE HOUSES!" – I get it... but our Labour government doesn't! Housing targets have almost doubled for Wiltshire (no coincidence that it is not a Labour voting area – Many Labour strongholds have seen their targets slashed). All we can do is work together to find the best places for new homes, to outline what we want them to look like and what other infrastructure is needed to support them. If we don't create a Plan then it makes it easier for a developer to force houses on us in places we definitely don't want them!

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



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Market Lavington Tuesday Club

Thanks to everybody who came along to our fundraising coffee morning in October.

For those of you who may not know about Tuesday Club, it is all about providing a safe and comfortable place for elderly people to meet, socialise, engage in activities and benefit from companionship and a hot meal.

The club meets each Tuesday morning in the Market Lavington Community Hall and is supported by volunteers, who facilitate activities and manage the food service process.

The cost for members is £10 each week, including a 2-course meal and entertainment.

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Easterton

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