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Calendar of Services - February 2018
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together (BCP) St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell				
11th February Next before Lent	11.00 am United Service	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's Church	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
18th February Lent 1	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
25th February Lent 2	9.00 am Breakfast Church in the Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
4th March Lent 3	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Simple Celebration St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell				

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00 am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell

4:30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

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All Saints, West Lavington:
St Peter's, Great Cheverell:
St Peter's, Little Cheverell:

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FEBRUARY REFLECTION FROM THE RECTOR

So here we are again. Christmas is but another memory. The winter storms have come and thankfully gone and now we turn to thoughts of spring and the promise of warmer days, colourful bulbs and longer daylight hours. The cycle of the seasons never fails to excite or lead us further on our journey through the years.

And so it is with the Church. Candlemass sees the end of the Christmas story and for traditionalists; this is the time to pack away the Crib for another year. Having celebrated the birth of Christ, the Church turns to Lent and preparations for celebrating the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

The season of lent, as with Advent is a time of waiting and making ready. In Lent the making ready is time for self examination. A look at our faith and how well we integrate our belief into everyday living. Do we live out our Christian faith each day or do we fall short of what we can do and be? If we fall short, how do we improve our standing in the eyes of God and our friends and neighbours? How is our relationship with the God we profess to believe in? This all sounds a bit dreary and add to that the business of giving up CHOCOLATE and even I wonder why. But take heart, we start with a celebration of PANCAKES and end with the celebration of EASTER. And in between is our Lent Course. This year we will be looking at our faith and issues raised in the film "The King's Speech" starring Colin Firth. This is a six-week course starting on Wednesday 14th February.

This year we have several ways to mark the season of Lent. Our churches will have the usual celebrations and as with last year there will be reflections booklets, produced by the Diocese, available in our churches for use as personal prayer and reflection through Lent. These little booklets give a bible verse to read and short reflection followed by a simple prayer to add to your daily routine. Whatever you chose to do, or not, to mark the season, I wish you all the joys of the season.

Rev. Marion Harrison

Rev. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

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THE GREAT CHEVERELL SOAPBOX DERBY COMMITTEE

Our charity events for 2017, which included The Roving Feast and The Halloween Ball, were extremely successful. We were able to donate the following sums of money to our chosen charities:

- £3000 to Salisbury Heart Failure Team
- £3000 to Dorothy House
- £3000 to Bristol Renal Unit
- £1500, to St Peters Church Great Cheverell
- £500 to Great Cheverell Village Hall
- £500 to Holy Trinity Academy School
- £500 to The Pavilion Great Cheverell



We have also been able to retain some money in the bank, as we shall be holding a Soapbox Derby on **Sunday 26th August 2018**. After the Derby, there will be an evening event in The Pavilion, Great Cheverell, with live music from Soul Solution. Check out the soapbox Derby website: Soapboxgreatcheverell.org and enter a cart NOW!!!!

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Chinese New Year - February 16 2018

The celebrations of the New Year are spread over 2 weeks. The Chinese students at Dauntseys School will be celebrating with fireworks at The Manor on Wednesday the 21st, which will include a fireworks display at about 9pm.

Jim Hodges

Just before Christmas, a small presentation of a case of fine wine was made to Jim, on behalf of all our villages, in appreciation of 27 years service to the local community as Editor of the News and Views.

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Jim Hodges with Sandra Gamble

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Average Temperature for 2017	11.1C (51.98F)
Average Temperature over 40 years	10.49C (50.88F)
Total rainfall for 2017	752.2mm (29.6 ins)
Average rainfall over 40 years	909.0mm (35.78 ins)
Driest Month (April)	6.6mm (0.25 ins)
Wettest Month (July)	100mm (3.93 ins)
Wettest Day (December 10th)	23.6mm (0.92 ins)
Lowest Overnight Temperature (January 5th)	-5.0C (23.0F)
Highest Daytime Temperature (June 21st)	32.7C (90.0F)
Lowest Daytime Maximum Temperature (December 10th)	2.3C (36.1F)
Highest Wind Speed (December 10th)	32 mph South Westerly
Lowest Barometric Pressure (December 10th)	971 mbs

To summarize – Several interesting points worth mentioning this year:

- The average temperature was slightly lower and rainfall considerably lower.
- It is quite surprising to note that the driest month was April, quite unusual in fact.
- Several points to note on December 10th – Lowest barometric pressure, wettest day of the year and highest wind speed recorded this year together with wet snow.
- As for snow, there was about 2 cm of wet snow in the early hours of December 10th which of course soon melted away but locations a little further north had considerably more.
- We also had a dusting of snow on February 11th.

Having completed 40 years of recording weather on a daily basis at this location there are some very interesting points which could be noted here but where would we start? However here are a few of the most interesting points:

• Wettest year: 2002	Total rainfall 1258mm (49.51 ins)
• Driest year: 2011	529mm (20.81 ins)
• Warmest year: 2011	11.61C (52.88 F)
• Coldest year: 1987	8.4C (47.1 F)

Note - The warmest and driest year were both 2011, so what will 2018 bring?!

Mike Peet

Edington arts

The 2018 Edington Arts concert season opens at 7.30pm on Saturday 14th April in the Priory Church, Edington, with our first violin/piano duo.

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Júlia and Renáta are finalising their programme, and full details of what will be a wonderful evening's music will be available soon on our website www.edingtonarts.org/our-events,

Tickets are on sale now by email to sue@edingtonarts.org or by phone to Chrissy on 01380 831256. Prices are £20 front nave, £15 rear nave, and £10 sides; Edington Angels have a 10% discount, and 18 and under come free.



A Very Short History of England's Cathedrals

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A History of All Saints Church

By Sheila M Judge



Sheila Judge wrote this book in the 1980s and it was produced as a photocopy of her typescript and then simply bound. I think it was made available within the village at that time and some readers may still have a copy.

Thirty years later, with the benefit of the internet, digital photography and print on demand publishing I have been able to update Sheila's book, with the permission of her son, and it is now available to a new generation of villagers.

It isn't just a history of the church building. Sheila has also looked at the parish records and explored the character of the village. I have added some appendices which contain some further information, but the main body of the book is as Sheila wrote it. The cover picture is from a painting by Bob Giles.

The book is available from me, Lyn Dyson, or Devizes Books, or Amazon.co.uk. at £10. All of the profits will go to All Saints Church, West Lavington.

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Southern England is one of the most densely populated regions in Europe, even the world. Yet I don't need to remind you that our immediate area is largely wide open countryside. The nearest large urban centres of Swindon, Bath or Southampton are far away and the journey to any one of them can take up to an hour or more.

Indeed, our relative remoteness is one of the most attractive features of this area. If you have a car, it is possible to reach all the shops and services you may need with relative ease. But what if you can't drive, or if you can't afford a car, or if your partner is using the one family car and you are left behind? Well, you use the bus of course! Regular and reasonably frequent bus services link us with Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Bath and many people rely on them.

Public transport is a lifeline to those who need it, but it would be a mistake to take services for granted. Half of all bus journeys in the county are subsidised by Wiltshire Council - and I do not need to remind you that the Council's budget is being squeezed ever more tightly.

It is a relief, therefore, to report that responses to the recent consultation on car parking have shown considerable support for a rise in parking charges, which will help support the buses. For the coming year at least, I am assured that subsidised bus services are safe. By contrast, residents in some neighbouring counties have not been so fortunate, where rural bus services have been decimated.

And what of the trains? Devizes is more remote from a railway station than any other town in Wiltshire, although we have a main line running right through the area. Think of the benefits of having a station that could link us to Reading, to London, to Bristol, to Heathrow, to Taunton and Exeter, etc. Well, I am very pleased to report that the Devizes Development Partnership has set up a group to try to develop a parkway station near Lydney.

The first requirement is to identify services that could stop there. The HSTs that currently serve the far south west could not stop, but the advent of the new bi-mode trains that use either electric or diesel power will provide a window of opportunity for such services to be possible.

GWR is currently undertaking a consultation on the possible extension of its franchise into the 2020s and DDP are asking for support for a new Devizes Parkway station. You can find more details of the consultation here <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/great-western-rail-franchise> and you have until 21 February to respond. For the first time in many years, there is a real possibility that Devizes could have a station. It's not yet a certainty, but you could say we are travelling hopefully.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEW COUNCILLOR: Councillors were delighted at their January meeting to co-opt Bridget Herniman to fill the casual vacancy on the council left by Bonnie Matters. Bridget has lived in the parish for over 20 years. She is active in the community including running, to great acclaim with her husband Steve, the Bottle Stall at the village fete and recently taking over as Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator. She has, in addition to many other roles, served as a governor in a local primary school culminating in taking over as Chairman. Bridget says "I love my village". She also describes herself as "an action focused individual". Without doubt, just what the council and community needs!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The Parish Council thanks all who participated in the consultation. Consultation meetings have taken place with Wiltshire Council and Gaiger Brothers, owners of the community's preferred site for development. Completed response forms from residents, statutory consultees and other bodies are in the process of being analysed and some changes to the Plan will be made as a result of consultees' comments. Once the analysis process has been concluded, a full report will be presented to the Parish Council. However, I am pleased to tell the council's February meeting that support for the Plan from those responding to the consultation was overwhelming.

PRECEPT: The Parish Council has set the precept for 2018/19 and an amount of £30,668 has been accepted by Wiltshire Council. The new annual rate is £65.49 for a Band D house (an increase of £1.28) and represents a 2% rise in precept on last year. The Parish Council supports community assets and amenities such as the Village Hall, the Youth Club, the BMX track and Robert's Playground. It maintains rights of way and enables projects including the Neighbourhood Plan. The council also provides facilities for the elderly and pays for overheads such as the clerk's salary, insurance, waste collection and grass cutting.

CCTV: You may recall that the Devizes Area Board supported the Parish Council's application for matched funding for CCTV cameras at the Village Hall following vandalism to the hall and play equipment, many instances of anti-social behaviour and evidence of drug dealing. All these incidents required substantial personal time on the part of councillors, the clerk and Village Hall volunteers and staff to remedy. Significant repair bills were incurred. The police were kept very busy with visits and patrols but the perpetrators were never caught. The police advised that CCTV can be an important deterrent and can help detect criminal and anti-social behaviour. Moreover, when they installed temporary police cameras for a trial period at the hall, the activity stopped. Installation of the council's own CCTV system at the hall is now beginning. The system will comprise five high definition cameras installed around the hall and a further long range high definition camera which will provide cover for the far end of the playing fields in the vicinity of the BMX track. When ready to operate, prominently placed signs will indicate the area controlled by the cameras. The council's intention is to ensure that this public space will for the future be and remain free of criminal and anti-social behaviour and that people using the facilities will feel secure.

BMX TRACK: It has become evident that a more sustainable modern track surface is needed to maintain and keep the BMX track in the recreation grounds in a repaired and safe condition. Several quotes have been sought and the best value for money comes out in the region of £13,000. Two applications for grants have been made to Sport England without success. An application of £5000 is now before the Area Board, this being the maximum amount of grant available from the Board. The balance of the sum required will need to be found from precept or CIL funds.

Sandra Gamble, Chairman

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last met on 8 January, and will meet again on 5 February and 12 March – 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. All interested parties are always welcome to attend. The Minutes of the last meeting (in December) are available to see on the website, the Notice Board outside the shop, and Victoria Park.

At the January meeting, the Council co-opted Pete Cadwgan of The Green to the vacant Councillor slot. Welcome, Pete! We'll find a specific responsibility for you soon...

The Council continues to focus on the protection and maintenance of the village, in particular traffic issues (where we are in discussion with Erlestoke PC over the shared use of Speed Indication Devices), street lights, potholes and footpaths (especially the ongoing dog fouling issue). Many of these issues require rectification by Wiltshire Council, with whom we enjoy a good working relationship (the recent clearance of the fallen tree in the drainage ditch from Green Lane to Weavers Mead being a case in point). The Council also supports local charities and events, such as the forthcoming Summer Fayre at Holy Trinity School at the end of June, and the Soap Box Derby in August.

The Council also regularly reviews the condition of the Playground next to the Pavilion, and the facilities provided. It has recently decided to buy two metal benches for parents supervising their children, and is also considering specific picnic tables. Consideration is also being given to planting a hedge along Witchcombe Lane to protect the western edge of the playing field.

The condition of Victoria Park is an ongoing concern. Regular updates are received from Wiltshire Council and the Victoria Park Residents Association (VPRA) about the pressure being put on the Ministry of Justice (as its on Prison land) to undertake remedial work to the roads, which are in very poor condition. The Council is particularly concerned about the number of failed street lights.

The Council has just received a significant piece of work by Councillor Andy Alexander on an Emergency Plan for the village. This will cover those unwanted occurrences such as flooding and traffic accidents, and even worse things such as a rail crash or a military accident. It's a good thing to plan for such things, however unlikely. Further work will be undertaken on this.

And, finally, the Council has agreed its budget for the next financial year, and the resulting 2018/19 Precept. It is, unfortunately, increasing, but only due to the need to undertake the 5-yearly tree survey for the protection of residents. A 4.67% increase has been agreed, which sounds horrendous until you realise that it's only a £545 increase over last year, which is an increase of £1.79 for a whole year for the average Band D property. Still a lot less than a pint in The Bell !

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

Phone: 01380 816983 Email: parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

This is a summary of the meeting held on 17th 2018. The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village or on the Parish Council website- <http://www.kennetcommunityweb.com/site/Little-Cheverell-Parish-Council/>

1. The Parish steward's next visit is scheduled for Jan 22nd. The main priorities for this time of year have been logged with Northern Highways. They are: keeping drains clear and repairing small potholes. Please contact sueivey3@aol.com with any tasks you think the steward may be able to tackle.
2. There was an objection to the Low Road 20 mph speed limit so this will now be subject to a special report and the final decision will be made by a County Council cabinet member.
3. Low Road will be closed for 30 metres near The Terrace from 21-23 February.
4. The idea to create a group email of village residents has progressed. Preliminary enquiries have found that those village residents asked, so far, are in favour. If you would like to be part of this initiative please send an email to the chairman at: littlecheverell@gmail.com,
5. The mud on roads was discussed and its link with building work and large hgv vehicles which have travelled down Low Road in error. The parish council is investigating the possibility of moving some signs at the railway bridge end of Low Road to improve their visibility and removing a sign which is thought to be misleading. Also, there is a suggestion that the parish council could pay for mud to be cleared from Low Road and School Lane if no other solution can be found.
6. It is the intention to hold an informal meeting with refreshments, during the day so that young families would get a chance to speak to councillors about issues that affect them. The decision on a date for this has been deferred until after the next meeting.
7. There was further discussion about parking on Low Road and the possibility of finding a piece of land to buy/rent for about 12 cars.
8. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall.



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Bluebell Wood

We have a little area of woodland on our site which the children call Bluebell Wood. It is a beautiful place for Forest School work and the children enjoy sitting quietly on the logs under the trees. They learn about respecting the habitats of the plants and animals that live in that area and love to watch the seasons unfold through the year. The children in our Year3/Year4 class will develop a small wild flower meadow around the boundary of the woodland area this year.

Links with the local Church

Our children enjoy going to our local churches for services and to learn more about the Christian faith and buildings of worship. We often hold Pilgrimage Days in the beautiful Edington Priory, giving the children time to reflect on their lives, their values, their moral compass and their philosophy – regardless of whether they are people of faith or not. Children tell us that they really enjoy these days. We can now make more use of St Peter's church in Great Cheverell since it has been refurbished and we look forward to being able to use our most local church for great learning experiences.

Our Wider Community

We are very fortunate to be part of a wonderfully supportive community. Our Parents and Friends Association does so much to enrich learning – providing support for Christmas celebrations, Pancake races, Discos, Sports Days and many other events, as well as raising money for those special extras for our children. We are recipients of very generous donations from Edington Station Yard, the James Townsend Trust and the Bishop Wordsworth Trust. These enable us to provide music, books and other resources which we could not otherwise afford. Many of our parents and grandparents volunteer to help us in school – running Gardening Club, hearing reading, helping with art and craft projects, and much more. Local businesses support us in many different ways. We are very grateful for all that our wider community does to help us provide outstanding education for our children.

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Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year to you all.

Seeing our school through other's eyes is so important and often a joy. It makes you stop and really think about what we do day to day and consider what makes school a place to be enjoyed, a place to thrive in and something that will be remembered forever. We recently had our annual Grandparent's Tea where we welcomed 90 grandparents to share in an afternoon at DAPS.

On arrival, they were greeted and escorted to their grandchildren's class by our prefects. This is where they spent time working alongside their grandchildren before being taken into a decorated school hall where tea and cakes were on offer as they listened to our school choir. It was a fabulous afternoon and lovely opportunity for the children to be able to show off their school. Feedback from Grandparents in letters and emails and from talking to them on the day gave us a lovely picture of what they see when they come in and how warm and friendly school feels. Their comments about the Year 6 prefects being confident and chatty and so well-mannered made us smile and I think I can safely say the singing and harmonies were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Topics for the learning range this term from The Polar Region to Myths and Legends and the children are already absorbed in research and exploring the subjects further. One class have been working hard on writing and editing adventure stories for a younger class to enrich their new and exciting reading corner. All classes have had their reading areas transformed and our children continue on their journey to become lifelong learners who read for pleasure.

We welcome you to visit our school and see for yourselves

If you feel your child would enjoy being a part of our school community, please come and visit us, have a look around and chat to the Headteacher. DAPS is a supportive, friendly and happy school where children learn to love learning and aspire to be the best they can be.

Mrs Philippa Winbolt
Headteacher



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term, at Lavington Pre-school, we are delighted to have 5 new starters: Kitty, Eddie, Arthur, Ann-Mari and Freddie, and we welcome them and their families to our Pre-school. Everyone has settled in well after the Christmas holiday and has come back refreshed and ready to have fun!

This term the children's investigations have been centred on "The Arctic and The North Pole". As part of this we have been having some fun getting creative in lots of different ways both inside and outside! We have made handprint penguins, paper plate polar bears and we have made our own snow and snow play-dough. The children have been playing with ice in the water tray and learning about how it melts as it gets warmer. We have been listening to lots of stories about polar bears and talking about what it feels like to be cold and what we do to stay warm. As always, if you have any items or experiences that you feel would be relevant we would love you to come and share with us. We have also been regularly visited by ACTIVE Trowbridge this term and the children have loved this opportunity to learn new games and explore new equipment.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from the EYFS Expressive arts and design: 'Accept wholeheartedly young children's creations and help them to see them as something unique and valuable.'

30 HOURS FUNDING: All 3 to 4-year-olds in England can get 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. More information regarding funding for 3 to 4 year olds is available at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-for-3-and-4-year-olds>

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We currently have spaces available at our Outstanding Pre-school, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk or contact our Manager

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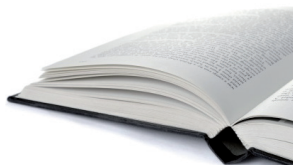
Owing to illness we had to cancel our AGM last month. However, Revd Jennifer Haynes gave us Communion.

On February 13th at 2.15 pm. we shall have our AGM at the home of Leslie Doyle Davison by her kind invitation.

Janet Hodges

GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

We met for our Christmas reading and party at the beginning of December. The party was most enjoyable and, after a glass of wine, the talk flowed and we even managed to discuss the book! For a seasonal reading we read "A Snow Garden" by Rachel Joyce who is the author of "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry". "A Snow Garden" is a series of seven short stories which are interlinked and all set over the Christmas period, with minor characters in one story becoming major characters in another. In the first story, Binny struggles to get everything ready for Christmas after her partner suddenly leaves her for a younger woman. She briefly remembers an old friend called Alice and in the next story, Alice is centre stage with her marriage suddenly (if understandably) turning sour when she and her husband have to put their son's bike together on Christmas Eve. In the final story the latest news on all the main characters is woven together.



We all very much enjoyed this book and would recommend it even though Christmas is past.

Wendy Wilshin



There was a good turnout for our first meeting in 2018. We were delighted to have as our speaker, Denise Plummer, a local farmer, who also writes a weekly column in the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald. In her talk 'My Farming Life', Denise provided us with a very entertaining evening

of anecdotes about her upbringing and her career in farming. She was very amusing about always being in the wrong place at the wrong time and how this had led her into being voted onto committees or ending up undertaking tasks for which, initially, she felt ill equipped. Undaunted, it seemed that she had embraced the opportunities, steeled her nerves and surprised herself with what she was able to achieve. She once found herself thrust into the limelight during a foot and mouth outbreak when the media wanted a farmer's viewpoint. And she had undertaken some media training thereafter as she was often in demand for radio programmes to cover country and farming topics.

Throughout her evening with us, it became obvious that she has a passion for farming and the environment. She drew analogies between the farmer's duty of care for their animals and the environment and gardeners needing to be aware of pests and diseases and their duty to protect our environment.

By special request, Denise gave us a short lecture about rearing poultry at home and how to find out what rules and regulations apply.

Denise was very positive about the future of farming. She said that the use of satellite technology and robotics have taken the guesswork out of a lot of things and enabled precise measurement of input and output. It has enabled farmers to use less fertilizers and pesticides. The use of robotics in a milking parlour can assist with record keeping, optimise feed rations, and indicate the best cows to breed from, as well as reducing the number of humans that need to be employed. The invention of new machines for picking crops has cut back on the demand for seasonal labour.

On Tuesday 13 February, our speaker will be Charlotte Howard. Charlotte runs a garden maintenance and design business. She will be talking about garden design and especially the use of colour to create striking effects. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. There is a £2 charge for non-members.

To join Cheverells Garden Club costs just £8 for an annual subscription. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. We have an interesting programme of talks and visits arranged for 2018. New members are always welcome.

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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

Winter hits and, as a result, the number of matches drop. Teams have endeavoured to continue training so they are ready for matches if the weather and facilities permit.



The competitive football teams have reached the quarter finals of the cup following a nail-biting victory over Warminster, finishing 2-2 after extra time and winning 5-4 on penalties. The U14s kept up

their excellent form by continuing their winning streak and retaining their top position. The U12s came out top of their League group and will be promoted to higher league. Well done to those teams.

For our non-competitive teams, the Badger Cubs are having a break until after February school holidays when they will restart. U8s and U9s have been playing games and doing well. They are keen to improve their numbers, so if you are interested then please contact Sharon.

The U10s team have been playing well in their matches and are looking forward to their cup events whilst the U11s have been learning all about Futsal and the skills associated with that form of the game. Their good form in matches continues.

Looking ahead, the Badger Bash returns on 28 April – more details to follow at a later date. This is an opportunity for parents to have a night out and also fund raise for the club. WCFC will also be supporting the Devizes Lions' Swimathon on Saturday 3rd March – players will be recruited soon for that great cause.

We are recruiting players of most ages and are keen to especially hear from girls who wish to take up football as we wish to support FA drive to increase their participation.

We are also looking for people to join our organisation who are keen to help the club and develop their Coaching skills, interested in taking up football or getting involved in football coaching, please talk to one of the relevant managers whose information is below:

- U5/6/10 – Mark Goddard – 07974 723008
- U8/9 – Sharon Black – 07885 232536
- U11 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781
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Following our Burns night on January 27th, our next events are "Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz" on Friday March 9th (price to be advised) and "Desert Island Disc" on Friday April 13th (£12.50).

These events are open to members and non-members of The Twinning Association and tickets can be obtained from Michael Page on 818510.

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FUNERALS

Desmond Edwin John PEARCE of West Lavington died on 27th November 2017, aged 89 years. His funeral at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 14th December 2017 was followed by burial in the churchyard.

Peter North FORD of West Lavington died on 4th December 2017, aged 91 years. Funeral and burial took place at All Saint's Church, West Lavington on 18th December 2017.

Philip WHITING of Great Cheverell died on 16th December 2017, aged 76 years. His funeral and burial at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell was on 17th January 2018.

The funeral and burial of **Victor Anthony ROWLANDS** at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 12th January 2018, was taken by Rev David Johnson, Chaplain at Dauntsey's School. Diplomat, Ecologist and Lecturer, he lived in Hook, Hampshire and died on 6th December 2017, aged 69 years.

Philip Alfred BURT of Easterton died on 19th December 2017, aged 67 years. Rev Ann Cocking led his funeral service at St Barnabas Church on Friday 12th January 2018 before burial in Drove Lane Cemetery.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

I am pleased to announce the winners of the 200 Club draw for the months of December 2017 and January 2018. The December winners were 1st Prize Jill Purdom, who kindly drew the January numbers, and Jill Kyte who won 2nd prize. The January 2018 winners are 1st Prize Andrew Walker and 2nd Prize Jean Morton.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for this year's draw. You have 24 chances of winning a prize. The profit from the ticket sales goes towards the running costs of the Benefice of our five churches.

I wish everyone a Happy 2018.
Bonnie Matters 816133

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There are report of many people turning to the Christian faith even in places such as Iran and North Korea. In countries where growth is most rapid following Jesus may well mark a person out for harsh persecution, but still they believe and refuse to renounce their faith for an easier life.

Where growth is in evidence it tends to be among churches that take the Bible and its teaching seriously. That is the case even in the secular West. After all, why bother going to church only to be told that you don't need to believe the stuff? And why do people believe the stuff? Because they are convinced that it is true.

Some might object that science has disproved God, but deciding whether or not God exists is outside of the remit of science. Science can tell us a lot about the universe, but it cannot explain why there is a universe in the first place, or how come science is even possible? As Einstein said, the most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible. Why should it be?

The Christian faith teaches us that God created the universe and made human beings in his image that we might glorify and enjoy him. That is why we can appreciate and understand something of the world that he made.

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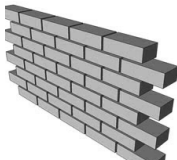
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