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Enjoy a hilarious evening as you roll your dice and 0X13 members jockey for position with their wooden animals - You can 'buy your animal' during the auction or just bet on the outcome of the race.

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Stars In Our Eyes

"Catch a falling star and put it in your pocket."

"Starry, starry night – paint your palette blue and grey."

"Would you like to swing on a star?"

"You and me, we can ride on a star..."

"I'm wishing on a star."

"Look at the stars – see how they shine for you..."

I've been thinking quite a lot about stars recently. In part, because I happen to have found myself outdoors on some beautiful, cloudless February evenings, looking up at a sky that is, frankly, breathtaking. I'm sure you know what I'm talking about: when we can't help but say to the person we're with, "Wow! Look at that!" or to the next person we meet, "Did you see the stars last night?!" - while at the same time secretly feeling that this particular awesome star-scape was put on just for us. That we were meant to look up at just that moment; that those tiny, sparkling jewels so many light-years away (and in reality, of course, many times bigger than our sun) were actually positioned there for our benefit. So far and yet so near - clustered in distant galaxies, and yet, at the same time, somehow *ours*... There is something intriguing about the stars; and - bizarrely, for giant gas-balls - something personal, even "relational" about them. Perhaps this goes some way to explaining why they appear in the titles and choruses of so many popular songs?

The other reason I've been considering the stars of late is that our current sermon series at church has encouraged us to think in exactly these terms. You may well know the story of how, in the book of Genesis, God uses the diamond-encrusted ceiling of his world to reinforce one of his great promises to

Abram: The LORD took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars – if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be" (Genesis 15:5). Now, quite apart from the extraordinary fact that God here addresses Abram directly and audibly, Abram's personal circumstances at the time meant that nothing short of a miracle would be required for this promise to come true: he was an old man in his eighties, married to a woman (Sarai) in her seventies, and thus far on the offspring-front their marriage had been fruitless. But God being God, he kept this remarkable promise, albeit after several years delay, so that Sarai conceived and gave birth to Isaac; Isaac then became the father of Jacob and Esau; and Jacob, famously, became the father of twelve sons, whose many descendants in Egypt would later cause such consternation to Pharaoh: "Look," said Pharaoh to his people, "the Israelites have become much too numerous for us..." (Exodus 1:9).

In other words, Abram's offspring did indeed become like the heavenly host - each one, as it were, represented by a star in the sky. Interestingly, as the Old Testament progresses, we find that it is Abrahamic *faith* rather than Abrahamic *blood*, which truly marks people out as his offspring. As the Apostle Paul, a former (Jewish) Pharisee, wrote in the New Testament: "Understand then, that those who believe are children of Abraham," (Galatians 3:7). Being a star is not limited to being Jewish, then – it's a privilege open to all who, regardless of ethnicity (or any other circumstance of life), put their faith in the promises of God. So may I invite you to join us on Sundays at 10, as we continue to learn from Abram's example what it means to be one of his starry children...

Yours, ever, Ken.

All Age Services

Sunday 24th March 10:00 am - Short Service (followed by APCM)

Sunday 31st March 10:00 am -Mothering Sunday

Future Service dates to remember at St Laurence Church, Appleton

Palm Sunday - 14th April at 10:00 am Maundy Thursday - 18th April at 7:30 pm (Communion)

Good Friday - 19th April at 10:00 am (All Age)

Easter Sunday - 21st April at 10:00 am (All Age Communion)

Save the Date!

Ash Wednesday (6th March) - Cluster Communion Service at St John the Baptist, Kingston Bagpuize, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

Who to call

For Service information, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals & Church Building enquiries, please contact: Reverend Ken on 655737 or kencampbell@stlaurencechurchapplet on.org

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019

Please come and join us on Sunday 24th March 10am for a short service followed by coffee and our APCM. This is a chance for all on the Electoral Roll of St Laurence Appleton with Besselsleigh to hear updates on the life of the church, and to vote in the elections of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and to the Deanery Synod. The 2018 Annual Report will be available to download from the website from 8th March 2019 www.stlaurenceappleton.org or email the PCC Secretary, Carol Dodimead

Ceilidh Thank You!

A big thank you to all who joined in at the barn at 'South Lawn' for a fun night of dancing in aid of church and OxPAT, and to all those who contributed in any and every way.

Thank You!

Many thanks to those of you who supported our Christmas Concert in church. We were very pleased to be able to send a payment of £605 to OxPAT who confirmed it would be put to good use helping the Homeless and vulnerably housed in Oxfordshire. Please also note a date in your diary for our next concert – Opera in the

Women's Breakfasts

at St Laurence Church, Appleton.
8.30am-10am
March 9th
May 11th
September 14th
November 9th

All Welcome!

Contact Jennie Revell for further details: 863611

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?



A New Christianity Explored group will start on Tuesday evenings from 12th March. To register interest or to find out more, please ring Ken on 01865 655737 or email:

kencampbell@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

"Tea and Chat"

Every Monday in St. Laurence Church **2.30 - 4.00 pm.**

Need a lift? Ring: Margaret 862958 Pam 863207 Rosemary 864808



Don't let the sparks fly this winter

Nearly 50% of all chimney fires in Oxfordshire happen during January, February and March. If you enjoy cosying up in front of a log fire, make sure the sparks don't fly at home this winter.

Have a cosy home not a fire zone
•Get your chimney swept at least once
a year, if you regularly have log fires
get it swept more frequently
•If you have a 1st floor fireplace check

- that it is clear of debris
- •Store logs away from the fireplace

Fyfield and Tubney Churches Jumble Sale

Saturday
23rd March
2.00 pm
Southmoor Village Hall
Free Entry
Refreshments

If you are able to help on the day or have Jumble for us then please contact Sarah Macelvogue on 01865 390 097 or Rosemary Kitto on 01865 390 466 or at rosemarykitto@gmail.com

Gardening Club



February's talk to the Club by Michael Keith-Lucas maintained his previous excellent standard, combining expert knowledge with an engaging style. His topic was Pollination – the sex life of flowers, and it was a fascinating canter through the various types of pollinators – from bees through birds to bats, plus several other things not ending in "b" - and how flowers entice them in and then send them on their way with a strategically placed dollop of pollen. There were endless little titbits of information, such as the fact that flowers that have both nectar and pollen are usually pink, whereas yellow flowers usually have pollen only.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30 pm in Appleton School Hall, and guests are very welcome at £2 each. Paul Green's topic will be Plants of the season – a practical demonstration showcasing what is looking good, and he will be bringing some plants for sale, so don't forget to bring some cash with you.

Looking further ahead, the Club's annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday 25th May at 10.00 am in the Village Hall. Do put the date in your diary. Nearer the time we shall be on the

A Bus Stop Shelter

Although there have been many bus stops in the parish – there is only one bus stop shelter.

It is at the north end of Eaton Road – a high point in the parish – 340 feet above sea level; here winds can scour a body of warmth in minutes.

But - this shelter wasn't built for protection only.

It was built as a memorial; a memorial to a young man of the parish – Selby Tiptaft Cornish. Selby was the first born child of Howard and Agnes Cornish of West Farm, Eaton.

In the summer of July 1948 – aged 26 – he went with a friend - Neil Taylor - to Scotland to climb Ben Nevis – the highest mountain in Britain; they were both Oxford students.

Late in the day they reached a ledge just below the summit. Tragically, Selby slipped and fell - 200 feet down to his death; Neil was trapped there overnight; he tied himself to a rock for safety. He was found by a rescue team after 18 hours of searching.

Selby's body was taken down to the Charles Inglis Clark Memorial Hut - a memorial to a son killed in WWI - and thence to Fort William.

Selby's parents wanted a memorial to their son. They built the bus shelter

Crockery and Cutlery

There is a large amount of crockery and cutlery kept in the Barn at South Lawn, Netherton Road. It was given to the village by the late Mrs Molly Rose and Mrs Rosemary Dick. If you wish to use it at any time please ring 862434 and make a small donation to Appleton Church.

Please give two weeks notice if you wish to borrow any items. It will then be ready for collection from the Barn

Appleton WI

On Thursday, March 21st we will be having our annual general meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

After that we will have fun trying our hand at the ancient sport of curling. There will be a stall and contributions are very welcome.

On Tuesday, 26th March the Oxfordshire Federation annual meeting will be an all day affair at the Kassam Conference Centre, starting at 10.30am and closing at 3.30pm. The afternoon speaker is the first British astronaut, Helen Sharman. That will be worth hearing! May I also remind you about our coach trip to Windsor on Thursday, March 28th. The cost is £12.50, and the coach will start at 9.30am in

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Solo Ladies

Everyone who is alone is very welcome to join us at our monthly luncheon.
Our March Lunch will be held on Thursday 28th March.

Future Dates are: Tuesday 30th April Wednesday 29th May

If you would like any information please contact: Carol (863759, carolbateman59@gmail.com)

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MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
May	19,951	20,267	22,428
June	21,748	22,795	24,483
July	23,878	23,809	27,343
Aug	22,150	20,750	23,774
Sept	20,491	19,963	21,849
Oct	20,511	20,732	22,625
Nov	19,404	19,896	22,583
Dec	19,831	22,315	23,486
Jan	17,788	18,154	20,000
Feb	17,233	17,937	
Mar	19,656	22,387	
April	14,742	19,107	

Pancake Day – Tuesday 5th March

The shop has all you need to make pancakes at home and fresh lemons too!



Mothering Sunday follows on 31st March

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We will be

stocking Mothers-Day cards, delicious chocolates and specially chosen wine, so be sure to remember that very important person in your life.

Greetings Cards for all Occasions

The shop stocks a fine collection of beautiful high quality greetings cards, designed and printed with love by publisher Woodmansterne. They are competitively priced and usually much cheaper than if you look elsewhere. There are cards for all age groups, seasons and tastes, as well as blank cards for your special messages.

Mary Blake, a regular shop volunteer, chooses the wonderful selection of cards stocked in the shop.



New Volunteers always welcome!

If you can help behind the scenes or would like to learn how to use the new electronic till (much easier than the old one!) just talk to one of the shop staff or phone Dave Dymock on 01865 863709.

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And follow us on Facebook As mild December gives way to a www.facebook.com/ colder foctime new year Citizens Advice Oxfordshire

South and Vale is encouraging people to analyse their home energy spending and take steps to cut down on fuel wastage. The charity has these tips:

1. Check your bills carefully and make sure you're on the cheapest tariff. Most energy suppliers offer fixed price tariffs, where the price of a unit of energy will remain the same

for the length of the deal. Think about switching to a new supplier (for an energy prices

comparison tool, go to https:// energycompare.citizensadvice.org.uk). Citizens Advice has helped many people to switch successfully to a new energy supplier, so contact us to

2. Make your home energy-efficient. Insulate lofts and walls, double-glaze your windows

and use thick curtains to keep heat in. Get your boiler serviced annually.

Grants are

discuss your options.

available to help with insulation: call the Energy Saving Advice Service on 0300 123 1234,

Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm.

- 3. Your central heating thermostat and your timer (or programmer) are your good friends and allies when it comes to saving money. Shave down the timings so that the boiler is only working when you need it. A thermostat temperature of 20 degrees is adequate for most homes.
- 4. Try an online Home Energy Check at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/resources/tools-calculators
 5. For those who qualify, various grants and discounts are available to

Evergreen Club

help with bills: the

Next meeting will be on March 8th at 1.45pm in the Hall when the "Songbirds" will entertain us. Plans for an outing discussed. Raffles and home-made teas will be provided. We welcomed two new members in February so why don't **you** come and

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Advance Notice AGM

The club's AGM will be on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.30pm in The Plough. All members welcome.

The Agenda will be sent by Netcall prior to the meeting.

Family Sunday

Our next family session will be on Sunday 3rd March, Families are invited to come along to the courts in Badswell Lane to take part from 10 -11am with our coach, Craig Amison-Smith. This session is aimed at juniors up to Year 6 (red/orange/green ball) and their families - with adults encouraged to join in! The cost is £2.50 per child or £5 for a family, just turn up on the day and play! We hold a family session on the first Sunday of the month starting at 10am (all year round – weather depending!). Please check Facebook for weather updates: http://facebook.com/ AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

Junior Coaching

We will be starting our programme of junior coaching with club coach, Craig Amison-Smith, shortly, if you have juniors you would like to enrol, please email the club for more details: appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.c

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Indoor Sessions

Our monthly indoor sessions at the Vale of White Horse tennis centre in Abingdon will continue on Wednesday 6th March. These are held regularly throughout the winter on the 1st Wednesday of the month 8-10pm at White Horse Tennis Centre £6 per person. If you are interested, please contact the club by email: appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.c om

Renewals Night

The annual renewals night will be on Tuesday 26 March, all forms will be sent out by Netcall to members – but soon you will be able to pay online! To join the club, go to our website – see below.

Quorn Family Tennis Cup 2019

We will be hosting the QFTC Red Ball event on Sunday 7 April where 10U players (ie juniors aged 10 or under) get to play doubles with an adult relative / family member in a fun and informal format – great for the whole family with loads of prizes and certificates to win.

The entry fee is £5 per double pair and you need to book in advance to be sure of a place.

Matches will be played on red courts with red ball and 21" or 23" rackets. There are lots of timed matches

Appleton Cricket Club

Summer is approaching! Now is the time for you to dust off your gear in preparation for the new season of cricket.

Appleton Cricket Club play friendly games mainly on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. You are most welcome to join us.

Preparatory net sessions start off in April, Sunday 11 am, on April 4th, 11th and 25th. The venue will be confirmed nearer the time. No previous experience needed!

Initial fixtures in May:

Sunday 5th v Cumnor 1 pm at home Sunday 12th v Headington Quarry at home

Wed 15th v Oxfordshire CC at home Sunday 19th v Wheatley at home Friday 24th v Cokethorpe away Wed 29th v Isis at home

Please free to tact the tain.



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Looking for information about services and activities in Oxfordshire?

Then Oxfordshire County Council's Live Well Oxfordshire directory is the place to start your search - the easy to search online directory brings together over 2000 services and activities. From care services to help people stay independent, transport services to help people get out and about, and new hobbies for people to enjoy to local carer groups. You'll find useful information and advice on a range of



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The Scheme operates through a team of volunteer drivers and coordinators. If you need such a lift, call our telephone, and we will try to find a driver for you.

Until now, you could only call the telephone for an hour on Monday or on Wednesday. Now anyone needing a lift may phone at any time and leave a message, or if you have a mobile, send a text message. Messages will be picked up every evening, and you will be called back.

In leaving a message, please give your name, the village you live in, and telephone number for calling back (and any time you are not available to take a call). Please also give the date, time and location of your appointment. It is important to ask for a driver as far ahead of the

APPLETON WITH EATON HISTORY GROUP

Pits, pots and puzzles - digging ever deeper into Appleton's past

talks by Jane Harrison, Trevor Rowley & Katie Hambrook

Find out more about the early villages of the area and see some of the recent finds from our community archaeology project.

Thursday 21st March, 7.3opm in Appleton School Hall, admission £3

Wine and soft drinks, first drink included with entry ticket

Everyone welcome

JOHN PAGE 01865 864808 OR ROGER GILKES RHGILKES@GMAIL.COM

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council Harts Bridge

The Environment Agency has carried out a more detailed inspection of Rainbow Bridge, have deemed it currently safe for use, so it is now reopened. In the short term, there will be minor works to the steps, surfacing and gate, which will not require the closure of the bridge. In the medium term, the bridge needs new waterproof surfacing throughout to the preserve the beams and to improve the walking surface. The will require a short closure, anticipated to be no more than 2 weeks. There is no date for this as of yet, but OCC will inform the council once this is known.

Parish Council Elections

Have you ever thought of becoming a Parish Councillor? Do you care about what happens in our villages? Would you be happy to represent your parish in making decisions for the benefit of the entire Parish? If you want to know more, please feel free to contact the Clerk.

The Vale of White Horse will hold elections on 2 May 2019. By the 26th March 2019, a Notice of Election will be published and posted on the notice-board as well as information on the website. This will contain all of the information needed for those who wish to nominate themselves for Parish Councillor. Please note that nomination papers must be delivered to the council



Appleton Village Pre-school

Appleton Village Preschool is based at Appleton Village Hall, Oaksmere, Appleton.

The pre-school currently has spaces for children to start in January 2019.

We are open from 9am – 3pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Term time only.

Funding of up to 15 hours per week is available to every 3 and 4 year old. We accept 30 hour funding.

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ST LAURENCE, APPLETON

Sunday 3rd 8 am Communion Service (BCP)

10 am Communion Service (CW)

6 pm Evensong

Wednesday 6th 7.30 pm Cluster Communion Service

Ash Wednesday at St John the Baptist, Kingston Bagpuize

Sunday 10th 10 am Communion Service (CW)

Sunday 17th 10 am Communion Service (CW)

6 pm Evensong

Sunday 24th 10 am Short All Age Service

followed by APCM

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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



