

**Market Lavington & Easterton
Church & Community News**

Christmas Tree Festival 2024

St Barnabas Church Easterton

This year's theme:- Films

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Contact June Wright for more details

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December 2024

MARKET LAVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2

Will you help plan your future?

Market Lavington needs to provide a considerable number of new homes over the next decade – probably more than 100, once the Government’s new housing targets have been included (which will be made clear early in the new year).

Growth is important for the parish. The number of people living in Market Lavington has dropped more than 10% over the last 20 years. Well planned and well built new housing for everyone should be good news for the village – it means more people to support our shops and schools and maintain a lively community.

HOW WE’RE PREPARING FOR THE NEXT 14 YEARS

The new Neighbourhood Plan will identify where we in the village believe new housing is best sited through to 2038, what mix is needed (size, affordability and impact on existing housing) and how the village can best accommodate the increase.

We must also identify changes needed to cope with the increased number of homes – including transport, footpaths, sewage, ground-water, flood risk etc. We must set out our expectations for sustainably built homes, well designed to suit the character of the village. We want to identify where more local employment can be encouraged. And we want to identify new green spaces that can help enhance the natural environment.

If the Plan is approved by Wiltshire Council and in a parish referendum, future planning applications will need to demonstrate compliance with its policies.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

Through late January and February, we will be asking everyone in Market Lavington for their views through an extensive consultation. But we need help NOW!

Please get in touch if you would like to help in one of these areas:

- HOUSING
- PUBLIC CONSULTATION
- INFRASTRUCTURE.

If you would like to play a part in the Plan, you can leave a message on the website marketlavingtonNP2.org.uk or send an email to contact@marketlavingtonNP2.org.uk or clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or drop a note to Market Lavington Parish Council, The Old School, Church Street, Market Lavington SN10 4DT. Thank you.

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

St Mary's & St. Barnabas Church (Anglican)

Rector: Vacant

Address: The Rectory, 25 White Street, West Lavington, SN10 4LW
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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,

Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Church Wardens

Market Lavington

Easterton

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

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REFLECTION

During this season in our Benefice without a rector, different church members are delighted to share a monthly reflection with you. This month it is written by Anna Spear, who lives in Great Cheverell and is one of the Lay Worship Leaders who regularly leads Collective Worship in the local school

Cycling is one of my favourite pastimes. Both cycling and walking in Wiltshire this autumn has enabled me to embrace the beauty of this earth. The adventure surrounding such wonderful activities especially in Winter still gives me an exciting experience.

Next time you cycle or walk through our wonderful countryside, be thankful for the chance to enjoy it.

Are you ready to go on an **Advent Adventure? Its not far!**

As we await the celebrations of Jesus's birth, the title of this RSCM song

"Advent! He's approaching, we wait for Christmas day" comes to mind

"**Ad** means "toward," or "in the direction" - there is the excitement; wonderful thoughts of heading out to achieve your goal and soak up the colour of nature.

"**Vent**" that means "come" or "coming." - you are on your way because of the planning of the route

"**Ure**" the result - actual joy when you have achieved the task you set out to do.

Perhaps you would like to approach Christmas day with the Benefice of The Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton and experience the excitement. Look out for the special Christmas services (Advent, Christingle, Carol and Crib services) detailed in this edition.

OUR VILLAGE NATIVITY **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Our talented villagers have once again united to produce an epic film presentation of

'The Christmas Story'



Come and join us for an enjoyable, family evening with **Christmas carols**, **mulled wine** and **mince pies**.

The perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit.



Venue:- **Community Hall, Market Lavington**

Date :- **6th December**

Time :- **5.30 pm - 7.30 pm**

Produced by Trinity Church

Joseph, a carpenter from Nazareth was considering breaking off his engagement to Mary. She was pregnant. And he wasn't the father. According to Matthew's Gospel, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream to convince him to go through with the marriage. The heavenly visitor told the carpenter, 'do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.' As the Lord had spoken by Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel." The name given to Jesus by ancient prophecy tells us something about his unique identity and mission.

God with us

Matthew explains that Emmanuel means, 'God with us'. Christians believe that the baby boy who was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger was God in human form. Now, that's an awesome claim. We might perhaps expect that God would do God-like stuff, like create the universe to display his wisdom, power and goodness. But would the Creator of heaven and earth stoop to enter our world as man? The New Testament insists that he did. Jesus is the Son of God, fully divine in every way. Yet he became human. He is Emmanuel, God with us as one of us.

God for us

The angel of the Lord also instructed Joseph that Mary's son was to be named Jesus. Once more, a word of explanation is given, "for he will save his people from their sins". Jesus is the Greek version of the Hebrew name Joshua, which means 'the Lord saves'. That is the reason why God became man, to rescue us from sin and death. Christ, who was without sin, died in our place on the cross that we may be forgiven. As Paul affirms, 'God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'

God in us

Matthew concludes his Gospel by telling us that Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples. The final words of the risen Lord to his followers in Matthew's account are, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus ascended to heaven, having completed the work of salvation. He then poured out the Holy Spirit upon the church on the Day of Pentecost. Christ dwells in his people by the power of the Spirit. His presence in the lives of his followers now is the pledge of greater things to come, 'Christ in you, the hope of glory'. Jesus became Emmanuel, God with us so that those who believe in him may be with God for ever.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Guy Davies www.pbc-ebc.org.uk
You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm.

22 December, 4.30pm. 'Time for Tea + Christmas Special' Carol Service, followed by a festive tea

TRINITY CHURCH December



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

We welcome all visitors to our informal style of worship in the United Reformed Church/Methodist tradition.

We follow current regulations to keep you safe.

All services are accompanied by refreshments.

1st DECEMBER - Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion

Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

8th DECEMBER - United Service @ Community Hall

Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

15th DECEMBER - Trinity Church Service

Led by Clive Illman

22nd DECEMBER - Trinity Church Service (Local Arrangement)

29th DECEMBER - TRINITY CHURCH SERVICE

Led by Rev'd. Gary Gotham

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Chamber Choir Concert at St Andrew's Church

At St Andrew's Church, in Long Street, from 7.30pm on Saturday the 7th of December, The Devizes Chamber Choir presents a Concert, to include John Rutter's When Icicles Hang, Christmas at the Movies, Dream a Little Dream, Winter Wonderland, and Twelve or so Days of Christmas. The tickets are available from Ticket Source. Early bird tickets are just £10, but they will go up to £12 nearer the date.

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The Devizes Advent[ure] event is running every evening from 5:30 to 6:30pm from 1st to 24th December - COME ALONG!

Home for Good & Safe Families are excited to host two evenings (6th & 20th) - Pop in, grab a mince pie and a chat about our work locally.

- Have you thought about fostering?
- Could you volunteer to bring support & belonging to a local family?

Sun Dec 22

Tractor 'N Tinsel Run & Market

Hosted by Devizes YFC
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Wiltshire Air Ambulance ORACLE Head & Neck Cancer UK Stroke Association

Festive market alongside our famous tractor run throughout the day, followed by a tractor drive by and light switch on through the market place in the evening.

The Devizes Young Farmers' Club
presents its
Tractor and Tinsel Run and Market
Sunday the 22nd of December.

The Tractor Run takes place throughout the day, followed by a tractor drive by, and light switch on through The Market Place in the evening.

The Market is here in The Market Place during the day. It's all in aid of The Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Oracle Head and Neck Cancer, and The Stroke Association.

Comedy Night in The Corn Exchange

On Thursday the 12th of December, with the doors opening at 8pm, for an 8.30pm start, there's a Night of Comedy, in The Exchange Night Club, in The Corn Exchange.

It's compered by Mirth Control's Geoff Whiting. The acts appearing are Alan Francis, described as not the world's all time best horse shoe pitcher, and Samantha Day, a Comedy Store King Gong winner.

The tickets are £12 in advance, from Devizes Books, Vinyl Realm, or The British Lion, or £15 on the door.

All the profits go to the Mayor's Appeal.

Sleeping Beauty

What's on

A Wiltshire Creative Pantomime

Sat 30 Nov 2024 – Sun 12 Jan 2025

Salisbury Playhouse

Join us this Christmas for a magical family Pantomime extravaganza! With dazzling dances, laugh-out-loud hilarity and sparkling songs from our live band, it promises pure festive joy for the entire family!

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RHYME TIME

Rhyme Time is to held in the library on the first and 3rd Fridays of the month at 10:15 to 10:45am.

Rhyme Times in December are 6th and 20th, from 10:15 to 10:45am at Market Lavington Library, and we'll be adding Christmas songs. If your primary school children are home on 20th, they'll be more than welcome. It would be lovely to see Christmas hats or clothes as well.



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News from Dauntsey Academy Primary School

As December arrives, we prepare ourselves for the fun filled chaos that comes with the most exciting and action-packed month of the school calendar. It is impossible to be even remotely humbug-like when you spend the run up to Christmas with almost 200 4-11 year olds!

Decorating the DAPS Christmas tree

My favourite way to start these festive activities is with our dressing the tree assembly on the first school day of December. The children, the staff and their loved ones all gather around our Christmas tree and sing Christmas songs and carols together. The children take it in turns to hang a tree decoration that they have lovingly crafted out of natural materials in the forest until the tree is bursting with decorations. It is a wonderful way to welcome the Christmas season into our school and a tradition that we all look forward to every year.

Time to shine for our youngest children

Our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are in charge of our Christmas nativity and what a treat it is! They are so brave in standing on stage in front of a packed audience – not just once but three times. They memorise their lines, they practise their songs and they do our school, and their families proud in their first big performance. It is always lovely to watch as they use their big voices, stand tall and shine in front of their families.

And Christmas doesn't end there!

We are not just decorating trees and performing nativities! There are Christmas dinners, Christmas jumper days, class parties, the school Christmas Fete, the Christmas church service, Secrets Room where children can select presents for their families and much more. We certainly do Christmas in style at DAPS.

Christmas wreath making

Thank you to everyone that came to the Christmas Wreath making at school on the 30th November. It was lovely to host this year's event at school and it was wonderful to see so many people supporting the day. It is a huge event to organise and it raises a significant amount for the school that helps us deliver above and beyond for our children so thank you to all involved. Much of the foliage was gathered from our beautiful grounds, around the village and from our local gardens. Also a huge thank you to the ground keepers at Dauntsey School who always gather some wonderful greenery for us. We even had a visit from our 'resident' kestrel as we were out foraging, he likes to sit on our goalposts every morning and keep an eye on things for us!

School starter 2025 open days

We have been very fortunate to welcome 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 us on 01380 813373 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 (we have a few spaces in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4), 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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Existing and new members always welcome.

Also enter our competition on the night - this month: a small table decoration of evergreen foliage!

Wednesday 15th January, 7:15pm

(for 7:30pm start)

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and

'Young Community Minded Person of the year'
will be presented at this event.

Market Lavington Christmas Country Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came to and/or supported the Christmas Country Fair in Market Lavington Community Hall on November 16th. We would especially like to thank all our stallholders, and everyone who baked a cake and helped our Cake and Hamper stall raise £225. We hope you all enjoyed the Fair and found some great things to buy. Our very grateful thanks to everyone who helped us set up and run the Fair, especially Carol Treloar, June and Richard Wright, Jean and Dave Edwards and Barbara Galloway.

In case you were wondering, the Hamper was won by Oscar Hurley, with winning ticket number 41.

We raised an amazing £1327.26 for the Army Benevolent Fund, which is our second highest total to date, and brings the amount raised over the last thirteen years to over £14,250. Thank you all very much! This money will help a lot of serving and former serving soldiers and their families who are in need.

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Spring TERM starts Sunday 7th January 2025 and includes 11 Tuesday swims and 9 Sunday swims. The last swim being Tuesday 25th March 2025.

The club swimming times are
Sundays, 3:30 to 5:30pm. Tuesdays, 7:15 to 8:15pm

Membership fees for the term:-
£35 for individual and £70 for a family.

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

Morning Swimming starts Thursday 9th January 2025 and is from 6:30 to 7:30.
Membership fee for the term is £35

For further information about the morning swimming please contact Phil
Richardson Membership Secretary on ladscmorningswim@gmail.com

Alternatively for any of the above contact Club Secretary Anita Holness via email:-
anita@kholness.plus.com

Easterton is a fantastic village.

With the support of the Parish Council we are entering Easterton into the
CPRE Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition 2025.

Judging will be between mid May and mid June 2025.

A meeting was held in November to explain what is involved.

If you were unable to make the meeting but are interested in finding out
information or offering to get involved then email
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Looking forward to meeting you.

Adrian, Caro, Andy, Trevor, Margaret, Dave, Lesley, Nick and Gill



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”Christmas Ghosts: The Tradition Of Winter Tales”

Please be in your seats for 10:45 am.

Lecture starts at 11 am.

Coffee is available beforehand.

Kirsty Hartsiotis will take us back to the earliest winter tales of the Middle Ages and the age of Shakespeare and Marlowe. We then explore the lost years of the 17th and 18th centuries, where it's often thought that Christmas wasn't celebrated much – but ghost tales at Christmastide were very much part of the season. Membership is £50 for world class lectures October through to July 2025, or come to this lecture as a guest - £8.

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(incl. interval)

Proposed Zip Wire Placement

Shown below are the proposed locations for a 30m zip wire within Canada Woods and Community Park. This equipment has been requested by Market Lavington Youth Groups. These proposals are for public consultation purposes which will run until 31st January, 2025. Once the consultation has been completed and consideration given to all comments received, the Parish Council will have the final say on placement. Should the result of the consultation be positive, funding applications will then be submitted.

Option 1, On tripods by the Community Orchard.



Options 2 and 3, within the woods from tree to tree.



If you would like to comment on these proposals please email:

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Nurture Nature

Referring to a recent Nurture Nature article on crows, a current news item states that crows can hold grudges against humans, who have harmed family members, for up to seventeen years. The dramatic sea cliffs, crags and stacks of Rathlin Island, county Antrim, rise more than 200 metres above the Atlantic Ocean and host one of the UK's largest seabird colonies, including hundreds of puffins. From September, when the puffins have left to spend the winter at sea, skilled teams started culling the Island's predators, as the final phase of a project to protect puffins. In the first phase ferrets were targeted and none has been seen for a year. Puffin numbers had declined by 74% between 1991 and 2021. This initiative is a Life Raft Project led by a partnership with the RSPB Northern Ireland and the local community. The traps are baited but scientifically designed to keep out non targeted species. This control scheme is necessary to enable the sea birds, especially puffins and their young, to survive. A recent Kew Gardens report concluded that a third of the world's tree species could be wiped out due to climate change and other environmental negatives. Species such as the whitebeam, spindle, hawthorn, and in Scotland the aspen. Trees are essential for wildlife. Spring blossom provides nectar for pollinators and the leaves are a food source for a range of insects, including caterpillars, leafhoppers and beetles. The berries attract a range of bird species for food in the autumn and winter including migrants, mainly from Scandinavia. Although one is unlikely to spot a Scarlet Tanager on their washing line as the one recently seen in a Yorkshire garden, which has attracted hundreds of twitchers. This bird is a resident of the eastern seaboard of America, weighing approximately 30 grams and blown off course in the recent gales. Bird Life International is a worldwide conservation organisation concerned in preventing species decline and extinction. Currently it has launched an appeal entitled 'The Lark Descending' to save the east African Liben Lark from extinction. It is quite shocking, should one log on to its website, to learn how many world species are on Red Lists, due not only to changing climate patterns but also to over population, loss of habitat through over development and predation. The recent extreme flooding in many areas of the populated continents and the decline of sea ice in both polar regions are causing alarm worldwide. The recent COP 29 (Conference of the Parties) has been commented in the press as 'not fit for purpose', and the fact that it was held in Baku, Azerbaijan where oil and gas exploration started, was a strange choice. COP 30, to be held in Brazil, will hopefully be more constructive, especially as the rain forests (the Lungs of the World) are getting near to tipping points due to deforestation, mining developments and increasing human populations, and it has recently been raised in the media about whether the last indigenous tribes can survive. Remember that December 21st is "Robin Day" for our national bird, so put out some Christmas treats for them. Let us all make New Year Resolutions to improve our environments and to discover Nature again for our children in 2025.

Otis Tarda

Public Rights of Way

As said by many, we are very fortunate to have an extensive network of rights of way in and around our village. It's crucial to keep them open and accessible and so the Parish Council has set up a Rights of Way Working Group.

Landowners and householders have a legal duty to ensure that a right of way on or bordering their land is kept unobstructed and open for use at all times. This includes not putting obstructions on or across the route, such as permanent or temporary fences, electric fences, walls, hedgerows, padlocked gates or barbed wire. They are also required to maintain gates and stiles and make sure vegetation doesn't encroach onto the route from the sides or above bearing in mind the different users, including horse riders. Disturbance of the surface of routes eg by cultivating is also prohibited, as is fly-tipping such as dumping waste or vegetation from their land onto a route. and the Parish Council can request the removal of any obstruction, or it can remove the obstruction and recover the cost from the landowner. In the event a person and/or animal sustains injury, the landowner could be held liable.

There have been recent reports of motor bikes riding on rights of way. Under Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1998 it is an offence to ride a motorbike on footpaths and bridleways unless they have permission from the landowner. If you know who is doing this, please would you remind them, as not only is it dangerous and unsafe for them, but very frightening for people and animals. Public footpaths are only open to walkers.

The Rights of Way Working Group would like to lighten the load for landowners where we can in ensuring that paths and bridleways are accessible as possible, and so are looking for people to help by joining in with a working party. It's often just a case of going along with secateurs and other lightweight tools for a couple of hours. The more village people who can help with this the quicker we will make the routes accessible for people and animals and we warmly invite you to join us to ensure the accessibility of these routes, make new friends, have your say, share skills and support the community, for the benefit of us all.

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A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

Many residents have asked me why we aren't recycling our food waste like some other authorities in the UK. In short, when the Environment Act was updated in 2021 with a requirement for councils to collect food waste and flexible plastics (film lids and cellophane), we were midway through a recycling contract and were granted an extension until the end of 2026 when the contracts end.

We are approaching the early stages of procurement for new contracts and so those of you who are keen to be recycling more will be pleased to hear that we will be building food waste collections and flexible plastic recycling into our recycling programme from 2027 onwards.

Incorporating food waste and flexible plastics is something we have no choice to do, it is mandated by central government, however, building it into our current operation is likely to cost an additional £2.4m every year! Wiltshire Council's Waste and Recycling Team was therefore tasked with looking at opportunities to accommodate Government policy, improve recycling rates and reduce costs for residents. This led to the testing of various alternative options for recycling from 2027 onwards.

Some local authorities force residents to separate every type of material into different stackable boxes or bags, but our research showed the participation rate is lower because it is too onerous. In fact Basildon has just given up with their 6-container recycling method and is scrapping the whole idea. At the opposite end of the scale, some councils have experimented with a single bin for all recycling, including glass, but found the mechanical sorting ineffective and too expensive (£1.8m extra cost per year).

The solution approved by Wiltshire's Cabinet on the 19th November is the right balance for the environment, budget and residents. From 2027 we will introduce one extra wheeled bin in order to separate paper and card from the current process. 10% of households already have this extra recycling bin, so they will see no change other than to use one for paper and card and the other for plastic and cans. For anyone lacking space for a wheeled bin, an alternative weighted sack will be available.

Doing this will significantly lower the recycling reject rate (the amount of recyclable waste that doesn't make it through the process due to contamination) from 22.5% to just 4.9% and will save local taxpayers three quarters of a million pounds every single year. The significance of saving £750k versus having to spend an extra £2.4m is massive; this money can be reinvested into our communities through additional road maintenance, town centre development, education or adult social care.

The key message is that there is no change to bin collections or recycling procedure for another few years, for now it is business as usual!

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In the last two years we have seen an increase in flooding within our village and the surrounding area, with a geology of green sand we have seen land slips in Canada Woods and Parsonage Lane and several trees losing their grip on Spin Hill. When tree roots are saturated, it can cause root decay and if this continues long term then the tree will be deprived of oxygen and will die. Trees can draw up a surge of sap into the canopy which can see the tree top heavy and therefore vulnerable to high winds. Ivy in the tree canopy was thought to be a significant problem but is not now thought detrimental to a healthy tree. The Arboricultural Association say “Ivy is an attractive habitat for insects and invertebrates and consequently bird and animal life can benefit as a result of an increase in available food source. Bats, which are rare and protected by law regularly roost amongst ivy, as well as inside small cavities in suitable trees. It would therefore depend on the main aims of the managers of the land in question as to whether the ivy is removed from the trees, or it is left to provide a wildlife benefit.”

Market Lavington Parish Council would like your help in reducing the chaos brought about by falling trees during the winter. There are signs a tree may be failing and likely to be brought down in a storm and if you notice any of them, please inform the parish council in any of the ways listed below. If the tree is not on Parish land, then it can also be reported on the My Wilts App. The Parish Council can also liaise with any land owner whose trees are showing signs of failure near roads and footpaths. A resident earlier this year informed the Parish Council of trees leaning over the road on the corner, opposite Drove Lane and the land owner has acted.

Signs to look out for: -

- Deadwood or falling branches
- Roots near water
- Missing bark or deep marks – canker
- Fungus on the roots and around the base of the tree
- Cracked or raised soil around the base of the tree - heave
- Cracks in the trunk
- Unbalanced trees – those pruned/managed on one side only

Trees most likely to fall in high winds are conifers, evergreens and older deciduous trees with shallow roots, for example willow. If you notice any trees you feel might need attention, please email clerk@marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk use our Facebook page, Market Lavington Parish Council, the ‘contact us’ page on the website www.marketlavingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or by telephone 01225 760372.

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Planning Applications

Market Lavington

PL/2024/09147 Underhill Nurseries, Fiddington Hill, Devizes, SN10 4BU. Discharge of Condition 3 (Construction Management Statement) of PL/2024/03208 (Erection of 4 dwellings with attached single garages).

PL/2024/09841 Land at Freith, Widening of existing agricultural access for highways safety reasons.

PL/2024/09500 Basil Cottage, 7 Parsonage Lane, SN10 4AA. Replace the current central heating boiler located externally and remove the hot water tank located internally in a cupboard in bedroom 3 as well as removing a stud wall. Replace with a single energy efficient oil fired combination boiler which will be located in the same position externally as the old external boiler using the existing pipework
PL/2024/10382 6 Parsonage Lane SN10 4AA T1 Sycamore tree - Remove to ground level due to it being bifurcated at 1 meter and becoming too big for surroundings in garden.

PL/2024/10445 Stonemasons Cottage, Gye's Old Yard, SN10 4DA Oak tree - reduce spread of lower limbs by 3m

Easterton

PL/2024/09325 Woodland and agricultural land at Folly Wood, SN10 4BW Forestry storage building.

PL/2024/09577 Queensfield, 28 Kings Road, Easterton, SN10 4PX, Erection of three bay garage.

PL/2024/09702 Forge Cottage 14 Hgh ST., SN10 4PE2 x Ash behind garage showing signs of dieback (T1). Fell to ground level.

PL/2024/09700 The Old Chapel, High St., SN10 4PE Group of Western Red Cedars (T1) - fell to ground level as leaning heavily.

Goat willow (T2) - Pollard to 2m.

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10.30 am Benefice Communion West Lavington	10.30 am Triple Service Market Lavington, Easterton and Trinity Community Hall	10.30 am BCP Communion Little Cheverell	10.30 am Triple Service Market Lavington, Easterton and Trinity Community Hall	
	11.00 am Simple Communion Great Cheverell			
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