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Foreword from the St Laurence PCC

EASTER JOY

For Christians, Good Friday focuses on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday then dwells on his subsequent resurrection. Death followed by rebirth is the opportunity on offer for all who believe in the Son of God and in his Kingdom. And it was that Son who said, 'Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'.

For most adults, talking about death is to be avoided - not least with children - and Christians are no exception. (A well-reviewed publication *Seriously Messy* (BRF, 2019) addresses the whole issue of talking to children and young people about dying).

Children watch, listen and read. They are, in their many different ways, well-aware of what goes on around them – sensitive to their environment, to what they see, hear and read. Given today's pressures created by numerous conflicting messages on social media it is perhaps no wonder that so many young people are confused and have mental health issues – with media messages arriving from a whole variety of today's mobile devices - sometimes finding it hard to recognize the difference between truth and fiction. The truth of the Easter story, Christ's death and resurrection, should surely not be avoided. It should be talked about and celebrated.

Children growing up in a Christian tradition may well take the Easter message about death and resurrection in their stride - maybe also looking forward to Easter Sunday and (unhealthy) chocolate eggs! Others, not growing up in such a tradition, may find the story 'totally weird'. The concept of a God who sends his Son to earth to be sacrificed in order to save us from our sins appears completely alien. Jesus has a crown of thorns thrust onto his head. He is then spat on and nailed to a cross. What a great story for children? No - absolutely not! As they grow up, children from a Christian family background may slowly but surely come to terms with the reality of the narrative - an atoning sacrifice and reconciling humanity to God. But for the majority of today's children I suggest that we need to concentrate on the Easter resurrection with its wonder and the ultimate joy and comfort of this reconciliation.

As far as this Easter message is concerned, the wonder, joy and comfort is that God loves and cares for each of us. This is not about sin and the devil but about saying sorry and being forgiven. Settling a child down at night is about God's love and care – and about his watching over us – for we are all made in his image.

Martin French

Tea & Chat

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Women's Breakfast

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Church Website

For information about future services, events and more, you can visit the St Laurence Church, Appleton with Besselsleigh website at <http://www.stlaurenceappleton.org>

Appleton Voluntary Transport Service

Regrettably the Appleton Voluntary Transport Service will have to be suspended for the duration of the current coronavirus crisis.

There are few drivers available, and these are almost all over the age of 70.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience which this will cause, and we look forward to the time when the risk of infection has become manageable and the service can be resumed. We will continue to answer calls to the AVTS telephone, but we shall not be able to arrange transport for anyone.

Charles Moorley

Who to call

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral care, Holy Communion at home, Church buildings, please contact Roger Mitty, Churchwarden on 863794, or email him on:

enquiries@stlaurencechurchappleton.org
Pastoral enquiries will be forwarded on to an appropriate contact whilst we are in this period of vacancy awaiting the appointment of our new Rector. Remember to visit your Church website at:
www.stlaurenceappleton.org

Thank you

On behalf of all the young people we support at The Abingdon Bridge, may I convey to you our sincere appreciation for the very generous donation of £830 we have received following the highly successful ceilidh held at South Lawn last month. This could only have been achieved as a result of the very generous support of all those who were there as well as those who were responsible for organising the entire event. We are grateful to them all. I should be most grateful if you could also express our thanks to all members of the PCC

who were involved in helping to make the decision to support The Abingdon Bridge. They may be assured that their actions could not have come at a better time. Since Christmas, we have never had so many young people seeking help, advice and guidance from our staff.

Some have mental health issues associated with anxiety whilst others are struggling with addiction, anti social behaviour and personal relationships. The donation from Appleton PCC will be used specifically to support our counselling programme as this is where there is the greatest need.

Again, our sincere thanks for your support, With all good wishes.
Christopher Bryan
Chair of the Trustees

Appleton WI

Sadly we had to cancel our March meeting and are not sure about April's meeting. It should take place on Thursday, 16th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall but may also be cancelled.

We will be in touch with everyone by email or phone.

In the meantime take care of yourselves.

Elaine Flint
01865 861838

NEWS FROM

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Shop

Monday–Friday: 7am–7pm

Saturday : 8am–1pm

Sunday: 8am–12noon

Post Office

Monday & Thursday

9am–1pm



Message from our Community Shop Chairman

We usually write a cheerful piece telling you what's going on and informing you about what's new and interesting in the Shop.

This month is entirely different as you all know too well 'what's going on'. These are difficult times and the Shop Directors and Management are determined that the Shop will step up to the mark and provide the best possible service that it can, during this difficult and trying time for everyone. At the time of writing, we are scurrying about setting up new procedures and increasing our stock levels and we're hopeful, even confident, that by the time you read this all the following will be in place:

- Increased Stock Levels
- A procedure for placing orders
- Bespoke delivery service
- Collections from 'outside' the shop
- Systems with our suppliers to collect, should they have problems delivering to us
- Loads of wonderful new 'Young' volunteers (and keen for more)
- All our over 70 volunteers able to step back from 'front line' duties
- Larger Newspaper delivery rounds

Should (and God forbid) the virus be unkind to Appleton and many of us catch it, it is possible that we would have to reduce the shop's opening hours but for the moment, please feel confident that the hours (as published below) are accurate.

We will stay open!

In the meantime, huge thanks to all the wonderful new volunteers who are stepping forward and an equally huge

MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
May	20,267	22,428	24,532
June	22,795	24,483	24,276
July	23,809	27,343	28,976
Aug	20,750	23,774	25,199
Sept	19,963	21,849	23,131
Oct	20,732	22,625	23,504
Nov	19,896	22,583	22,107
Dec	22,315	23,486	24,524
Jan	18,154	20,000	20,700
Feb	17,937	19,782	
Mar	22,387	22,305	
April	19,107	21,570	

Easter Gifts

The shop will be stocking Easter cards and chocolate eggs as well as beautiful fresh bunches of flowers.

There is our usual excellent selection of wines and local beers as well as our wonderful local honey.

Easter Opening Times

Good Friday 10th April 8 am- 12 noon
Easter Saturday 11th April 8 am -1 pm
Easter Sunday 12st April 8 am - 12 noon
Easter Monday 13th 9 am -11 am (NB
No deliveries, collect papers from the shop)

Post Office

Monday 13th April Closed

Tuesday 14th April Open 9 am -1 pm

thank you to all our equally wonderful older volunteers who are having to step back after, in some cases, years of commitment. We hope that we're just saying au revoir to you and that you'll all be 'back on duty' as soon as possible. (Don't get used to doing nothing will you? We'll need you back! We just don't know when).

Please all take care, keep safe and if you have any health concerns please please don't come near the shop! Get a friend to come for you.



On a final cheerful note: Easter is this month and we'll make doubly sure that Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns are in plentiful supply! Wishing you all a very HAPPY EASTER

Jane Cranston

Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at:

www.appleton-eaton.org

And Follow us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop

Shop Tel No: 01865 863191

appletonshop@gmail.com

Solo Ladies

There will be no Solo Lunches until it is safe to do so.

We will sadly miss our monthly get together but as older ladies must take extra care.

If you would like any information please contact:

Barbara on 01865 863262

(barbara.kimsey@outlook.com)

Gardening Club



At our March meeting Rachel Siegfried talked, and showed photos to us, about her 2 acre flower farm at Little Stoke near Wallingford. The season runs from March to October and the farm is open to the public on Saturdays. Flowers of a large variety are grown on a seasonal and sustainable basis and supplied for a variety of occasions to florists and individuals. She also runs courses on growing and arranging her flowers.

After some discussion, we will not be holding a meeting in April due to the current Government advice on the Coronavirus.

The Schedule for the annual Village Show to be held on Sunday 6th September will be available in the Village Shop from early April. We welcome entries from anyone who lives in Appleton and Eaton so please pick up a copy if you would like to enter.

*Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269*

Fyfield and Tubney Churches

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 4th April 2020

is cancelled

Appleton website is now

www.Appleton-eaton.org

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CORONAVIRUS (Covid-19) SUPPORT

To the residents of Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh

The leadership of St Laurence Church, the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council, the Besselsleigh Parish Meeting and the Community Shop have together been discussing how individually and collectively they can provide informal help and support to the community during the Coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic.

Whilst the situation may change, the telephone numbers and email addresses below are initial points of contact should you need help with the following:

Collections from the Village shop

Jane Cranston 01865 863681 - jane@cranstonjane.co.uk

Laura Olver 01865 865341 - lauraolver@btinternet.com

Urgent collections e.g. prescriptions

Tim Jack 01865 864900 - tim.jane.jack@gmail.com

Pastoral support from the church e.g. prayer support / counselling

Roger Mitty 01865 863794 - roger@eatonroad.net

Neighbourly Support

Appleton

Mary Carey 07812 354496- marymcarey@btinternet.com

Liz Gilkes 01865 863640- ecgilkes@gmail.com

Eaton

Tian Davidson 01865 864578 - tiandavidson@gmail.com

Nicki Clarke 07811 922198- nickijcc@hotmail.co.uk

Besselsleigh

Jane Cranston 01865 863681 - jane@cranstonjane.co.uk

Elaine McKno 01865 764998 - elaine.messenger13@gmail.com

We are in the process of creating an informal network of good neighbours to provide help and support when necessary. **If you are able to offer to help with any of the following:**

Collections / Deliveries / Shopping / Transport / Neighbourly support / Volunteering in the Village Shop please email with your contact details (tel. and address).

For Appleton with Eaton:
parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

For Besselsleigh:
besselsleigh@parishmeeting@gmail.com

Please also remember to indicate what you would be prepared to help with.

We understand there are many good neighbours out there and if you are already in close contact with someone who is elderly, self isolating or vulnerable please let us know to avoid duplication of effort.

All involved in this support wish to make it VERY clear that they are committed to adhering to the Government's isolation policy and all other Government and NHS guidelines.

For up to date official information please refer to ***www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public*** or ***www.nhs.uk***

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

We, as a community are all feeling the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on our daily lives. The Parish Council wish to encourage people of Appleton with Eaton to continue being vigilant with their own and their family members' health foremost in their minds. The PC advise residents to follow UK Government guidelines on how to best protect yourself and others during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

In our parish we have an above national average number of elderly people, a demographic included in the UK Government's list of most vulnerable to COVID-19. With this in mind, the PC also urge residents to engage in social distancing, to avoid group gatherings and make only essential visits to shops and public places, as advised by the UK Government: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people

However, social distancing does not mean we cannot move to help those who are elderly, vulnerable or self-isolating. Demonstrating their remarkable community spirit, the PCC and Appleton Community Shop, with the support of the Parish Council, have begun an initiative to create an informal support network of volunteers who will be available to help the vulnerable members of our Parish, and those self-isolating during this difficult period. All residents of Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh will be receiving a leaflet through their letterbox over the next few days. This leaflet will provide details on how we can offer our time to contribute to this support initiative. Also included in the leaflet is a list of initial points of contact who will be able to coordinate support to those currently needing assistance. If you haven't received a leaflet, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council wish everyone to remain vigilant and to stay safe amidst the pandemic. If there are any village concerns regarding COVID-19 in the coming months, do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk.

VE Days Celebrations

VE Celebrations have been planned, but may be postponed/cancelled due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. We will keep you updated on this via the website, noticeboards and the May Advertiser.

A reminder to all dog owners

Please keep your dogs on leads and under control on all public roads in the village. This is necessary for the safety of all pedestrians.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk
01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwith Eaton@gmail.com

Appleton with Eaton History Group

Unfortunately we have had to CANCEL the public lecture by Bill King on the subject 'The River at War' at the School Hall on 6th May as advertised last month, , due to Government advice relating to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Unexpected opportunities?

Usually this is the time of the year when warmer weather means gardening, family gatherings, barbecues and summer sports, and the Local History Group starts winding down for the summer. This year, everything is so different! Perhaps social distancing and self-isolation are giving us opportunities to do things we never seem to have time for in our usual busy lives. I wonder how many of us have, carefully tucked away, any bundles of deeds and aged documents that came to us when we bought our houses? They can contain names of past owners, landlords and tenants. Who were these people, what were their stories?

Besides births, marriages and deaths, genealogy websites contain details of occupations, ages and relationships taken from censuses, and about trades, taxes, and much more besides. Most, like Find My Past and Ancestry are subscription services, but Family Search is free and a good place to start. Use the National Archive's 'Discovery' search portal to find any documents about the person you are looking for – wills, military records, legal agreements and more, in archives across the country. Many wills can be viewed online. You can also search local records offices directly, on the Berkshire Records Office (remember Appleton was in Berkshire until 1974) and Oxford History Centre online catalogues. Indeed, googling: Appleton, Berkshire comes up with lots of historical material and photos. If the person got into the newspapers, the

British Newspaper Archive will tell you. It is a fantastic resource for searching the local and national press of times gone by. If you are more interested in places, then old OS maps can be seen on the National Library of Scotland's website, just google: OLS Old Maps. It is surprising how often the names of 'ordinary' people turn up in old books and journals, so it is well worth exploring Google Books, where loads of digital copies are there to search and read, free of charge.

When normality returns, have a treat and go along to the archives and records offices to view the original documents you could not see online. You can also peruse many of the subscription services mentioned above, free of charge there.

The History Group is CANCELLING its meetings in April and May, but when we return in the autumn, we'd love to know what you've been discovering. Watch out in the Advertiser for details of when and where, or contact John Page (tel: 864808) or Roger Gilkes (email: rhgilkes@gmail.com). We may even come up with ideas to help you find out more.

Meanwhile, we wish you a happy and healthy time despite the current pandemic, and hope a little bit of historical research from your armchair at home will help make the outside world feel a little less stressful.

Monica Price

Comet bus cancelled

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No formal payment is required but we ask for a donation towards the running costs of the Advertiser: between £5-50 depending on the length and frequency of entries. Please try to restrict your item to half a page maximum. Liaise with David Staunton to agree an appropriate donation.

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Church Services April 2020

ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

As you may sadly already be aware, the Archbishops have instructed that church services should be put 'on hold' for the time being.

The Church will be open for private prayer as soon as we are able to make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety of visitors.

You will find key contact numbers within the Advertiser concerning ongoing parish support.

We are reviewing the situation constantly. Please do consult the Church website www.stlaurenceappleton.org for up to date information.

The PCC much regret the need for these changes and ask for all to pray that our villages and the wider community stay safe and healthy during this difficult time.

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For up-to-date information on Sunday services & other events, please refer to the Calendar pages of the Church website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org

(BCP) Book of Common Prayer (CW) Common Worship

