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Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton March 2015					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>1st March Lent 2</b>	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	11.00 am Matins (BCP)
<b>8th March Lent 3</b>	11.00 am United Service at Easterton	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United Service	4.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>15th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday</b>	Join with Easterton at 11.00 am	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Mothering Sunday	11.00 am Mothering Sunday	11.00 am Mothering Sunday at Holy Trinity School	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
<b>22nd March Lent 5</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 am JAM Club (Old School)	9.30 am Half Hour Service		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
<b>29th March Palm Sunday</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30 am Palm Sunday Service and Communion			
4.30 pm Evening Prayer at Erlestoke (Cluster)					

**Regular worship in our sister churches:**

- 9.00am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell
- 10.30am Trinity Church in the Community Hall Market Lavington
- 11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

**VILLAGE CARE**  
**West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell**  
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**Dear Friends,**

At this time, we seem to be hearing of increasing suffering, both in the wider world at the hands of Islamic extremist groups, and closer to home with those we know battling especially with cancer and dementia. Always the question is, 'Why?' 'Why doesn't God do something about it?'

The question can in part be answered by recognising that we live in a fallen world, yet for the most part we just don't have an answer to the sufferings experienced by individuals or nations.

The Apostle Paul wrote, '*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*' Here was a man who knew all about suffering. He described to the Christians in Corinth how often he'd been flogged, beaten and stoned, how he'd been in prison and shipwrecked and how his life had constantly been in danger.

Paul encourages his readers and us to compare our present suffering with the glory of what lies ahead for us; to try not to concentrate on our present pain, but instead to think of heaven. Paul is suggesting that the tragedy of suffering can be made worse when we allow what we don't know or understand to rob us of what we can know and understand.

This hope of heaven in the face of suffering may seem just impossible, but it must in part lie behind the wonderful tenacity being demonstrated by many Christians today living in constant fear of their lives in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

**James Campbell**

**Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell**  
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**From the Rectory**

### LITTLE CHEVERELL'S SPRING WALK

Get fit for the Spring and beat the Winter blues – join us on Sunday 22nd March 2015 starting at 11.00 a.m. from the Village Hall in Little Cheverell. Return there after a good walk for hot food and drinks at approximately 1.00 p.m. Please bring your own wine and beer and we will provide the rest. Everyone is welcome (not just those from Little Cheverell) including children, and well behaved dogs, on leads when necessary. All this for just £9.00 per adult and £4.50 for children 12 and under. Dogs are free. If the walk is too much, then please join us for lunch only. To book your place, please telephone Helena Warnock on 813487 or e-mail helenawarnock@btinternet.com. We can only fit so many into the Hall so please book early. Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall.

Village Hall Committee.

### CALLING ALL GUIDES, PAST AND PRESENT

Were you a member of 1st West Lavington Guide Unit? Do you know someone who was? We are 40 years old this year, and have decided to have a party, for current and as many past members as we can. On **Sunday 15th March** at The Old School in Market Lavington (our current home) from 1-5 p.m. Please get in contact we Emma Sysum on 1stWLGuiders@gmail.com for more info

### LENT 2015

Do you pray? **Come and explore the subject further...**

'The Prayer Course' devised by Pete Greig with 15 minute talk plus time for discussion, based on his best-selling book, *'God on Mute - Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer'*

#### WHEN

Six Wednesday Evenings: 25 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March, 25 March, 1 April 8.00 – 9.30pm

#### WHERE

At the Rectory, 14 Church Street, Market Lavington with coffee and cake.

#### WHO

All welcome; no prior expertise required.

For more details, contact Mary & James Campbell (816963) or Caroline & Mark Spindlow (813445)

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to everyone for their continued help with collecting used postage stamps for Clic Sargent (Children's cancers). I am very grateful to all. Please continue to put them through the letter box at Whistledown, 21 White Street, Easterton.

Sally Bullock

### GOING AND COMING

After several years of running the Costcutter shop in West Lavington, Chris Drake has moved to Bournemouth where he will be involved in other work. He has asked to express his thanks in News and Views to the customers who have supported him. Thanks in return are also due to Chris for the support he has given to some activities in the village, especially the Youth Club for whom he has regularly raised several hundred pounds each year. Our best wishes to him.

His successor, Sivapatham Raguparan, will be introducing himself to us in next month's edition of News and Views.

### COVER PICTURE

Our cover picture this month is of Flapjack Grew, born on February 12th 2015, son of Ruby and Seamus (allegedly), with his mother shortly after his arrival upon this earth. Father not available for the photograph, presumably keeping an eye on – or, more likely, eyeing up - the other female members of the establishment.

### GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

Every Friday night at 7.30 p.m. there is a Whist Drive if you like playing cards. Why not come along for an evening of friendly competition?

On the first Wednesday afternoon of each month the Friends and Neighbours Club meets at 3 p.m. We welcome We new visitors who would like to meet fellow villagers for a cup of tea and home made cake and a chat.

A new activity in the hall is pottery painting on a Saturday. Anyone interested, young or old, welcome; just ring 07801 847508.

On Monday March 23rd there will be a Bingo Evening starting at 7.30 p.m..

### CONGRATULATIONS !

To the **BRIDGE INN** on having just been awarded the title of **WILTSHIRE LIFE PUB OF THE YEAR**



This year's Women World Day of Prayer is on Friday, 6th March, at 2.30 p.m. in the Old School, Market Lavington. The service is from the Bahamas, and tea and cake will be served afterwards. **ALL WELCOME**

# Lavington & District Gardening Club

Meetings held **3rd Wednesday** of each month at West Lavington village hall at **7.15pm**.

Why not come and see how our club can help you make the most of your garden.

## Gardening Tip

Ensure that kitty's not sitting pretty on your tubs!! Cats can be easily persuaded to avoid using your newly planted seed trays, containers and window boxes as convenient loo stops by peppering the surface of the compost with **Cocktail Sticks**, leaving about 3/4 inch protruding.

## Next Meeting:

Wednesday March 18th

Subject: Climbing Plants for Sun and Shade

Guest Speaker: Marcus Dancer

Monthly Competition: Pot of Flowering Bulbs

# SPRING CONCERT



Thursday 19th March 2015, Dauntsey's School

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND GRATITUDE

A huge **THANK YOU** to Martin Hayward and all those involved in the annual West Lavington Boxing Day Charity Football Match.

Every year, through an amazing raffle at The Churchill Arms following a fun football match at the village hall recreation ground, monies are raised for local and national charities.

This year, another enjoyable and packed day made a substantial amount which was shared between Robert's Playground, Hedges House and Cancer Research.

Robert's Playground Working Group would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in this wonderful community event and we gratefully received £280 which will go towards replacing rotten benches in the playground in the Spring.

**Annie Whyman on behalf of Robert's Playground Working Group**

### WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Monday	7 – 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6 -7.30pm	Young Members at West Lavington
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30pm	DROP IN seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7 – 9pm	Seniors at Market Lavington

**Eric Freeman - Chairman of The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club**

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO March 1915

Our men were in the thick of it in March 1915. The 1st Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment were still taking turns in the trenches at Kemmel, and although it was largely quiet, they were involved in some serious action on 12th March, resulting in the loss of several officers, including Captain Viner Johnson of Market Lavington, and 29 other ranks were killed, including John Burgess of Easterton.

The 2nd Battalion were also heavily engaged near Neuve Chappelle. At the beginning of the month they were billeted at Estaires, and at 1 p.m. on 10th March they received orders to advance and clear some German trenches. At first all went well and they took 108 prisoners and gained control of the trenches. However at 5.30 a.m. on 12th March, just as rations were arriving, the Germans carried out a bomb attack along the trench. It was here that William Nugent Comyn from West Lavington was killed, along with two officers and 18 other men.

On 26th March the battalion received a letter from the Divisional Headquarters. It read: "The Divisional General has received the report of the fighting near Neuve Chappelle, between the 10th and 14th March. He commends the conduct of the 2nd Bn Wiltshire Regt in the stubborn fighting in difficult trench country and much deplores the losses sustained by this Battalion."

### **William Nugent Comyn killed in action 11th March 1915**

William was born in Upton Park, London on 27th February 1881, the son of retired mariner Francis Sarsfield Comyn, and his wife Eliza Jane Barber. He grew up in Birmingham with an older sister, Sophia.

He married Elizabeth May Clements in 1906, and the couple settled in Kings Norton, where William worked as a commercial traveller.

Shortly after 1911 William and his wife moved to West Lavington where they lived at a property called Engadine.

William volunteered at the outbreak of war, enlisting in the Wiltshire Regiment at Lavington on 8th September 1914. He trained at Weymouth and within a couple of months he was promoted to Lance Corporal. He went to France on 12th December 1914 with the 2nd battalion of the Wiltshires. He was killed in action at Neuve Chapelle on 12th March 1915, and is buried at the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery at Souchez. The 2nd Wiltshires were in the trenches, receiving their rations at 5.30am when they suffered a German bombing raid along the length of the trench.

If you have any further information, please contact Lyn Dyson  
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### A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

It may still be winter for a few weeks yet, but Spring is on its way. The days are getting longer, the snowdrops are out and when the sun shines, it is just about possible to feel a little warmth.

The economy is rather like that. Slowly, the gloom of the worst recession since the war is beginning to lift. On the most recent data, for example, only 2.0% of 18 to 24 year olds in Wiltshire were on Job Seekers' Allowance, and the proportion is steadily falling. Just 1.1% of 16 year olds were not in education, employment or training. That amounts to a mere 53 individuals, all of whom have access to support to help them find their feet and to plan for the future.

From another angle, there is a burst of new business formation. At the last count, 2,825 businesses in Wiltshire were under 2 years old. Starting a new business can be tough so if you know someone locally who has set up a new enterprise, I urge you to give them your support and your custom. The whole local economy will benefit from their success.

Of course, a growing economy poses some challenges. The construction industry has been one of the first sectors to feel the upturn and, to most of us, that must be a good thing. However, having regard to the "education" part of my portfolio responsibilities (the others are "skills" and "youth"), the result has been that bids for school building contracts are coming in rather higher than I would wish. I am delighted, therefore, that government has agreed to increase the amount of capital available to Wiltshire for "basic need" (i.e. new school places) to nearly £16 million in 2017/18 (up from £5.4m in 15/16 and £5.7m in 16/17).

Not everything in the economic garden is rosy, of course, and there may be storms still to come. But there are unmistakable signs that we are past the worst.

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Please remember elderly neighbours, particularly at this time of year. Although anyone of any age can suffer from loneliness, those living on their own may be housebound and could benefit hugely from a chat or a bit of help with shopping. Community social activities too can allow them to meet up with others as well as develop new friendships. The Churchill runs a luncheon club once a month and the Friendship Group meets bi-weekly at Hedges House. Please keep an eye out; a neighbourly call, or a lift, can make a great difference!

Please remember also to keep paths around your properties clear. For those who are the owners or occupiers of land with a public right of way, you must not obstruct or endanger users by putting obstructions on or across the route or allow vegetation to encroach onto the route from the sides or above. Your help is much appreciated.

**Sandra Gamble, Chairman**

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If you have ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT The Clerk to the Parish Council, Peter Baxter on 07734 483883 or [clerkpc@sky.com](mailto:clerkpc@sky.com)  
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## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### Planning

14/11935/TCA – Amberley Cottage, 26 High Street – Tree works. Approved by Wiltshire Council.

### Gladman Planning Appeal.

The Gladman Appeal took place over six days during February. The Parish Council expresses its sincere thanks to everyone who made the time to attend to support or to make representation. The Council and clerk would like to thank Cllr Wearn and Cllr Lumb for the hours of work they put into compiling the Parish Council's comprehensive objection document presented at the Appeal. The decision is now in the hands of the Inspector.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Don't forget to put the Annual Parish Meeting in your diary, Thursday 23rd April at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion on Witchcombe Close. The New Community Area Youth Co-ordinator, Sally Willox, will be the main speaker and the meeting will be followed by refreshments.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Witchcombe close.

Parish Council contact details, Mrs Anita Whittle, Clerk to Cheverell Magna Council, 18 Southay, Bratton, Westbury, BA13 4RT. Tel 01380 830765 or email [parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org](mailto:parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org)  
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27 members of our school choir went to the O2 in London on 28th January to take part in the Young Voices Choir 2015. With over seven thousand children taking part on this day alone, this is just one part of the largest children's choirs in the world.

We were overwhelmingly proud of our choir, all of whom danced and sang their way through three hours of rehearsal, then a two and a half hour concert for parents and friends. Well done DAPS choir!

Willow Class welcomed Chinese students from Dauntsey's School into class this term. The students shared their own experiences of Chinese New Year and even brought along some traditional decorations.

**Mandy Francis**  
Admin. Asst.

## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY



### Special Interest Clubs

We like to ensure that children can broaden their learning through taking part in a variety of special interest clubs which are offered either after school or during lunch times. There are several sports clubs, including Judo, netball, cricket, winter and summer sports, multisports, dancing and street surfing, as well as other activities including handbells, clay modelling, chess, ukulele, art and gardening. We are very grateful to our teachers, teaching assistants, parents and others who volunteer to lead these groups, and to our outside providers who charge a small fee for their services.

### Cooking and healthy living

Mrs Heath, a member of our staff for over 25 years, plans for, prepares and runs the very popular cooking programme as part of the school curriculum. Each child takes part in a short course of cooking lessons, in which they will learn to prepare a three course meal, using healthy, low fat and low sugar fresh ingredients. Within this programme they will also learn about important food groups, the impact of healthy eating on their bodies, and hygiene. It is lovely to see them sitting together at the end of the afternoon, on a beautifully set table, eating the delicious meals that they have prepared.

### PE funding

We have been very grateful for the PE funding that has been given to schools for the past two years. It has enabled us to buy in expert coaches who teach our classes once a week and improve our teachers' skills at the same time. We have also been able to upgrade our very old and inadequate stock of PE equipment, so that when the funding dries up, we shall be able to continue the great work of providing our children with high quality PE every week.

### Snow

We are still hoping for snow! When it snows, we allow our children to go out and have longer playtimes than usual. They can sledge down the hill, build snow models and enjoy an event that is rare in our part of the country.

Please visit our website and see some photos, read our news and find out more about our school at [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk)



### Caretaker 12 hours per week

**Start Date: 13th April 2015**

**Salary: SCP D14-17 depending on experience**

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- Carry out other duties arising from use of buildings or grounds.
- The role will require some work to be carried out during the school day.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact Michele Morris to make an appointment or for an informal chat. Application information is available on request.

**Closing Date: 20/03/15**

**Interview: 24/03/15**

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At our meeting on Tuesday 9th February we discussed if marriage was necessary and how important is marriage? There was much discussion on every aspect of marriage – relationships; understanding of

the need to get out of a bad and destructive marriage; the protection of children in a safe and happy marriage where the aims of the couple are to respect each other, to be able to be individual, but still be one. That is the ideal. Mothers' Union promotes marriage and support couples setting out on their married life, because we believe that marriage is beneficial not only to the couple, but to all of us.

This is the month we encourage you to celebrate all that marriage brings - to couples and to those who see and value the interdependence of marriage as a benefit to all of us.

We have taken a table for the Village Hall Fayre on April 11th, selling plants and produce. Our next meeting on the 9th March will be a Lent Meditation , led by the Revd Pat Strowger.

Janet Hodges (812467)

### WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our tip for this month is RACE NIGHT in the 7 p.m. at West Lavington Village Hall on March 20th.

This is a re-run of our highly successful Video Race Night from three years ago. You can sponsor a race, buy a horse, or bet on a race. Cheer leaders welcome and fancy dress would be good.

Supper will be a Ploughman's/Paté affair with of course the wine bar.

Entry £5 only.

Tickets from Mike Page 818510.

Looking ahead, we shall be holding a Downton Abbey 'Roaring Twenties' Evening on May 22nd. Details to follow next month.

Our visit to France draws ever closer (the weekend of June 19 to 22nd). Make your own way there to St Pierre d'Autils, but once there accommodation, meals etc. are free. It's not too late to join the Association and take part in the visit. Membership for a household is only £15pa (or £12 for seniors).

Membership is open to residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages. Also, don't forget we hold French lessons for beginners and more advanced learners at The Bridge every other Monday.

Contact our Chairman Malcolm Johnson – blocker38@hotmail.com or Michael Page 818510.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

### BOOKMARK

Bookmark members met at Great Cheverell's village hall on February 18th with surprising results.

All members, bar one, felt *The Enlightenment of Nina Findlay* by Andrea Gillies to be a dull novel of complicated relationships within a claustrophobic family environment.

However, although Lynda, who was our 'bar one' for the evening had not finished the novel, she was enjoying it and did not seem to mind the exasperating female lead and implausible Greek Doctor. It remains to be seen if she feels the same as the novel continues – with a story line preoccupied with social media and tons of texting & Tweeting! Either way, differing opinions within the group make stimulating discussions; something which was carried through to our next novel, *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland.

This novel tells the story of how Renoir's famous painting was created, including the exploration of the 14 models dining at Maison Fournaise every Sunday until the riverside masterpiece was complete. All members, bar one, thoroughly enjoyed this historical novel, full of warmth and vibrant characters and tales of bohemian, artistic life of Paris in the 1880s. However, we did see Lynda's point of view that the author took a long time setting the scene, which could perhaps deter another reader from persevering – thus missing the trapeze family with a rubber baby!!

The overall group rating for Nina Findlay was a predictable 2, but Renoir's canvas was only awarded a shock 7.5. Therefore, when we regroup on Wednesday, March 25th at 7.30 p.m. for our crime session, I suggest Wendy may care to padlock the knife drawer.....

Hild Marrow



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I was feeling rather proud that I had kept my orchid plant in flower for over a year. However, when I attended the February meeting of our Garden Club I learned that this was not a good idea. I should have been cutting the flower spikes back now and then and allowing the plant to produce new leaves and 'rest' between bouts of flowering. Our speaker, Geoff Hobson, had grown orchids in a greenhouse for many years, and now that he has retired he grows orchids in his home. He is Secretary of the Somerset Wiltshire and Dorset Orchid Society.

Geoff informed us that there are many varieties of orchid. Some grow at sea level and there are some that grow high in the Himalayas. Between these extremes orchids appear in many different habitats. The orchids that we grow in this country can be divided into four groups. Hardy orchids can be grown outdoors. Cool growing orchids need a minimum nighttime Winter temperature of 10 degrees centigrade and so a heated porch or indoor room would be suitable and they can go outdoors in Summer. Intermediate temperature orchids prefer a minimum temperature of 12 degrees centigrade and so are suitable for growing indoors. Warm growing orchids, such as the ever popular phalaenopsis, like a minimum temperature of 15 degrees centigrade and can be grown in warm rooms in your house.

We had been invited to bring in our own orchids for advice on care, pruning and repotting. One of our members had brought in a cymbidium that she kept in a heated greenhouse. It looked very healthy and was in flower. Geoff advised her to split it into two pots, keep it quite dry in the Winter but to feed it and water it in the Summer when it was outdoors. Most of the other orchids that were brought in were warm growing phalaenopsis. Geoff used these to demonstrate how you should cut off rotting or dead roots, replace broken down bark compost, and remove spent flower stems. There were gasps from the audience as roots were snipped off and dying leaves and flower spikes were removed from someone's favourite plant. But the repotted specimen always looked better after the drastic treatment. There was a certain amount of teasing of those members admonished for overwatering or not feeding or some other crime against the potted orchid. But all of us went home that evening considerably better informed on how to care for potted orchids.

For our March meeting we have a very popular speaker, Derry Watkins, author, plant hunter and owner of a special plants nursery. To accommodate the expected larger audience we will be holding the March meeting in Holy Trinity School in Great Cheverell and we will be selling tickets costing £3 for members and £5 for non members. Tickets will be available from Cheverell Store, Great Cheverell and through Cheverells Garden Club committee members.



## WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

Under 14's summary:

A few games off because of weather and pitch conditions, scores disappointing, but good displays despite scores.

Looking for additional players for rest of this season and looking ahead to next season.

If interested then contact Neil (Coach) 01380 818193.

This international touring side are currently planning their German Summer Tour, with various fund raising events, for which we look forward to your support:

**Sunday 15th Feb** – Sponsored 100Km relay run at Devizes Leisure Centre – all players, coaches and some parents all contributing to completing the distance.

**Saturday 28th February** – Bag Packing at Asda - Melksham

**Friday 13th March** – Fundraising ball, £22.50 including 2 course supper. If interested then contact Neil.

**Saturday 28th March** – Bag Packing at Morrisons - Devizes

**Saturday 4th April** – A 54 hole sponsored event at Erlestoke by the team coach, with funds being split between the football tour and Devizes Opportunity Centre (Cpts Charity for 2015)

At the younger ages of the Club, the Under 7's and Reception Year continue with their indoor training at Lavington School Sports Hall on Fridays from 5.00 pm. If you want a 'taster' session, please come along or contact Mark on 01380-813160 - new players always welcome.

The Under 10's despite being equal at half-time in a hotly contested match at Home against Frome Town, were narrowly outdone in the second half with a header which was just out of reach. Again, for both the Under 10s' and Under 9s – we still need more players for the team – please contact Jason on 07590-427999 (Both Boys and Girls welcome)

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Tots on Tuesdays – if you care for a baby, newborn to 18 months, drop into St.Arbucks on any Tuesday morning to meet others for a friendly chat and cup of coffee.

We were delighted to be able to fix a zip at our Repair Café last month. The next Repair Café will take place on Saturday 18th April 10 am to 1 pm.

### FUNERALS

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have recently been bereaved.*

**Marjorie Gloria JUDKINS** of West Lavington died on 12th January aged 91 years. Her funeral after cremation took place at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington on 29th January 2015.

### BAPTISMS

**Jacob Samuel ABLETT** was baptised by Rev James Campbell at St Mary’s Church, Market Lavington on 24th January 2015.

### BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the first prize for February of £40 is Derek and Janet Bailey of Great Cheverell; and the winner of the second prize of £20 is Michael Nock also of Great Cheverell. The draw was done by Bob and Jeannette Giles of West Lavington.

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Snowdrops are in bloom along the banks of the B3098. In our gardens green shoots are peeping through the soil; the promise of daffodils and tulips to come. It's not been a bad winter. No snow to speak of (at least as I write) and no widespread flooding either. But still, we welcome early signs new life and warmer times ahead. Spring is at hand.

Spring reminds us of the abundant goodness of God who has blessed his creation with life and beauty in glorious variety. There is nothing 'samey' or drab about God's work. Everywhere we look we see a rich variety of different colours and textures. God created human beings not simply that we may exist in his world, but that we may truly live in it and enjoy it to his glory.

Granted there are many things that suck the joy out of life. News bulletins bear witness to the misery inflicted by human greed and cruelty. Jesus came to rescue God's world from sin, suffering and death. He suffered and died on the cross for our sins that we may be forgiven and put right with God. He rose again from the dead to give those who believe in him the hope of everlasting life.

The coming of Jesus was like the dawn of spring after the cold, barren deadness of winter. There are signs of new life. Jesus said, 'I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full'.

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#### Events:

- Coffee Morning, join us for a cuppa and a chat, 1st Saturday of the month, 10am-12 noon.
- 'Knit & Chat' women's meeting, 4th Monday of the month, from 2.30pm.

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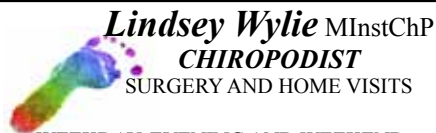
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