

# REOPENING OF ST LAURENCE APPLETON



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## Foreword from the St Laurence PCC

One of the most difficult challenges for many of us in these unprecedented times has been loneliness. We've not been able to meet up with friends and family outside of our households. Many have been working or learning from home. Village groups, key touchpoints for a lot of us, haven't met for months. Zoom used to be what you did in a sportscar, not from your laptop.

It has been a reminder to those of us accustomed to meet with each other in church on a Sunday morning that our beautiful church building is not where God lives. Instead, God lives in the hearts of all believers by his Holy Spirit. This mysterious privilege, open to all who put their trust in Jesus, is a great comfort at this time of worldly loneliness.

Jesus promised his closest friends, who had journeyed with him for the three years of his ministry, that he would not let them be alone after he was gone. Shortly before he was crucified, Jesus wonderfully told his disciples "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He promised them that he would send another comforter to replace his day-to-day presence in their lives, the Holy Spirit.

What does this look like for us in 21<sup>st</sup> century Oxfordshire, and especially at this time of a global pandemic? Loneliness is still very hard. These are challenging and worrying times for us all. As Roger wrote last month, when bad things happen, God is grieved and suffers with us.

When we pray, we can bring all our concerns and worries to God, and He will hear them. The Holy Spirit helps us pray, and we can listen for His call too. It might be soft or quiet; just a nudge perhaps. Even so, it brings a foretaste of God's presence with believers that will be fulfilled in heaven.

To stay connected with church whilst we cannot meet in person, or to explore the Christian faith for the first time, you might like to try an online service from our own church, the diocese, or one of the local Oxford city churches. There are some suggestions at the end of the Advertiser. You can always ask a member of the church to share more about how God has met them in their loneliness, and what their faith in His presence means to them.

Ben Elvidge

# St Laurence Appleton with Besselsleigh Church at Home St Laurence services via

We have set up our own YouTube Channel for some key services which include prayers, hymns and reflections presented by familiar faces from the church family, lasting around 30 minutes. So far, we have uploaded services for Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the 75th Anniversary of VE Day which has been viewed an encouraging 198 times to date!

The channel is very easy to access, and the services are broadcast from 9am on launch dates. Do take a look, and if you would like to be notified about the next St Laurence Service to be made available, please email events@stlaurenceappleton.org and we will add you to the list and let you know by email near the date.

St Laurence YouTube Channel -https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ UCeRmSVKDQntRdgZSI-thN3A You can access the link directly via our website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org

# Twice-weekly virtual Prayer meeting

Sunday 11.15am
Wednesday 20.00pm
You are invited to join in a virtual prayer meeting held twice each week, praying for global and local needs at the time. You don't need a laptop or webcam to join; a 'phone is sufficient.
Contact Stuart Gibson stuartgibson77@gmail.com if you are interested in participating and he will send you a link.

#### **Prayer Outreach**

A prayer resource to encourage prayer for all needs and specifically those in the Parish. If you would like to request a prayer, please follow the link accessible via our website Prayer Outreach - https://forms.gle/K6nGfxaSonzorLWd9 or call Roger Mitty 01865 863794.

# **Myrtle Salmon**

We would like to thank everyone who came out to say goodbye to Myrtle on her final journey. Seeing so many people lining the road was heart warming and gave us all great support on the day of her funeral.

It reinforced in our minds how Myrtle was thought of in the village and the part she had played in various organisations over the years.

Thank you again

The Salmon Family

## 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

# Virtual coffee Morning

St Laurence church are launching a virtual coffee morning during the lockdown on **Thursdays at 10am.** 

If you would like to join in, please email Carol Dodimead

<u>pccsecretary@stlaurencechurchappleton.org</u> All are welcome.

## Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



#### **Courts Open with Fewer Restrictions**



The committee is pleased to say that following the latest (1 June 2020) Government and LTA guidance on Coronavirus we have re-opened the courts to even more members allowing singles and doubles play. We are pleased that our newly-resurfaced courts are getting a lot of use and we thank all members for understanding and using the guidance to stay safe.

The updated **Rules and Guidelines** can be found on our website. Even with these updated guidelines, the courts are unfortunately not open to non-members or on a pay-and-play basis, but if you would like to join us see our website!

You can read the latest updates from LTA on their website: <a href="https://www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus">https://www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus</a>

#### **Annual Tournament**

Our annual tournament is underway and we are hoping for a Finals Day in September depending on government and LTA guidance at the time. Good luck to everyone who has entered.



#### **Coaching and Summer Camps**

Our coach, Craig, has restart junior coaching with groups. If you have a junior who could benefit from coaching please contact the club. We may be able to offer a junior tennis camp in the summer holidays – please email the club if you are interested and we will contact you when we have more details.

One of the club's junior member's is currently taking part in the Youth Box League organised by LTA and is in Group 1. We wish him the best of luck with his matches.

Adult coaching will resume when possible. You can also contact Craig directly to arrange coaching sessions. Mobile: 07719599582 Email: craigstenniscoaching@gmail.com

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com Facebook: <a href="mailto:www.facebook.com/">www.facebook.com/</a> AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

## **Appleton Village Hall**

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## **Appleton Wi**

Hello, everyone.

I wonder how you are all coping in this strange situation. I've almost forgotten what normal life is.

Many of you will be aware that sadly Myrtle Salmon has died, and several of our members joined friends in the village to pay their respects at her funeral on June 4th. Myrtle was a member of Appleton WI over many decades, mostly as our secretary. We remember her with affection and gratitude and were able to pay tribute to her in the only way possible at the present time.

This month we should like to share another poem by Audrey Flynn which sums up this extraordinary year. Audrey was a pupil at the old village school in times past.

#### Lockdown

March 23rd 2020, "Lockdown Day" Implemented to keep "Covid 19" at bay A worldwide challenge, a daunting task Advised; washed hands; wear gloves and wear a face mask.

Shelves soon became empty, as panic set in Odered to stay indoors, if we are going to win No games in the park, or rides on the bus This "deadly thing" can target any of us.

Times will be different now schooling at homes

Business conducted, by laptop and phone. When boredom sets in, watch tele a bit You can learn how to cook or also keep fit.

Families divided, so the professionals can give

Expertise and dedication so others may live. Food banks and grief normally associated with war

Daily essentials in bags left outside the door.

New friends are the strangers we had never met

Working together, as new targets are set. Clapping on Thursday a small price to pay For our NHS staff, working throughout night and day.

The day will come we won't have to queue Our lives set for change, new plans under review

Restrictions were harsh, but had to be done For confidence and hope, and to feel that we have won.

Well said, Audrey.

If, by some miracle, we are able to meet in September, on 17th Mr McMahon will tell us all about the children's air ambulance. The meeting will be in the Village Hall, as usual, at 7.30pm.

This will be our annual fund-raising meeting. Here's hoping.
Elaine Flint
01865 861838

# **Hardship Fund**

THE APPLETON TRUST has received a small grant from Appleton Parish Council specifically to help anyone in need during the Covid19 lockdown period who lives in Appleton, Eaton, or Besselsleigh.

This is to provide some support to those families who would usually receive free school meals and those in immediate hardship with no other means of support.

Please apply to David Dymock Clerk to Appleton Trust dymockdj@gmail.com

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Monday & Thursday

9am-1pm



#### MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
May	22,428	24,532	30,553
June	24,483	24,276	
July	27,343	28,976	
Aug	23,774	25,199	
Sept	21,849	23,131	
Oct	22,625	23,504	
Nov	22,583	22,107	
Dec	23,486	24,524	
Jan	20,000	20,700	
Feb	19,782	19,962	
Mar	22,305	27,669	
April	21,570	28,522	

#### **Appleton Village Post Office**

In these days of local bank branches closing, don't forget that the post office is here to fill the gap!

You can withdraw cash with your debit card and pay in cash and cheques with a paying in slip, or if you don't have a paying in slip, you are now able to write the sort code and account number of the account you are paying into, on the back of all cheques you wish to pay in.

The post office is open 9 am -1pm Monday and Thursday and the post mistress will give out the notes that YOU would like with a smile!

# Message from the Chair of Directors

Hello again!

I'm not sure what to tell you that you don't already know. The shop continues to operate at a greatly increased turnover, indeed I can report that at £30,553, May came in at our highest monthly turnover ever (25% higher than May 2019). I've trawled through the figures to see if I can tell you where the £2000 increase over April came from and the answer is largely twofold.

First, May has one more day than April which, on current turnover, accounts for almost £1000 and second, the weather was stunning so that and no surprise here, Ice Cream sales doubled from £522 to £1085! The rest was bits and pieces although largely sugary drinks, cakes and other things that is 'bad' for you! So what else is new? The giant 'sneeze screen' to protect us all (thank you Andy – great job!) One of the freezers had to be replaced and best of all the Sunday newspaper delivery boys and girls! See if you can spot them – not the standard teenagers! Thanks team.

Best of all, some of those who have had to be extra careful have begun to reappear and we are VERY pleased to see you. One of the main things that is not like old times is that any time spent chatting and catching up on the gossip in the shop causes a queue and you can see 'patient but irritated' people lining up outside! Apologies if we have politely to ask you to 'move along please'!

We are hoping shortly to have sandwiches back for sale but our supplier does not yet have enough business in our area to start coming out to Oxfordshire. Also, we plan to re-open the coffee machine but we have to wait for the service engineer to show up. As the machine has been shut down for so long we need to be 100% sure that all pipes and junctions are properly and professionally cleaned before we start using it again.

Otherwise – all still good. Stock levels remain high, volunteers remain remarkable and (most of the time) the sun keeps shining. As I write Dame Vera Lynn is being played over and over again on the radio singing 'we'll meet again'. Well – we will, we're getting there.

Jane Cranston

putting in place plans to ensure the safety of all customers, a new band of Sunday volunteers have got up early to deliver the papers to everyone who usually came to the shop to buy one.

Jess Adams is the team organiser and says: We all enjoy being out on our bikes in the sunshine'



# Our Shop is all ready for the summer.

Our shelves are all back to normal stock levels. We are Stocking Summer Fruit

- Fresh strawberries and raspberries from Millets Farm
- Clotted cream and meringues to go with them Try our Local Craft Beers
- Loose Cannon from Abingdon Brewery
- Bellingers from Grove Brewery And For Picnics
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#### **Sherston Eggs**

Our egg supplier has been able to keep us stocked continuously since lock down, while many shops ran out.

We now sell their medium eggs (which are normally supplied to the catering trade) as well as large eggs.

Please help our egg supplier by continuing to buy their free range local eggs:

- large are £1.45 with blue sticker
- medium are £1.25 with red sticker Please look out for the red sticker to help our egg supplier.

# A Thumbs Up to the Sunday Newspaper delivery Team!

Since lockdown started and the shop began

Want to try out Volunteering?
We provide badges with the shop logo
For all shop volunteers.

Why not come along and spend a couple of hours with one of the other volunteers to see where you could help.

We currently need more volunteer help with the following:

 During the summer months- people to join the bank of volunteers willing to help out when a regular volunteer is away.
 If you would like to know more about volunteering, please contact the shop (863191) or email: appletonshop@gmail.com

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

# Gardening Club



June is always a quiet time for the Gardening Club as we do not have any events this month so this year is not unusual.

We would still like to hold the Village Show in September if at all possible, but we will wait until the government issues further guidance about the coronavirus situation in early July. We will be able to confirm the situation in the August edition of the Advertiser. Schedules are available in the Village Stores if you are interested in looking at the various classes. You don't have to be a member of the gardening club to enter the Show as this is a Village event.

In the mean time enjoy your gardens and allotments, look out for the wildlife, listen to the birds singing and the bees buzzing around.

Hon. Secretary Janet Hutton 01865 865269

# **Appleton Cricket Club**

Good news: the net near the pavilion at the sportsfield is now in place. Anybody can use it for cricket practice at any time!

Hopefully the club will be arranging one match or more before the end of season; this is dependent on further guidance from the English Cricket Board and from the government."

Best wishes

Roger Gilkes

## **AWEHG**

#### Roads I

If you go to Abingdon past the Doghouse pub you will be on the Faringdon Road. A little further on is the Black Horse – in the hamlet of Gozzards Ford – about 21 dwellings.

But – where is the ford? Having passed the Black Horse – turn right into a lane about 100 yards on. This lane is the old Faringdon Road c1930. Following the lane brings you back to the main road – and across the road you will see another directly ahead – labelled Faringdon Road – the old one.

This lane was the route of Faringdon Road up to about 1930. Here also was a stream – Sandford Brook – that drains from Dry Sandford nature reserve; the stream was the ford. The stream is still there – now in a culvert under the main road. The stub of the road ahead had continued straight on for half a mile ending up in Shippon village.

This route was lost in 1932 when RAF Abingdon was built. The road from Gozzards Ford to Shippon was closed and another road – the present southerly one – upgraded to connect to the A415.

In the past this road was the main road from Abingdon to Faringdon – then a major transport hub rife with coaching inns. Both the Dog House and the Black Horse were also inns - that provided food, drink, accommodation, stables and fodder for horses.

It has been claimed that "Black Horse" pubs are found in areas frequented by King Arthur and his knights.

John Evans for AwEHG

# News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

#### **Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who have been working hard to follow the government's guidelines.

If you would like more information on these guidelines and coronavirus at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a>. There is also more local information on the village website at <a href="https://www.appleton-eaton.org/">https://www.gov.uk/www.appleton-eaton.org/</a>

The Parish Council thanks you for helping us to all keep safe. If you do need any assistance and/or support, please feel free to contact the clerk at parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com or 01865 865 876.

#### Parish hardship due to Covid19

THE APPLETON TRUST has received grants from Appleton with Eaton Parish Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council specifically to help anyone in financial need during the Covid19 lockdown period who lives in Appleton, Eaton, or Besslesleigh.

This is to provide some financial contribution to any household which finds itself in immediate hardship with no other means of support.

Please apply to David Dymock Clerk to Appleton Trust dymockdi@gmail.com

#### **Cycleways and Footpaths**

Oxfordshire County Council recognises that in the coming weeks cycleways and footpaths will form a vital part of the country's recovery strategy, enabling residents of all ages to safely travel to a ranger of locations. OCC is committed to enabling residents to continue to cycle and walk as ongoing lifestyle choices. Based on this, OCC is asking people report any issues whilst out walking, cycling or riding on the path network to report them via <a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/</a>. For more information please visit

https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cycleways-and-footpaths-to-be-cleared-and-repaired-as-council-anticipates-demand-surge/

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## Appleton website is now

www.Appleton-eaton.org appletonandeaton@gmail.com

# **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

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# REOPENING OF ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH

From Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, St Laurence Church will be open for **individual\*** prayer Sunday and Wednesday 9am – 6pm each week.

In line with current government and Church of England directives and in order to help us keep our church building open and safe for all visitors, we are all required to observe the following:

- ENTER BY THE NORTH DOOR AND LEAVE BY THE SOUTH DOOR
- USE HAND SANITISER PROVIDED BEFORE OPENING THE DOOR AND AGAIN AS YOU LEAVE
- KEEP TO THE DESIGNATED AREA TO PRAY
- BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE OR RELIGIOUS TEXT PAPER OF ANY KIND IS NOT ALLOWED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS FOR USE.
- BRING TISSUES WITH YOU IF YOU HAVE A COUGH OR COLD AND TAKE THEM AWAY WITH YOU FOR DISPOSAL
- OBSERVE THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINE SOCIAL DISTANCING
   METRE RULE
- NO MORE THAN 8 PEOPLE IN CHURCH AT ANY ONE TIME

If you do discover you have Coronavirus having visited St Laurence please notify Roger Mitty 01865 863794

Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding.

Take care and keep safe.

St Laurence PCC

<sup>\*</sup> Individual prayer within a place of worship is defined as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. They should be socially distanced from other individuals or households.