Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Sunday



Services this Sunday

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10.30am Remembrance Service led by Sarah Wood-Roe at St Barnabas, Easterton
10.45am Remembrance Service at St Peter's, Great Cheverell
10.50am Remembrance Lay led service at All Saints', West Lavington

Little Cheverell No Church service – service at war memorial

Readings:
Micah 4:1-5
John 15:9-17

Please Pray for:

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

Barny Beddow (LC), Ann, Shelia (U), John Cocking (E), Margaret Bell (ML), Andrew and family, Anne and Ian Christie (GC), Brenda, Gill and Paul Stevens (GC), Jean Stirling (ML) and for our Rector; Rev Sam.
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:
Marianne Dyer (WL), Harry Emm (ML), Edna Iris Bishop (WL), Peter Andrew (GC), Mike Nock (GC), Marianne Eccles (ML), Stephen Westley (GC), Mike McPherson (E), Nicholas Wright (WL), John Holford (WL), Margaret King (LC), Ian Seager (GC), Michael Wright (GC)

First Reading: Micah 4:1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

Second Reading: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Services Next Week:

Every Thursday, Morning Prayer at 8.00am in All Saints' Church

Sunday 15th November – Second before Advent

10.00am Welcome to Worship St Peter's Great Cheverell
10.30 am Benefice Service Communion St Mary's Market Lavington

Next Week's Readings:
Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end
Psalm 90.1–8 [9–11] 12 [or 90.1–8]
1 Thessalonians 5.1–11
Matthew 25.14–30

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Celebrating Caroline's Ministry & Saying Farewell

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of us, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." — Philippians 1:3-5

As we approach the bittersweet time of saying goodbye to Caroline, our hearts are full of gratitude for the immense blessing her ministry has been to our church family. To honour her time with us and celebrate the love and support she has so freely given, we are gathering for a short service of thanksgiving, followed by a time of shared fellowship with Caroline and Mark.

- **Thanksgiving Service**: Friday 27th November at All Saints Church, starting at 6:00pm.
- **Fellowship Buffet**: Following the service, there is a hot buffet at the Churchill Arms in West Lavington.
- **RSVP**: The cost of the buffet is £20.00 per person. Please email Anne Wilson at mrsannewilson@gmail.com if you plan to attend.
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Our Parting Gift to Caroline

We want to present Caroline with a gift that truly reflects how much we have valued her ministry and helps her carry fond memories of us into her next chapter. We invite everyone across our churches to contribute to this three-part gift:

1. A Video Message of Love: We want Caroline to be awash with messages of appreciation. We will be recording short video clips of people's messages about the support that Caroline has given them after the Benefice Service on Sunday 15th November at St Mary's. We would love to capture voices from every church and all aspects of our community life. We would like to show the video in the service. If you would like to send a message but are unable to make those times, then please contact Sam.

2. A Memory Book of Photos: We are creating a beautiful professional book filled with photographs of our churches, church family, and the community groups Caroline has touched. Each church is asked to gather their photos and email them to Reverend Sam. It would be great if you have any photographs of Caroline in action- in the pulpit, officiating at a wedding, at the village fete and so on. Each photograph can be accompanied by a 25 word caption.

3. Written Tributes: Please email any personal written messages of thanks and blessing to be included alongside the photographs in her book. If you would rather include a handwritten message then please pass this onto Reverend Sam.

Please send all digital photos and written messages to Reverend Sam at by 15th November to revsam@lavingtonchurch.org

4. Each church is invited to raise a collection as a contribution towards the book and gifts to accompany it.

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As we move into a new season across our benefice, I have been praying deeply about where God is leading us. God is always actively at work in our neighbourhoods, inviting us to join in His ongoing mission of building His kingdom here on earth.
We can only do this effectively by prayerfully seeking His will and, crucially, listening for His response. This rhythm of prayer requires the whole body of Christ—every one of us in our respective communities—to come together.
With this in mind, over the next two weeks I will be leading Morning Prayer in each of our churches. During these services, we will dedicate intentional time to pray for our church and wider community, and to listen quietly for God's direction.
This is a warm invitation to our entire church family. Please join us as we gather in prayer, centring our shared mission on listening to God and seeking His vision for our future.

10.00am 12th November - All Saints
10.00am 19th November – St. Barnabas
10.00am 23rd November – St. Mary's
10.00am 24th November – St. Peter's (Great Cheverell)
10.00am 26th November – St. Peter's (Little Cheverell)

Blessings, Sam
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Creativity, Community, and Christmas Joy: Our Benefice Craft Morning

On Saturday 5th November, Market Lavington Village Hall was filled with the scent of pine, festive creativity, and warm chatter**.** It was a joy to welcome so many friends from our church congregations alongside faces from the wider community for our Wreath and Gift Making Morning.
The hall was a hive of activity. Crafters from across the benefice gathered to design beautiful Christmas wreaths, raising vital funds to support our individual parish churches. Alongside them, volunteers crafted special gifts to be given out during our key Christmas services. These small tokens are a simple way to let our neighbours know they are deeply loved by God and loved by us. There is something truly special about giving a gift to the community.
Beyond the crafting, it was a wonderful time of fellowship, shared over some spectacular refreshments. We hope this will now become an annual event, supporting both our fundraising and our missional work across the benefice. Thank you to everyone who came.

As we prepare to share these gifts, we reflect on God's incredible love for us:
"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." — **1 John 4:11**







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Mon/Wed/Fri 3-5pm

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