



Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Sunday 10th May 2026

Easter 6



Services this Sunday

Sunday 10th May – Easter 6

9.00 am Breakfast Church – All Saints', West Lavington (Service @ 9.30am)

10.30 am United Service - St Barnabas, Easterton

11.00am Rogation Service - St Peter's, Great Cheverell followed by BBQ lunch

– PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SERVICE IS IN THE CHURCH

Readings:

Genesis 8.20—9.17

Acts 17.22–31

Psalms 66.7–end

1 Peter 3.13–end

John 14.15–21

Please Pray for:

Those feeling unwell, who are elderly, living with pain and those who have asked for our prayers:

Barney Beddow (LC), Ann, Shelia (U), John Cocking (E), John Thynne (ML), Margaret Bell (ML), Andrew and family, and for the parents, children, partners and carers looking after them.

For families who are grieving and coming to terms with the death of a loved one:

Pat Stacpoole (ML), Terry Hurley (WL), Michael Doyle -Davidson (WL), Sue Stacpoole (ML), Gwenda Fletcher (ML), John Walter (GC), Raymond Everton (ML), Peter Bell (ML), Stella Wilson (GC), Vanessa Reburn (GC), Marianne Dyer (WL), Harry Emm (ML), Edna Iris Bishop (WL)

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Acts 17.22–31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

First Reading: Genesis 8.20—9.17

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, ‘I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.’ God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person’s blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.’ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

Psalm 66.7-end

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard, who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip. For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty. I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered, and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats. Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me, but in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.13-end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading: John 14.15-21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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**Please remember:**

**\*\*\* Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – 3.00pm Joint PCC Meeting – St Barnabas, Easterton \*\*\***

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Services Next Week:

10.00am Welcome to Worship St Peter's, Great Cheverell

10.30 am Benefice Service Communion All Saints, West Lavington

Notices:

Deanery Evensong, 31 May

- The next Devizes Deanery Evensong is on Trinity Sunday 31 May at 6 pm in All Saints' Church, All Cannings.
- We had some feedback that our last Deanery Evensong, with Bishop Andrew in Seend on Palm Sunday, was our best ever, and we hope to build from there.
- Simon Chadwick from Etchilhampton will conduct the choir; Nicholas Hale from Market Lavington will play the organ, the Rev'd Gerry Lynch will sing the service and preach. We will have drinks and nibbles after the service, and a chance to get to know people from other churches, as always at these Evensongs.
- New singers are always welcome. If anyone would like to join the choir, the rehearsal starts at 4.15 pm sharp!
- Contact the Rev'd Gerry Lynch on rev@gerrylynch.co.uk or 07521 440622

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## Future Dates for your diary (more details to follow and confirmation of timings)

- 16<sup>th</sup> May – Village Fun Day on The Green. Little Cheverell (11am-5pm)
- 28<sup>th</sup> June Hymns and Pimms at St Peter's Great Cheverell
- 18<sup>th</sup> July West Lavington Village Fete – (2pm-4pm)
- 28<sup>th</sup> July Patronal Weekend at St Peter's, Great Cheverell
- 15<sup>th</sup> August Imber Buses Market Lavington
- 31<sup>st</sup> August Easterton Village Fete (2pm-4.30pm)

There is to be a concert in aid of St Peter's. Little Cheverell in September – more details to follow

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Benefice Administrator:

Cat Brown

- Monday 3-5 email and telephone only
- Wednesday 3-5 email and telephone only
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