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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.

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

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Good morning everyone,

Thank you so much for your continued hard work and support of the work of the diocese. Please see Bishop Stephen's letter for June and an invite to the Sudan Fete, hosted at South Canonry.

This month marks two years since my service of inauguration in the Cathedral and so its two years since I first ordained people deacon and priest – a powerful and humbling experience.

June 2024 will see more ordinations and a special service to mark 30 years since the ordination of women to the priesthood on Saturday 15th June at 11am in the Cathedral. Everyone is very welcome to attend this service, to give thanks for the gift of women's ministry in this diocese and across the Church. Please join me in praying for all those who are preparing for ordination, as well as those who serve, and have served, in all forms of ministry across the diocese.

At the service for the ordination of deacons, the bishop explains that deacons are 'called to reach into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.' Never before has the world been so connected, so visible, with its remotest parts so easy to reach. Yet despite this, many people still feel forgotten and invisible.

Our fast-paced news culture means that stories of suffering, of tragedy or disaster quickly make way for the next headline. The world moves on, but not for those who still dwell, every day, in a place of great difficulty. There will be people around us who have been forgotten and who feel invisible – those who need support but struggle to access it; the lonely, the housebound or those who cannot access technology. You may feel that way yourself.

'Reaching into the forgotten corners' of our world and local communities and making visible the love of God, is a calling to all of us – lay and ordained. This is what we see in Jesus – going to the forgotten places; the forgotten people and showing them that God is with them; that God forgets no-one. Let us, as the church of today, 'Go and do likewise.'

Bishop Stephen

Nitza Pauleau

Nitza Pauleau, museum and library volunteer, died on May 20th after a short illness. There will be a Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's RC Church at Noon on Saturday June 1st followed by cremation with close family only.

Please wear bright colours.
Collection for Dorothy House.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
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We will be extending opening hours again from April with volunteer help. If you think you would enjoy meeting people and working with us then please visit the café and talk to Beth or contact us through our facebook page "St Arbucks Coffee House".

TRINITY CHURCH June

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.

All services are accompanied by refreshments.

We follow current regulations to keep you safe.

2nd JUNE - Trinity Church Service
Led by Revd. Tom MacMeekin

9th JUNE - United Church Service @ St. Mary's Market Lavington (10.30am)
Led by Revd. Gary Gotham

16th JUNE - 'Father's Day' Service with Holy Communion
Led by Jeannie MacMeekin & Carole Coupe

23rd JUNE - Trinity Church Service
Led by Jo Williams

30th June - Trinity Church Service
Led by Mr. Eric Clifford

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Benefice 200 Club

The May draw was won by Irene Bulson who lives in Easterton. Have a coffee or two somewhere nice on the Benefice! Thank you for taking part.

Bonnie Matters bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 6th JULY from 2pm
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A misty shadow spread its wings
 And covered all the ground
 And even though the sun was out
 The rain came pouring down

And all the light had disappeared
 And faded in the gloom
 There was no hope, no reasoning
 This rainy day in June

The eagle spread its mighty wings
 And pounced upon its prey
 And all the skies, so brilliant blue
 Turned suddenly to grey

The cherished things are perishing
 And buried in their tomb
 There is no hope, no reasoning
 This rainy day in June



Raymond Douglas Davies

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Free of charge

Yes, I know, according to the old cliché church ministers only work one day a week. That would be nice, but no. In fact, I only tend to take one day off a week, Saturday. Apart from when there's also a Bank Holiday Monday, of course. The wife and I thought it would be a fun if we went to Bournemouth either on the first Saturday of May or the Bank Holiday Monday. The weather forecast would decide which day we headed for the seaside. Initially the outlook was good. At least according to the BBC Weather App. But as the weekend drew nearer rain was predicted both for the Saturday and Monday, and so it turned out. Oh well.

It was glorious sunshine the following Saturday, so to Bournemouth we did go. On such days you'd think parking anywhere near the beach would be a hassle. But there's a street we know where you can park all day for free, only 5 minutes' walk from the seafront. We've never failed to find a space. As it happened, one was available immediately we turned into the road. From there you stroll to the seaside down a street with pay & display parking bays. It'll cost you £13.50 for 6 hours and that's before you've even bought an ice cream. Extortionate.

Oddly, cars were queuing up to park on the pay & display street. Every bay was taken. Some drivers seemed to grow tired of waiting and left to find a space elsewhere. Others chanced it and parked on double yellows. It was dead quiet where we pulled up. No fiddly parking app. No fumbling for change. Free parking all day long. We didn't feel at all smug, honest. In fact, being a preacher and that, this little episode was suggestive of a modern-day parable.

People were bypassing what was available for free, while falling over themselves to park at great cost. It's a bit like that with the Christian faith. With most other outlooks on life, you 'gets what you pays for'. The religious hope that if they keep the rules demanded by their faith, they will earn an eternal reward. Those with a more secular outlook often believe that given enough hard work, they'll get what they deserve and soon they'll be 'living the dream'.

The Christian message is different. It is based not on merit, but grace. Which means God giving us what we don't deserve, free of charge. Jesus willingly paid the price of sin by dying in our place upon the cross. God offers eternal life to everyone who puts their faith in his Son as their Saviour. What's not to like? Yet many people spurn this gracious offer, preferring to pay their own way. Eternal life, however, is a gift that can't be bought. Of course, it's my bounden duty as a minister of the gospel to proclaim to anyone who will give me a hearing that salvation full and free is available for all in Jesus. The whereabouts of that road with freebie parking, a short stroll from the golden sand and shimmering sea of Bournemouth? Now, that would be telling.

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 traditional Sunday tea, followed by a short service.

URGENT



YOUR LINK GROUP IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Your Link Group has been taking people to their medical appointments for more than 15 years but to continue we need more volunteer drivers to augment our existing small group. In addition to volunteer drivers we also need additional committee members.

Without more drivers we will not be able to fulfil all the requests we receive.

Volunteering is rewarding, with volunteers providing as much or as little time as they wish and a mileage allowance is claimable. There are social gatherings for both our volunteers and committee members.

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There's no need to book and you and your baby, toddler or pre-schoolers are very welcome to join us.

If your child isn't a member, we can quickly join them if you bring along some ID.

Edington Arts

Our next event in Edington Priory Church is our annual Choral Workshop, on Saturday June 15th. King's Singer Chris Bruerton will work on music from Eastern Europe – Russia, Poland and Latvia, sung in English or Latin. You can secure your places for this day of fun music-making, online from www.edingtonarts.org ; the cost is £25, which includes all music, and welcome and mid-morning refreshments. Altos are already been first off the mark – come on, tenors basses and sopranos – don't hold back!

Contact Anne at anne@edingtonarts.org or Chrissy on 01380 831256 if you need any help.

New Lay Worship Leaders

Leslie Doyle Davidson (West Lavington), Jackie Knipe (West Lavington), Anna Spear (Great Cheverell) and Mark Spindlow (West Lavington) have been training and are now ready to be commissioned and join the team of people leading non-eucharistic services in our churches.

They will be having a special LAY WORSHIP LEADERS COMMISSIONING DAY

We are invited to join them
on Wednesday 3RD JULY 7PM, at ST JOHNS CHURCH, DEVIZES
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The programme will include a mixture of classical, popular and jazz.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays Bereavement Help Point at The Bear

The Bereavement Help Point is a community-based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting.

All sessions are free of charge, and there's no need to book. It takes place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, at The Bear Hotel in the Market Place, and runs from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It's an event developed by St Giles Hospice Care, funded by Devizes Town Council, Devizes Lions, Worton and Potterne Parish Councils, and delivered by Dorothy House and Carer Support Wiltshire.



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Corsham Walking Festival

This three day Walking Festival takes place from the 7-9 June 2024.

Corsham is a historic market town on the fringe of the Cotswolds and at the heart of the Corsham Walking Festival, from where our walks explore the beautiful rolling Wiltshire countryside on paths dating back to Roman times. You may even see peacocks from Corsham Court wandering the streets of a town that's often starred in film and TV productions.

There will be an amazing variety of walk themes with something for everyone.

Come and enjoy our 'Walkers are Welcome' town.

From 7-9 June 2024.

Booking from April. For more details please visit - corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk



West Lavington Manor Open Garden - Saturday 8th June 11am - 6pm

We would love you to join us for a fantastic and inspiring day out! From garden and nature lovers and historic buffs to those who simply want a slice of the best homemade Victoria sponge, we have something for everyone of all ages.

And for the kids, it's time to hone your treasure hunting skills, welly boot throwing, and putty golf.

Our home, West Lavington Manor, is surrounded by five acres of walled garden, originally designed by Sir John Danvers in the 17th century. Besides being an inspirational garden designer (he brought the Italianate garden to the UK), Danvers was a politician and one of the signatories to the death warrant of Charles 1.

Over the last 15 years the garden has been restored with new features every year. There are hidden gems throughout, including the marriage crest of Danvers, and a Roman Torso, dating back from Danvers times. Unique aspects include: our Japanese Garden, a birch grove, an orchard with 25 different species of apples and pears, glorious herbaceous borders, a lake with duck house, a chess garden and rose garden.

There will be entertainment, local produce for sale (including apple juice from our orchard and homemade marmalade from Mallorca), an amazing refreshments marquee (worth the visit alone), with delicious cakes, scones, quiches, and of course the famous O'Pork Pulled Pork on the BBQ, all washed down with a refreshing Pimms, wine, prosecco. Or join us with your own picnic and bring your dog on a lead.

We support local charities the Nestling Trust and West Lavington Youth Club plus all the NGS charities.

Tickets cost £10 for adults (children free) and can be pre-purchased online at <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/21466/west-lavington-manor> (which saves any waiting) or on the day at the gate.

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Seend House

Seend House is a Georgian house with 6 acres of gardens and paddocks. Framed with yew and box. Highlights inc cloud and rose garden, stream lavender, view of knot garden from above, fountain with grass border, walled garden as well as formal borders. Amazing view across the valley to Salisbury Plain.

Brow Cottage, Seend

Half acre contemporary cottage garden owned by a garden designer and created over the past 24 yrs. A garden of many harmonious parts inc lawns, well-stocked borders, topiary, potager, sunken pool garden, wildlife pond, short woodland walk, species bulb lawn and canopied dining area. Open with Seend House and connected by a field footpath offering fine views to Salisbury Plain.



Chisenbury Priory

Medieval Priory with Queen Anne face and early C17 rear (not open) in middle of 5 acre garden on chalk. Mature garden with fine trees within clump and flint walls, herbaceous borders, shrubs, roses. Moisture loving plants along mill leat, carp pond, orchard and wild garden, many unusual plants.

Sun 16 June (2-6). Admission £5, Children free. Home-made teas.

The Botanic Nursery

The nursery garden is a haven where the wildlife that shares our site abounds. Many rare specimen evergreen and deciduous trees can be seen, underplanted with hardy perennials. A lush green oasis, shady in the heat of the summer and pleasant to wander around any time of the year. Year-round seasonal interest from winter flowering shrubs into the colour of summer and foliage of autumn.

Thur 6, Fri 7, Sat 8 June (11-4). Combined adm with Rookery Cottage £10, Children free. Tea, coffee & posh biscuits. Times:11:00 to 16:00.

Salisbury Playhouse

Ticket Sales team by phone 01722 320 333

The Rocket Man: A Tribute to Elton John , Wednesday 12 June 2024, 19:30

This is the world's favourite celebration to a musical icon. Join us as The Rocket Man and our amazing live band take you down the Yellow Brick Road with two hours of glorious Elton hits, including, Saturday Nights Alright, Crocodile Rock, I'm Still Standing, Philadelphia Freedom, and many, many more.

We take you on a journey through Elton's life and career, the highs and the lows with many a laugh brought to life, live on stage.

Showstopper! The Improvised Musical Fri 14 – Sat 15 Jun

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So whether you fancy Hamilton in a hospital or Sondheim in the Sahara, you suggest it and The Showstoppers will sing it!

Kinky Boots Presented by Musical Theatre Salisbury Tue 25 – Sat 29 Jun

The exhilarating true story about a struggling shoe factory that will lift your spirits to high-heeled heights!

Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola.

Easterton Sewing Bees

Do you have sewing or craft projects that are still un-finished? Are you feeling stuck on a technique or lost your enthusiasm for your crochet, or maybe knitting? Do you want to feel inspired or share your successes and triumphs with others?

Why not come and see what the Sewing Bees are up to in Easterton? We meet every Wednesday evening at the Village Hall from 7pm – 9pm. It costs £2 and refreshments are included.

This might be all you need to kick start your new hobby or finish that garment.

For more information please contact:

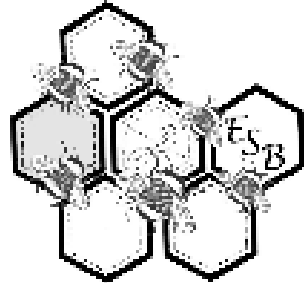
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Steeple Ashton Open Gardens

Sunday 2nd June 2024
11am - 6pm

Refreshments & Cream Teas
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There will also be a pay bar available. Tickets cost £15 per person and are available from Devizes Books or through EventBrite.

June Nature notes

Having survived a miserable and inhospitable spring our garden birds especially are having a hard time. A blackbird built a beautiful nest in early spring only to abandon it due to the unfavourable weather. She has since rebuilt, and she and her cock bird have managed to get a small brood through to fledgling stage having survived the increasing number of hazards and predators, the latter being corvids, grey squirrels, cats and the local marauding sparrowhawk. The only other birds in our garden are accentors, a robin or two (not our usual resident robins of over several years that probably didn't survive the very cold conditions in December) and a wren plus the occasional tit. Over wintering blackcaps were few, and other winter migrants were scarce too where traditionally one saw redwings, fieldfares, and Bewick swans at WWT sites. As more land is developed with housing, industry and solar panels. We are losing acres of traditional farm land where birds feed so the corvids are turning to residential gardens and feeding stations for food and thus depriving the native small birds of their regular sources. It is now a common site to see a dozen or so rooks taking off when one draws back the curtains in the morning. Rooks especially are very crafty at getting food from the most sophisticated of feeders with their hammer drill beaks. Some folk have removed their feeding stations due to the incessant filching of food by corvids. Gone are the house sparrows, starlings and the finches. This bodes ill for our already declining garden bird populations. Our situation might be extreme, however, other residents in our village and further afield are reporting similar declines and intrusions. Some plan to give up feeding completely – especially if they also have the very bold wood pigeons as residents – fouling bird baths and spreading disease. As for summer visitors – the writer's family have yet to see a single hirondine, though swifts were reported to have arrived early in Yorkshire - who has seen any, or heard a chiff chaff in their usual haunts? Other warbler species too are fewer, and who has heard a cuckoo? Worldwide the picture is bleaker in some areas – the South African penguin is nearing extinction as its habitat is destroyed by human activity, pollution, over fishing and increasing shipping activity. One good piece of news for the Yorkshire coast is the recovery of puffin and kittiwake numbers due to the banning of sand eel extraction. 2023 was the hottest year since modern records began, as hot as the temperature 2,000 years ago. How do the scientists know this? By measuring the growth rings in the trunks of ancient tree species which provide information about the climate at the time. By the way, who's seen a bat this year so far? We haven't, and always have in previous years. So changing climate patterns are predicted to have ever more negative effects on Planet Earth. Anyone who is lucky enough to hear a nightingale, please post the info on your local Facebook and inform your county website. Finally, who's seen or heard the large maybug, the noisy cockchafer, barging its way towards lights and scaring young children? They are quite harmless, although the Asian Hornet is not, as described in this column last year. Should you see any, you should report this to DEFRA.

Otis Tarda

We would like to welcome Arthur and his family to preschool, we look forward to getting to know you all.

During Term 5 we have been focusing on activities which are linked to our Book of the Week, which the children choose through a voting system. The children used a variety of resources to recreate the 3 Little Pigs houses, talking about the different textures and which houses the wolf would or would not be able to blow down. Whilst playing on the field the children found some footprints which they decided must have been made by the "Big Bad Wolf" and they then tried to find him, but he was nowhere to be seen! We went on our very own Bear Hunt, and we also made some delicious bear shaped biscuits which the children decorated. The children built their own beanstalks using the building blocks and they compared sizes to see which was the "biggest" or "smallest". The children also created their very own castles using building bricks in the shaving foam clouds.

The children were very excited to find we had caterpillars in the classroom. We watched them grow bigger, turn into cocoons and then emerge as butterflies. Once all our caterpillars had changed to butterflies, we released them out onto the playing field.

We have made the most of the wonderful weather, playing out in the garden and making dens which provided somewhere cozy and shaded for the children to explore. We have discussed the importance of wearing sun hats, suncream and making sure we drink lots.

We currently have limited spaces for 2-year-olds and 3-4 year olds until September 2024 when more spaces will become available when our older children move onto school.

If you have any queries, please either call us on 01380 812551

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Julie Langlands Manager



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On my way back from County Hall this evening with the sun shining and the windows down, it felt like Summer! Cutting a path between lush green fields and rolling hills with the music turned up I was struck, as I am each Spring, with the absolute beauty of where we live.

Tomorrow is Full Council where two fellow Cabinet members are tabling a motion seeking acknowledgement of the “cumulative impact” of solar farms on Wiltshire. As it stands, Lime Down Solar Park threatens more than 2,000 acres of agricultural land in the north of the county. It is so large that it will literally surround some villages on all sides. Obviously, villagers are extremely concerned about the impact to their surroundings over an area equivalent to 1,250 football pitches. Closer to home, Potterne and Easterton face relatively huge solar applications too. These applications will impact the beauty of the area, enjoyment of it and the ability for us to grow food on land which has always been farmed.

Considering the huge number of solar applications Wiltshire has been burdened with compared to other counties, I am concerned about how our green landscape might be changed forever. Will there be a time when I drop down the hill from the Bell pub in Seend and no longer see green fields laid out in front of me, but instead just a sea of black reflective panels?

I am equally passionate about doing more to tackle climate change and switching to renewable energy wherever we can. Last week I hosted an event at County Hall which welcomed councillors and campaign groups from Dorset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Bristol, and BANES to share ideas on renewable “community” energy.

Standing against huge proposals like Lime Down does not mean I am “anti-solar” any more than objecting to any particular planning application doesn’t make me “anti-house building”. In both cases I want to see good proposals in the right places.

Considering the large expanse of industrial buildings around the area with no solar panels on the roof, I have to question why we are covering our quality crop-producing fields with them. If we get to the stage which many diehard environmentalists would like to see, where all our fields are covered with solar panels, we will be able to power the entire country with renewable energy, which would seem great... for a second. However, we will need to import every single piece of food and every naturally grown ingredient we consume because we will have given up the land needed to grow our own. Therefore, the nett gain for the environment will be negative, the planet will be worse off whilst food security for us in this country will be entirely diminished. Furthermore, it is rarely the farmers choosing to swap generations of crop growing for solar on their land. More often it is wealthy landowners evicting tenant farmers leaving them homeless and without land to farm.

We have to find a balance which protects agricultural land for crop growing and insists on solar panels being placed on industrial buildings and all new houses with some carefully considered solar farms in strategic locations which do not impact crop growing potential.

.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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In mid-May it was announced that the short lane that is used to avoid the junction is to be closed, and bollards installed.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/temporary-traffic-order-to-be-introduced-on-a360-black-dog-crossroads>

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For further information, please email
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<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-rights-of-way>

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PL/2024/04072 Lavington & Easterton Football Field, SN10 4NT, Erection of new Clubhouse to replace previous one damaged by wind beyond repair.

PL/2024/04112 78/80 High Street, Removal of concrete pebble dash render to front and rear of 78 - 80. To be replaced with traditional lime render.

Easterton

PL/2024/03444, 8 Easterton Sands, Discharge Conditions 4 on PL/2021/06808 - Demolition of existing house and outbuilding and the development of a replacement dwelling and garage.

PL/2024/03404 Dairy Cottage, Eastcott, Certificate of lawfulness for the use of property as an independent dwelling house (Resubmission of PL/2024/02324)

PL/2024/03813 The Grange, 27 High Street, Proposed Parking & Carport.

PL/2024/04388 KESTRELS, 11 OAK LANE, T1 Judas Tree - Reduce crown by 2 to 3 metres.

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Through the Wiltshire Climate Alliance we have met amazing community groups in Wiltshire and elsewhere, who are doing great work to reduce carbon emissions and promote biodiversity.

We feel very responsible to our children and grandchildren, to work to restore our natural environment and reverse the havoc that greenhouse gas emissions are making on our world.

Market Lavington is already facing challenges of flooding, loss of topsoil, gales and consequent disruption as well as the weather changes that come from Climate Weird-ing.

We believe that we can all play a part in mitigating these changes and would like to join up with like-minded people to see what we might achieve through our community.

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