

Appleton Advent windows



Thanks to the Appleton St Laurence Heritage Trust for this great idea!

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Dear Friends

According to some research that I read a couple of years ago 'Christmas is good for turkeys'. I can't quite see how, but another finding recorded was perhaps more believable, which was that 'Christmas has an adverse life effect.' According to a team of psychologists Christmas causes more stress than any other time of the year – financial, emotional, physical, mental, and just about any other you care to mention.

It's a depressing conclusion really, as it's so removed from the Bethlehem of the first century. But Luke takes us straight back to the reality of that first Christmas, and speaks of the exact opposite of an adverse life effect. It's a chapter full of historical detail. There's mention of the first century equivalent of the Council Tax. The first eye-witnesses were shepherds; surprising as they were some of the poorest people around, and probably criminals with it. The key is what the angels say to the shepherds. And they say three important things:

1. It's good news

The first thing the angels say to this group of shepherds seems a bit of a waste of breath, but it's a nice thought all the same, 'Do not be afraid!' But then their next words go to the heart of it all, 'I bring you good news of great joy...' If you hear Christian sermons and they're not 'good news', then they're either not Christian sermons or you don't understand them! Many assume that Christianity is about do's and don'ts, where all the do's begin with don't. But the first Christian sermon tells us that's not the case, but rather that it's all about 'good news of great joy...'

2. It's for all people

If it's for all people, then this good news of great joy is for you. You can't be too good, and you can't be too bad. If what you hear when listening to Christian sermons isn't for you, then it's either not the real thing or you've not understood it. It's universally relevant. Christianity is often viewed as a hobby for some – some are into basket-weaving, others golf and still others church. But this is 'good news of great joy for all the people.'

3. It's about a Saviour

'Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.' It's not complicated is it? This good news of great joy that will be for all the people is really very straightforward – 'a Saviour has been born to you'. So, if you've been listening to Christian sermons and they're complicated, then they're either not Christian sermons or you've not understood them. The shepherds didn't have GCSEs, let alone A Levels or a degree, but they got the point – the coming of Jesus into the world is the arrival of a rescuer. And if he's a rescuer, then there must be a danger, so we need him. The shepherds needed him and so do we. Allow me to invite you warmly to our various Christmas services at St Laurence. It would be wonderful to see you! In particular, do watch the Virtual Village Carol Service and join in with The Big Street Carol Sing. All the details are explained elsewhere in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.

A very happy Christmas to you all! Phil Parker *Rector*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH

We are hoping to meet up again in church for December services albeit in changed fashion as we are prevented from singing and must keep socially distanced of course.

To help us accommodate as many people as possible, we would be very grateful if you would complete the service form to be found on our website www.stlaurenceappleton.org. This is not a booking form. It simply gives us an idea of how many may join us for any given service.

It is also with sadness to report that it will not be possible for us to meet in church for our traditional Christmas Eve Crib Service at 4pm and 6pm Carol service.

In their place, we are creating a pre-recorded Virtual Carol service which will be available to view, in the comfort of your own home, via YouTube from 3pm on Christmas Eve. You can find an easy link via the YouTube button on our website and watch at a convenient time to you.

It will be a wonderful evocation and combination of both our traditional Christmas Eve services when we will be able to join in with our favourite carols at home and listen to the time-honoured readings we all love. Whatever time you watch, we encourage everyone, at 6pm, to stand outside their door or at the bottom of the drive (in 'thank you to the NHS' style) and sing three favourite carols: 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'; 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' and 'O Come all ye Faithful'.

The words to all three carols can be found via our website or if you don't have access to a computer and would like a printed copy let us know.

All services are listed on the Backpage, where you will find that there will be an 11.30pm Midnight Mass service in church on Christmas Eve and an 8am Communion service on Christmas Day followed by an All Age service at 10am.

We ask you of course to let us know if you might intend to join us at any of these services by completing the Service form via our website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org We want to ensure that everyone who wants to come can be accommodated.

If you do not use a computer, do please ask someone to book this for you.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH 10am

We will be offering a 'Christingle in a bag' for children to complete with parents at this year's service. It will come as no surprise that this is to comply with Coronavirus guidelines. We want to make sure that we have enough Christingles for everyone, and so we would be very grateful if you would email us at events@stlaurencechurchappleton.org and let us know how many you might need as a family if you are intending to come to the service. Let us know by Friday 4th December so that we can make sure no one is disappointed.

We also encourage you to complete the service form to be found on our

website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org This allows us to maximise the number we can welcome in church for the service.

If the service has to take place via zoom, we can send you the link for the service and deliver Christingle kits to you.

NOMINATE YOUR FAVOURITE CAROL

Would you like to hear your favourite carol played or sung at one of our services throughout December?

Present guidelines mean that we are unable to sing altogether in church and we are unsure as to whether or not we can meet in person as we go to press. So, whether in church, via zoom or by YouTube, we want to make sure that we can all celebrate and enjoy our favourite carols. Nominate your favourite carol either by email to events@stlaurencechurchappleton.org or by placing your choice in the box in the Village Shop as soon as you can. Deadline 10th December.

CAROLS AND LANTERNS UNDER THE STARS

Sadly, in these uncertain times, we have decided not to go ahead with this event this year.

We hope you are able to join in at 6pm on Christmas Eve with 'the Big Street Carol Sing'.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Church will be open every Sunday throughout December from 9am-6pm and for services.

Church will also be open all day Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from 9am – 6pm and for services.

Appleton website is now www.Appleton-eaton.org appletonandeaton@gmail.com

Appleton Voluntary Transport Service

The Appleton Voluntary Transport Service can now offer a very limited service. It remains the case that our drivers are either over 70, and have to be aware of their consequent vulnerability, or are in employment, but if anyone is unable to get to a medical appointment in any other way we will try to fix up a driver.

Please phone the AVTS phone on 07503 447884, and not the home numbers of drivers. Leave a message if your call is not answered, and we will get back to you. We need to have at least 48 hours' notice of any appointment.

For Oxford hospital appointments, the 63 bus service resumes on 1st September, and there is an excellent bus service from central Oxford to both the Churchill and the John Radcliffe. We hope that patients will use public transport where at all possible. Please be aware that it may not be possible to arrange transport for patients who are not personally known to drivers.

Appleton Wi

As I write this, Christmas is on the horizon. It will be a very different one from last year, but whatever happens, we WI ladies will cope. Let's make a resolution (we are always making

resolutions) to enjoy it as much as possible, and not dwell on what might have been. Very good wishes to everyone, and here's to a brighter and better 2021.

> Elaine Flint 01865 861838



Stars for the Tree of Reme<mark>mbrance</mark>

Fill in the form in loving memory of someone dear and it will be added to a Star and hung on the Tree of Remembrance in Church. £4 per star. Forms available from Church and the village shop. Completed forms to the village shop. All proceeds to Barnabas Fund https://barnabasfund.org

Gardening Club



We welcomed Adam Pasco for our November lecture on Creating a Garden for every Season. Adam is a Horticultural Consultant for the garden industry and also a well known journalist, radio and TV broadcaster.

Adam illustrated his talk with wonderful photos of his own garden through the seasons and he also included other gardens, such as Anglesey Abbey's famous Winter Garden. His talk included ideas about renovating a border which had become overgrown with some dominant plants.

To help us improve our own gardens he suggested 10 ideas for success:

- 1. Use plants with structure and form including evergreen plants
- 2. Pick plants with long interest
- 3. Use plants and combination of plants for continuity of colour
- 4. Add features and focal points
- 5. Create stunning seasonal displays
- 6. Add value across all seasons
- 7. Excite the senses
- 8. Grow something different
- 9. Welcome in Wild Life
- 10. Choose a star plant for every month

The lecture was held on Zoom with questions from the audience at the end. We were joined by about 40 people.

Our December meeting is normally a social meeting which we will be unable to hold in its usual form this year. Once we have finalised the details we will contact members by email.

Our next meeting in January will be on 13th January at 7.30 pm and the talk will be given by Sue Fisher on Spectacular Containers for year-round colour. Details will be in the January edition of the Advertiser.

Hon. Secretary Janet Hutton 01865 865269

Friends of Jubilee Park

We are looking for a new member for The Friends of Jubilee Park. This is not a huge commitment and a lot of what we do is enjoyable!

If you would like to join us, you would need to do a weekly check of the Park for one month of the year.

And attend a meeting, with the other eleven Friends, once a month, either in the Plough or currently on Zoom. We discuss any issues that have affected the Park during the month and plan the fundraising events that contribute towards it's running costs.

Offers of help are very welcome, some of the current Friends are doing this as a job share with their partners.

You can contact us through the Jubilee Park Facebook page or email sara.withers@btconnect.com

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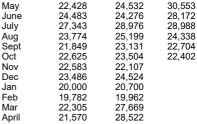


Opening hours:

Shop

Monday-Friday: 7am-6pm Saturday : 8am-1pm Sunday: 8am-12noon Post Office Monday & Thursday 9am-1pm www.appleton-eaton.org www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop Shop Tel No: 01865 863191





Shop and Post Office Opening Hours over Christmas and New Year 2020

Day	Date	Shop Opens	Shop Closes	Post Office	Newspapers
Wednesday	23 rd December	7am	6pm		As normal
Thursday	24 th December	7am	Noon	9am -12 noon	As normal
Friday Christmas Day	25 th December	CLOSED			
Saturday Boxing Day	26 th December	CLOSED			
Sunday	27 th December	9am	11am		Collection only
Monday Bank Holiday	28 th December	9am	11am		Collection Only
Tuesday	29 th December	9am	1pm	Closed	As normal
Wednesday	30 th December	9am	1pm		As normal
Thursday	31 st December	9am	Noon	9-12 noon	As normal
Friday New Year's Day	1 st January	9am	11am		Collection only
Saturday	2 nd January	9am	1pm		As normal
Sunday	3 rd January	9am	Noon		As normal
Monday	4 th January	7am	6pm	9am - 1pm	As normal

MONTHLY TURNOVER

2018/19

2019/20

2020/21

Dear Customers

At the time of writing this we have no idea what our Christmas get togethers will look like. Large? Small? Non-existent? Turkey for 12 or turkey for 2? Hopefully, as you read this, things have become a little clearer...

Whatever the rules, Appleton Shop will, of course, be stocking all the Christmas favourites and taking orders in advance for the delicious, locally sourced products listed below. Why not avoid the queues in larger shops, as well as supporting local businesses, by considering the following... Artisan cheeses from local independent dairies.

- Free-range turkeys and geese from Peachcroft Farm in north Abingdon
- Hams, sausagemeat (and the ever popular pigs-in-blankets!) from Michael Cain butcher in Cumnor
- Bread from Cornfield Bakery in Long
 Crendon

Additionally, our full fruit and veg range is available to pre-order for collection from the shop on 23rd or 24th December and how about making life easier by pre-ordering frozen pastries too, which are ideal for festive gatherings.

Full product details are on the Christmas order form which can be found in the shop. In order to help us to help you please pick up a form and let us know (as far in advance as you sensibly can and at the latest by the dates you'll find on the form) your requirements.

The pre-ordering system makes our lives easier and, more importantly, ensures that we won't let you down by being caught out too late to replenish stocks.

Christmas Opening Hours

Take care too to check our published Christmas opening hours. We're giving our early-riser volunteers a bit of a break so please note that from Sunday 27th December until Sunday 3rd January inclusive we will open at 9 am. We will also only be open in the mornings and closing times are variable so please check before you come. Our thanks in advance to the volunteers who will be ensuring that your shop remains open during the festive period.

Newspapers

The tremendous delivery teams also deserve a bit of a break so there will be

NO NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES on Sunday 27th December, Monday 28th December or Friday 1st January. Account customers' newspapers will be saved and available for collection from the shop between 9-11 am on those days.

Message from your Post Mistress

The postman usually collects the post by about 12.30 p.m. so to ensure your parcel goes that day, please visit the post office before that time.

Volunteers needed to serve behind the counter over the holiday period

Please fill in your name on the sheet on the side of the drinks cooler if you can help as a cashier over the holiday season when there will be some gaps in the rota to be filled. If you would like to join the volunteers, pleasecontact the shop on : 01865 863191

With very best wishes from all of us at the Shop, Directors, Staff and Volunteers

Thank you for your support and HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

Appleton with Eaton History Group

A Reindeer present goes down in History



In WW2 a British submarine visited a northern Russian naval base for repairs. The Russians invited the submarine's captain to dinner; over food he mentioned that his wife had great trouble with her pushchair in the heavy winter snow of England. The Russian host said she must have a reindeer – that will solve her problem!

A young reindeer duly arrived at the submarine plus a barrel of moss as food. The crew - not trained in reindeer care - tied the reindeer up and got her on board via a torpedo tube. The reindeer – now called Pollyanna - settled down and decided to live in the captain's cabin. She soon devoured the moss and then lived off as much food as the crew could spare. She became familiar with the various sounds on the submarine and would be the first to the control room when surfacing for a chance of some fresh air. Six weeks later they arrived home at their base near Newcastle.

The well-fed reindeer was now much bigger – too big for a torpedo tube. A local butcher was called in to help. He wrapped her up in a sheet and she was hoisted out via the conning tower. My mother, Eelin Mackie, was a Wren and was given the job of looking after Pollyanna - an unexpected Christmas present.

She cared for Pollyanna for some time until a

new home was found for her at London Zoo.

James Page for AwE History Group

NB AwEsome Histories' no.8, the history group's compilation of articles about the history of Appleton, Eaton and surrounding area, is coming together nicely and we are hoping it will be in the Appleton Community Shop before Christmas.

The next History Group meeting will be on ZOOM on Thursday December 3rd at 7.30 pm. If you would like to take part, please could send an email to Helen Stedman asking for the invitation details (helen_stedman@yahoo.co.uk).

Please note that the deadline for the January edition will be **Friday 11th December.** This is so we can get the January Advertiser printed and distributed before Christmas.

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Covid-19

We have had to close the courts during latest lockdown but we will be following the advice from LTA and UK Government and hope to be able to open the courts for play in December.

The Club Committee constantly monitors the advice and guidance from the government and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), is confident that our safety and risk assessments are protecting all our members as much as is possible.

British Tennis

Don't forget that all LTA affiliated club members can join British Tennis with a free membership which has benefits including access to the Wimbledon ballot, regular newsletters with information and advance ticket sales for professional tournaments. www.lta.org.uk/member/benefits/

Join Us

If you are not a member already and would like to come and enjoy some tennis with us on our recently-refurbished floodlit courts, please contact the club by email appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Coaching

Organised coaching for juniors and adults will re-start in the new year so if you are interested in registering yourself or your junior for the next sessions, please email the club. If you are interested in having private coaching with Head Coach Craig Amison-Smith, please contact him directly: craigstenniscoaching@gmail.com Mobile: 07719599582

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

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APPLETON VILLAGE HALL

The 2020 Annual General Meeting

Of Appleton Village Hall will be held this year on Monday 14th December at 7:30 pm

On Zoom due to Covid-19 Restrictions

The Management committee will report on the past year's activities and present the accounts for the last year.

This is a meeting open to all villagers who are welcome to join us on Zoom.

Anyone wishing to join, or to submit any questions for the committee, are requested to send their request to the bookings secretary via E mail at least 24 hours beforehand so we can set up your access to the Zoom event.

The bookings secretary can be contacted on: appletonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

Colin McGuire Chair of AVMC,

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Covid-19

At the time of printing, England remains in lockdown. The Parish Council asks that residents please continue to follow these guidelines – and/or any new guidelines from the Government. Further information can be found at <u>https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</u>.

As the Parish Council receives more information on any other measures, we will communicate with residents via e-mail and noticeboards. If you wish to receive e-mails from the Parish Council please visit appleton-eaton.org and scroll to the very bottom of the home page to subscribe to the mailing list.

If you need any assistance related to Covid-19, please contact the clerk who can direct you to the appropriate Coronavirus Appleton Besselsleigh and Eaton Support Group (CABES) person.

Thames Valley Police Contact Information

In light of the car vandalism at the end of October, the council sent a shout out with the current police contact information, but have included it here as well for your convenience:

Tim Pavey, PS 5660: Neighbourhood Sergeant

Carl Bryant, PC 5864: Neighbourhood Supervisor

Richard Osborn, PCSO 9323: Police Community Support Officer

Please do bear in mind that their shifts vary and the generic e-mail inbox, which should be used to contact for the Neighbourhood Team, is: - AbingdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Please also bear in mind that crime reporting should still follow the process whereby you submit a Webform via the website by going to <u>www.thamesvalley.police.uk</u> or calling 101.

Dog Bins

You may have noticed that the dog bin by the War Memorial has been removed. This has been removed as it was damaged. The Vale of White Horse District Council had informed us they won't be replacing it, but that the regular bins in the village can be used for dog waste.

Parking in the Village

The council has had reports of vehicles parked and blocking footpaths. The council kindly asks that people don't block footpaths, drives, dropped curbs and any other areas not meant for parking. We have also had reports of vehicles parked on pavements which has caused difficulties for those trying to use the pavements.

The council asks if everyone could please park responsibly in the village. Thank you!

Englands Lane – new footpath

The council has received confirmation that the new public footpath by Englands Lane has been opened.

This footpath runs from the Thatched Tavern entrance to Englands Lane off the Eaton Road and extends across the field at the far end of England's Lane, to join the current right of way footpath from Long Close to Besselsleigh Woods at its southern end.

Photo Competition – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who entered the photo competition! We have had some wonderful photos and will be reviewing these to determine a winner.

Appleton with Eaton Parish Council would like to wish you all a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

Advertiser

Deadline for Jan issue:

12.30, 11th Dec (19th of the month is the usual deadline)

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David Staunton

Editor



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Appleton Advent Windows

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A detailed map will be available in the shop, and posters will be placed around the Village.

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Location

- 1 Shop
- 2 3 Southby Close
- ³ Park Cottage, 18 Park Lane
- 4 20 Town Furlong
- 5 The Low Barn, 11 White's Forge
- 6 1 The Pound
- 7 52 Netherton Road
- 8 The Plough
- 9 36 Oaksmere
- 10 Portree, Netherton Road (next door to 131)
- 11 6 Badswell Lane
- ¹² Barn Cottage, 13 Netherton Rd
- 13 92 Eaton Road
- 14 The Thatched Tavern, Eaton Road
- 15 31 Badswell Lane
- 16 Homeleigh, 110 Netherton Road
- 17 1 The Orchard, Badswell Lane
- 18 108 Eaton Road
- 19 25 Badswell Lane
- 20 83 Netherton Road
- 21 8 Town Furlong
- 22 The Holt, Oaksmere
- 23 The Rectory, Oaksmere
- 24 Church

ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH CHURCH SERVICES December 2020

All services will be held in Church where possible, otherwise by Zoom or YouTube. Please email rector@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

Please complete a 'Service Form'. This is not a booking form, but to comply with current Covid guidelines it helps us welcome the maximum possible number of people. You will find this on the website. www.stlaurenceappleton.org together with updates about Services and events.

We bring your attention to the following:

- Face masks must be worn at all times. Please bring one with you.
- Children must remain seated with their parents.
- Your name and telephone number will be requested to comply with track and trace.
- Social distancing guidelines must be observed.
- Hands must be sanitised before entering the church using the dispenser in the porch

Sunday 6 th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Communion Service (BCP) Christingle Service (see inside for further information) Evensong		
	6.00 pm			
Sunday 13 th	10.00 am	All Age Service followed by a short Communion Service		
6.00 pm		Bible talk via Zoom		
Sunday 20 th	10:00 am	All Age Service followed by a short Communion Service		
	6.00 pm	Evensong		
Thursday 24th Christmas Eve	3:00 pm onwards 6.00 pm 11.30pm	Virtual Carol Service via YouTube (further information inside) The Big Street Carol Sing Midnight Communion		
Friday 25th Christmas Day	8:00 am 10.00am	Communion Service All Age Christmas Celebration followed by a short Communion Service		
Sunday 27 th		No Services		

Who to Call:

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(CW) Common Worship.

(BCP) Book of Common Prayer.