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COMMUNITYMINDED PERSON OF THE YEAR
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This year's winner of the award is Linda Cave.

Linda was nominated for the support she has given at the Tuesday Club, and her 10 years making sure that twice a week for the last 10 years there have been volunteers on duty at the Market Lavington Library.

The library has recently moved from the Sea Scout HQ to the John Reid Room of The Old School. Linda has passed her management role to Wendy, while continuing on the volunteer rota.

Wendy is the person to contact if you want to join this select group of volunteers, go up to the library have a chat with the ladies and gentlemen there, give your contact details and Wendy will contact you.

YOUNG COMMUNITY MINDED PERSON OF THE YEAR
Sponsored and organised by St. Arbucks Coffee Shop

This year's winner of the award is Sam Lever.

Sam received all the nominations without anyone knowing his name. He was described as the person who was picking up litter around the village or the boy who kept the village clean this summer.

As well as playing rugby for Devizes U15s, and participating in the Bath Rugby Development Programme, Sam is also doing his Duke of Edinburgh's award with Lavington School. As part of this he has to spend at least an hour each week for 3 months doing a Community Service, which has to be supervised and signed off at the end of the 3 months.. Sam approached the Parish Council to ask for permission to do this service and for someone to take responsibility for signing him off at the end of 3 months. This was agreed and the council also provided equipment for picking up litter and permission to use the Old School waste bins. The council also reassured Sam's parents that he was covered by the same insurance that they have for anyone doing volunteer work with the Parish Council.

An apology from Market Lavington Parish Council

Each year the council puts up lights in the Market Place. We try to light them a couple of weeks before Christmas and leave them lit till 12th Night.

This year, they renovated lights were put up, plugged in and switched on but nothing happened. The power to the lights had been disconnected when the energy saving street lights were fitted. Thanks are due to Danny Mortimer for checking the lighting and Wiltshire Council & Ringway their contractors for coming out and reconnecting the power.

Colin Osborn, Chair Market Lavington Parish Council

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	Epiphany	Baptism of Christ	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	Epiphany 4
Early Morning		9.00 am Breakfast Church West Lavington (Families Choir)	9.30 am Communion (Choir)	9.30 am Praise and Worship West Lavington (Families Choir)	
		9.30 am BCP Communion Little Cheverell	10.00 am Welcome to Worship Great Cheverell (Families)		
Late Morning	10.30 am Benefice Communion Service, St Barnabas Church, Easterton (Choir)	11.00 am United Covenant Service at ML Community Hall	11.00 am Communion Easterton	11.00 am Communion Easterton	10.30 am Benefice Communion, All Saint's Church, West Lavington (Choir)
		11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion Great Cheverell		11.00 am BCP Communion Great Cheverell	
After noon			4.30 pm Contemplative prayer service Easterton		

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Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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Reflection for January 2022

Welcome to a new year, and the third year of the Covid Pandemic. It's hard to see an end to the roller-coaster of restrictions we find ourselves living through. Even harder to keep an upbeat attitude to our day-to-day living. Do we wear face masks or not? Do we sit at home or go out? Is it safe to visit friends and relatives? So many questions and no short-cut answers.

It is in times like these that we have the time to ask ourselves the Big Questions. What is the point of life? Is there something more after death? Does God exist? Just what do I believe, and do I live up to that belief?

These are the questions we have so often laughed at in the past and mocked as irrelevant to our modern way of thinking. It has been all too easy to think we were fully in charge of our lives and our destiny, what we made it. In truth, very little is in our control, but the elusion still feeds our way of living.

As this pandemic continues to exert it's influence on our lives maybe we can find the time to ask the questions, look for answers and find faith, what ever shape that takes for you. For me that shape is called Elohim, Jehovah, Ancient of days, Abba, Father. And many other names such as The Christ, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Son of God, Jesus. And even Comforter, Holy Spirit, Light of life, Healer, Guide. What ever name I use I pray and live in relationship with the ONE that to me is all the above and so much more. From this, come strength to face whatever comes, to believe in ultimate good and to trust that there is so much more to life and death than we can ever know or imagine.

May God, whatever you perceive God to be, bless you abundantly and walk beside you throughout the coming year.

Rev. Marion Harrison

Help us to support young people at Dauntsey Academy Primary School

Dauntsey Academy Primary School is entering an exciting new stage in its development. We are joining the EQUA Multi Academy Trust which already runs Lavington School together with some seven other rural primary schools in this area such as Bishops Cannings, Chirton, and Woodborough.

DAPS is an important primary school in this area being one of the largest and serving pupils from Littleton Panell, West Lavington, Market Lavington and many other surrounding villages. We are fortunate to have modern premises together with substantial grounds including a wooded area for our Forest School, playing fields and informal play areas. This allows a great deal of outdoor activity in both play and learning. Lavington Pre-School sits next to DAPS which allows a seamless transition into school as pupils become ready to join us. When coupled with our 'Wrap Around Care' services for both breakfast and after school provision this provides an important comprehensive service for many working parents in the local area.

The EQUA model does not require DAPS to change from the school that so many of us know and love but instead offers us the support to allow us not only to maintain but to improve standards, facilities and experiences. This includes the encouragement for our staff to be able to link up with other teachers in the EQUA group to share experience, develop curriculum, join in training and plan projects. We believe that it will provide stimulating opportunities for all our teachers and teaching assistants in the near future.

As part of our move into EQUA we are now looking to attract new Governors to join our committed and experienced team. We are particularly looking for people with a background in education, health or welfare matters to help guide our young people and support our staff. This is an exciting time to join and help frame how DAPS can shape its future development within EQUA. If you are interested in joining the friendly and supportive team of Governors at DAPS please e mail Chris Thorne (Chair of Governors) at cthorne@daps.wilts.sch.uk.



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The tarmacked section of Drove Lane and the pavement is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, though the Parish Council does pay for occasional leaf removal from the pavement.

Beyond the tarmac, this is private access to houses and fields leading off it. This is not a footpath, bridleway or Byway. Anyone who uses the path without the actual or implied permission of one of the landowners is trespassing.

You can go up there to visit or deliver a parcel to a resident, but it is not a short cut from Kings Road to St. Barnabas School, the Elisha Field, or any of the houses or fields on the tarmacked section of Drove Lane.

It is as private as the shared Driveways of Kings Court, George Mews, and Strawberry Fields

Colin Osborn, Chair, Market Lavington Parish Council



Link Good Neighbour Scheme

We need more volunteers

Your Link scheme has been operating for some 14 years with the help of local volunteers and has continued to provide transport for trips to the doctors' surgeries, dentists, hospitals and the like, throughout the covid pandemic. In the last 18 months our volunteer numbers have fallen and recruiting has proven difficult.

We are now reaching a critical point where the number of requests for help are nearing the moment where we will not be able to provide a volunteer and an important medical appointment will be missed. Could you be the new volunteer to help?

As a Volunteer you give as much of your time as you wish, there is no maximum or minimum commitment, and you are free to choose which tasks to accept. Volunteers are paid a mileage allowance to cover their costs and the majority of local hospitals offer free parking for Link vehicles.

We urgently need more volunteers, so if you feel you would like to help, please contact Colin Bowler on 01380 812755 and we can discuss in more detail

Without new volunteers your Link Scheme will not be able to provide a full service, leaving vulnerable members of our community unable to attend appointments and ultimately closure of the scheme. Let's ensure this doesn't happen.

St Barnabas, St Mary's and Trinity Church congregation would like to say a very big thank you to all who contributed toys at the service in St Barnabas on Dec 12th.

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Happy New Year

That's the customary greeting as an old year ends and a new one begins. Although it's sometimes difficult to know when to stop wishing people a 'Happy New Year'. I mean, how far into January do you have to go before the year doesn't seem quite so shiny and new? Pocket diaries often contain a wealth of useful info. Maybe at a certain point in January they should say, 'Alright, you can drop it now with the Happy New Year thing'. Then we'd all know. Diary publishers please take note.

Wishing people happiness and granting that wish are, of course, two very different things. Our happiness is often based on circumstances. We feel cheerful when things are going well and sad or distressed when they are not. We perhaps started to hope that 2022 offered the happy prospect of a year not dominated by Covid. Then along came Omicron. As I write the government has just imposed 'Plan B'. Who knows where we will be by the time you read this? Joy is different to happiness because you can find joy despite moods or circumstances, so long as your reason for joy cannot be touched by the ups and downs of life. Paul wrote his New Testament letter to the Philippians from a prison cell. He had been locked up for the heinous crime of telling people about Jesus. Yet rather than bemoaning his lot, Paul urged his readers, 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.' The love of Jesus for his people never changes. That same love that led him to die on the cross for our sins still burns in his heart. If our joy is in him, nothing in the world can touch it.

I do wish you a Happy New Year for 2022, but more importantly I wish you a Joyful New Year: 'Rejoice in the Lord always'.

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We restart on Thursday January 13th 8 for 8.15, at the Market Lavington
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So come and add your voice, your first session is free and no sight-reading
 skills are necessary.

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Library Reopening

The doors of Market Lavington Library reopened on 1st December at its new home the Old School, Church Street. There has been a buzz of activity as volunteers start welcoming back former customers and enrolling new members.

The library has new shelving offering a range of popular non-fiction subjects such as biographies and hobbies as well as crime novels and popular fiction. The children’s section has books for all ages, displayed in bright, accessible browser boxes and spinners. Joining the library is easy and free, just bring along proof of name and address, for example an allowance book, bill or driving licence. A library card also allows customers to access eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and other online resources too. A free public computer with printing is also available.

The library is open Wednesdays from 2pm - 5pm and Fridays from 10am - 5pm, with a further extension planned as soon as additional volunteers have been trained.

The move has only been possible with the support of the volunteers and a partnership with Market Lavington Parish Council. A huge thank you from Wiltshire Council and the Library Service to everyone who has been involved, ensuring that the library can remain at the heart of the community for all residents to enjoy.

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16th January - 11am 'Meditation' Service

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23rd January - 11am 'Cafe style Church'

Join us for an informal gathering, with discussion over tea/coffee

30th January - 10.3am St. Andrew's Church Devizes Sector Service

Rev. Gary Gotham
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Collection Days in January	
Market Lavington Except The Spring, Grove Rd. (and turnings off it), Canada Rise, the north end of Parsonage Lane, Spin Hill, Ledge Hill, Broadway, Drove Lane & The Clays.	
All Easterton except the houses on Eastcott Common and Easterton Sands	
Household waste and paid garden waste collection	Friday 7th no garden waste collection and 21 st
Blue top bins and black boxes	Tuesday 11th and 25th
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Household waste	Wednesday 5th and 19th
Paid garden waste collection	Friday 21 st

Dear Parishioners,

During 2021 we have been able to re-open St Mary's Church for regular services and for individual visits, as the restrictions associated with COVID-19 gradually eased. The prevalence of the new Omicron variant of the virus means that precautions will continue to be taken at church services, including wearing of face masks, maintaining a degree of social distancing and the need to sign the visitors register, or else scan the NHS locator QR code with your smartphone, using the NHS Covid-19 app.

As previously reported, during the 2020 close down we had an opportunity to undertake some much needed work inside the church, to remove damaged plasterwork and expose the stone walls underneath to enable them to 'breathe'. This has been particularly necessary for the north wall, which has been badly affected by damp, however all the external walls are impacted by this problem. Additional work was required to be undertaken on the roof of the Vicar's Vestry, also to the roof at the northwest corner of the north aisle. The Vicar's Vestry roof in particular requires more work, which will need to be undertaken by a specialist team and this work is likely to incur significant cost to fix the roof.

The long serving oil-fired boiler is no longer operational, which means that we have had to deploy some oil filled electric radiators inside the church building, more to stave off damp, then to generate any significant heat. We have also deployed a dehumidifier to try and remove some of the damp inside the church building. We are investigating the possibility of installing solar panels on the roof of the church, but there are some significant obstacles to getting permission for this, given the grade 1 listing status of the building. During the colder part of the year we will not use the church building, but will divert services to St Barnabas at Easterton, as well as offering services in other churches within the benefice.

More recently work was completed on the clock in the church tower and we also completed some additional work in the tower to protect it from incursion by nesting birds, with more work still required to keep the birds out.

An itemisation of the various activities include:

- We have repaired all the previously broken windows.
- We have obtained an electrical certificate. This is probably the first time we have ever had the electrical installations in the church tested, despite it being a legal requirement for a public building. Cost to remedy all the problems that have been identified with the electrical installation will be about £3,000.
- An asbestos survey has been completed. This has identified that there is asbestos in the church. Asbestos can only be removed by specialist contractors and a cost of around £1500 to £2,000 would be incurred for this.
- H&S work has been started on the Tower Stairs. While fixing the mesh in the bell chamber in the tower, we had an opportunity to do some cleaning up in the bell tower, but this will require more time. The condition of the bells and the bell housings will probably need to be checked by an expert.



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- Work on refurbishing the Bier House roof, where some of the ridge tiles and other roofing tiles are damaged. We have moved the bier into the church to protect it against rain damage.
 - The need to try and remove damp away from the north wall is being investigated. This includes the possibility of installing a 'French Drain' as well as re-routing the guttering along the north wall.
 - While removing pews along the south and north aisles, it became evident that the joists under the floorboards in the aisles are suffering from damp damage. The joists will need to be replaced. This is another Health & Safety issue, which entails removal of the flooring.
 - We are seeking advice on possibility to dispose of some of the pews. This includes the pews from the north and south aisles and to the west end of the main nave. Many of the pews from the south and north aisles in particular are suffering from severe rot.
 - Some items of work on the organ were completed in 2019, and additional work was completed on the organ prior to the re-opening of the church in April this year.
 - Replacement of the lid to the Klargestep septic tank on the green, with a secure, heavy-duty lid. The Klargestep tank is embedded below ground surface, just to the west of the 1914 -1918 memorial stone.
 - Pollarding work to the lime trees along the roadside and along the path leading up to the church porch. Some additional work on trees in the churchyard will be undertaken in the new year. We are aware that some of the trees along the northern perimeter have been cut back without proper planning permission. We're not sure who did the work, but it has damaged the trees, possibly requiring their eventual removal at some stage.
 - We are commissioning the installation of a handrail beside the steps to the pathway at the south-east of the churchyard and hope to complete work on the bench seat located close to the African Bean tree with a view south towards Salisbury plain. The bench seat is not in good condition, so might need to be replaced, rather than repaired.
- During 2019 we engaged a new Architect, with a view to taking some fresh perspectives about what is required to improve the church building. Most of the work that has been identified by our architect relates to items of maintenance, to ensure the integrity of the building for the next few years. To maintain the building properly requires both a significant amount of money as well as time from the volunteers, who support the church in various ways.

If you are interested to learn more about St Mary's, please do get in touch and visit the benefice website for information:

<https://lavingtonchurch.org/st-marys-church-market-lavington/>

Planning Applications

Market Lavington

PL/2021/10568 5 The Clays, Fell Walnut Tree

PL/2021/10722, Weathertop, Parham Lane, Variation of condition 2 of 16/01943/FUL to allow for 10 stables at the livery yard to be used for full livery purposes (including for rehabilitation livery)

PL/2021/11027, The Rectory, Church St. Hazel (T1) - re coppice

Willow (T2) - fell to ground level, Group of hazels (T3) - re coppice

PL/2021/11169, St. Mary's Church, T1 - Catalpa. Reduce laterally by 2m or to suitable reduction points., T2 - Field Maple. Reduce by 2-3m, T3 - Cherry. To be removed due to overcrowding. T4 - Silver Birch. To be removed due to overcrowding.

PL/2021/11378 2 Drove Lane, Demolition of existing single storey rear utility to allow for construction of new rear extension with associated landscaping

Easterton

PL/2021/ 10909. 25 White Street. Replace the roof on the main part of the house, carry the roof pitch down over the kitchen, form two new storage areas for the two first floor bedrooms, add a dormer window to create bathroom.

Modernise the outbuildings to form a Utility Room and WC for the house.

Build a new timber porch, including all other associated works.

PL2021/10305 Halfacre, 19 Kings Rd. Remove wooden porch to the rear of the house and extend kitchen and utility room.

PL2021/10454 The Beeches, 2 Kings Road,, Installation of a new post and 3 rail fence with stock netting to front of property.

PL2021/11242 Malthouse Farm, 5A Oak Lane, T1- Sweet Chestnut to be felled to ground level & stump removed. No replanting due to boundary dispute & damage to access road from roots.

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The Big Garden Birdwatch 2022

Last year we wrote about the survey that had taken place during a week in June in All Saints' churchyard West Lavington which sought to build a picture of the range of wildlife that is already present in the churchyard to assist in planning how to make it more biodiverse. Birdlife results were particularly poor.

This may not be surprising in view of the serious, countrywide, decline in the numbers of many birds, including many well known and loved species. Swifts and house martins have joined other insect-eating summer migrants that have been red-listed for some time. One regular, the greenfinch, declined so much that in 2021 it was placed on the UK red list, jumping straight from green.

The time for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch of 2022 is fast approaching and everyone is being encouraged to get ready to join in from 28-30 January. The largest wildlife survey in the world, the Big Garden Birdwatch has been running for over 30 years. Last year was a record year, with people more or less confined to their homes by Covid-19 restrictions. Over a million people took part and over 17 million birds were counted. As a conservation charity, the RSPB depends on the public's support to save nature and to look after places where wildlife can thrive. Taking part is a great way to help make a difference. It's terrific fun too and gets us closer as well to nature where we live.

To find how to sign up to take part, visit:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

You can request a free information pack to help get you ready and to identify the birds you see. Then all you need to do is to count birds in your garden or around you for one hour on 28, 29 or 30 January. Record the highest number of each species that you see land at one time and send in the results to the RSPB online or on paper. Our birds are in trouble. Our biodiversity too. A 2021 analysis indicated that the UK, with an average of only 53% of its biodiversity left, is in the bottom 10% of the world's countries and last in the G7.

We hope you will feel inspired to take part in the 2022 count – whether in your garden, churchyard, a park etc near you!

With best wishes for the New Year.

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**Wiltshire PCC Philip Wilkinson has launched the second phase of consultation:
Making Wiltshire Safer which he will use to inform his new police and crime plan.**

The next phase starts today with the public able to download a copy of the PCC’s draft police and crime plan from his website and feedback their thoughts on the proposals.

The plan, which will be finalised in March 2022, sets out the PCC’s pledges and priorities for Wiltshire as well as being the blueprint for Wiltshire Police’s strategic policing and crime priorities until mid 2025.

PCC Philip Wilkinson said: “My new plan should directly reflect the needs and priorities of all communities and it is very much my vision to make Wiltshire a safer place to live and work.

Mr Wilkinson’s draft plan was also informed by responses from public and victim confidence surveys, his election pledges, the UseYourVoice survey, which saw nearly 3,000 individual responses, as well as responses from more than 1,000 young people surveyed by his Youth Commission.

The new priorities detailed in the plan are as follows:

- Priority 1 – A police service that meets the needs of its communities
- Priority 2 – Reduce violence and serious harm
- Priority 3 - Tackle crimes that matter to local communities
- Priority 4 - Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice

During January, Mr Wilkinson will hold a series of Focus Group sessions for invited stakeholders to comment on his proposed priorities and what that may mean in real life.

Alongside being able to download a copy of the draft plan and comment, the public can also attend one of four virtual public sessions where Mr Wilkinson will present his draft plan and ask for feedback.

Sessions, held on Facebook Live, are scheduled for the 6th, 13th, 17th and 26th of January from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

More information on how to join the virtual public sessions will be promoted across the commissioner’s digital channels. If you can’t be there in person, you can submit a question beforehand via the PCC’s website.

All feedback received will be considered and will directly influence the final police and crime plan, which will be before the police and crime panel on 10 March for final approval.

You can download a copy of the draft plan, register your feedback , or submit a question to be asked at one of the virtual public session

<https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/the-pcc-and-you/have-your-say/making-wiltshire-safer/>



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Unlike the pro game, youth football takes a mid-season break over the festive period. On the pitch, most teams go into the break in positive mood and one has won their league!. The club would like to wish all our players, parents, supporters and sponsors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all in 2021! Please get in touch with the relevant team contact if you are interested in joining The Badgers. We would also welcome contact from any small business wishing to sponsor an advertising board.

Badger Cubs - ages 4-6 years. Continue to have fun at Devizes Leisure Centre every Saturday @ 9am with solid attendances. Plenty of progress these last few weeks on passing and, in particular, goalkeeping. Couple of players looking ready to move up to the next level after Christmas. All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free!

U7s – The team is showing steady improvement, travelling all over Wiltshire and showing great enthusiasm for their football even in adverse weather conditions. Training Wednesdays 6pm @ Devizes Leisure Centre.

U8s – Playing some good football, developing all the time. The team really enjoyed the training trip and match experience at Southampton FC. Training Fridays 5:45pm @ Lavington School Hall. New players always welcome.

U9s mixed – The team continues to develop really well at training, carrying that form into recent matches. Training will resume from 4th January on Tuesdays 5pm @ Green Lane, Devizes until March.

U9s Girls – Continue to progress and demonstrate masses of enthusiasm with good attendance at training Saturdays 9:30am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. New players from age 7+ welcome and parent helpers and coaches.

U10/11s – Enjoying the seasons so far, training well with good attendances @ Dauncey’s school 6pm on Fridays. All new players welcome.

U12s – Continuing their excellent season by progression in the cup v a higher league side, followed by a tough away victory at Larkhall to win the League Championship! An excellent achievement and a welcome Christmas present! Training Fridays 6:30pm @ Northbrook, Market Lavington

U14’s – Two narrow defeats in a row has been a disappointment but the team remains in good spirit and remains second in the league going into the Xmas break. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauncey’s School, West Lavington. New players welcome, including U13s.

U15s – The team continues to play really good football, dominating when in possession, remaining joint top of the league and progressing into the 2nd round of the cup. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauncey’s School, Market Lavington.

U16s – The team continues to play well winning 4 consecutive games. Training well in good numbers on Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook.

Team Contacts for 2021/22 Season:

Badger Cubs– James Partington - 07532 628219 Girls Team – Liz Gaule – 07949 176623

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U8– Pete Huntley- 07974756131

U9- Adam Shanley – 07423 576368

U10/11- Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

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Bishop Andrew's Monthly Letter, January 2022

Our days are filled with calls upon our time and attention. Among the least welcome are the cold sales calls that intersperse our day – those anonymous, brief exchanges with callers who address us by the name of a long-forgotten tenant of our home, and with whom no kind of even fleeting relationship is possible. Several times a week, we might rush from the bathtub, meal table or meeting to pick up the phone, only to be asked whether we are the householder - and feel our heart sink and blood pressure begin to rise.

The poor fools who work in call centres have my pity - only because I was one of them for a while. I was selling advertising for a local newspaper. I found making cold calls so impossibly awkward, I even tended to depart from the usual script and began my sales pitch with 'I'm so sorry for bothering you', 'you probably won't want this', and 'you must feel free to say no, but I have to call you....' Just occasionally, this grovelling approach actually worked, and one could have a proper conversation. I lasted but five months on the job.

Then there are other calls: calls which are so surprising, so welcome, that life seems to open up with their appearance. These little epiphanies can come through the phone – in the good news of a job offer or an unexpected invitation. But, equally, they come in other ways: someone in need, for example, whose call upon our assistance somehow makes us more human; or perhaps in the form of a sudden revelation – like a film or piece of music, perhaps, which might fill us with a sense of expectancy, or expresses our yearning so deeply that we are renewed. These kinds of encounters not only inspire us, but they also ask something of us and call us forward into a different way of life.

'Behold', says the risen Christ in the Bible: 'I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in, and will eat with him, and he with me.' Scripture invites us to imagine Christ as an unexpected caller: one who will not barge in, but patiently waits for our response. He does not want a minute of our time, or have an unrepeatable special offer, but comes to meet us so that we might follow where he will lead. The Lord's arrival in our midst is the wonder of this season: bearing the light of the world, he calls us forth. As with gladness so many have done before, may we also follow.

The Right Reverend Dr Andrew Rumsey, has been Bishop Of Ramsbury since January 2019. He was born in Marlborough in 1948, and lives there again with his wife and three children. Both he and his wife have been involved in the Greenbelt festival for many years; and have also attended New Wine with the family in recent years. In July 2021 Bishop Andrew was appointed as lead bishop for church and cathedral buildings. He shares the role with the Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Revd Viv Faull..

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