

St Laurence Church

CHRISTMAS BIZARRE BAZAAR
AND 'FOOD FAIR' WITH A DIFFERENCE



Dear Friends

'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing' (Psalm 23:1). They're wonderful words, aren't they? And I'm going to dwell on each one of them.

(1) 'The Lord is my **shepherd**'

We're not alone. The Lord loves us and Jesus loves us. And he's with us, guiding us, every step of the way. And we can know how much he loves us because, John 10, 'the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.'

(2) 'The Lord is my shepherd'

Have you turned to him? Do you trust in him? I do hope you do. And if you have turned and you do trust, then you can say, 'He's my shepherd.' Perhaps at the moment you're feeling rather isolated, conscious that you're cut off from family and friends. But you're not alone. You can say, 'Jesus is my shepherd.' Or perhaps you're anxious. Or you're worried about your health or you're worried about your finances. There's lots to be worried about, no doubt. But you don't face those anxieties alone. All those who trust in him can say, 'The Lord is my shepherd.'

(3) 'The Lord is my shepherd'

'Is' – present tense. Not just our help in ages past; not just our hope in years to come; but an ever present help in trouble. The Lord Jesus is alive and he's with us. So much has changed in the last few months. But Jesus hasn't changed. The writer to the Hebrews says, 'Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever.'

(4) 'The Lord is my shepherd'

It's wonderful enough to know that there's one that cares for us. It's wonderful enough to know that he's with us. But that would mean little if he had no power. But our shepherd is the Lord. The one who made the heavens and the earth. The one in complete control. Nothing takes him by surprise. We don't know what's going to happen tomorrow. But he does. He governs the present. He controls the future. We can trust him. 'The **Lord** is my shepherd.'

And so we can say, 'I lack nothing.' Perhaps you think that's a strange thing to say considering all that's going on in the world and in our lives. Already we feel the loss. The loss, perhaps, of our freedom to get out and about. The loss of contact with much loved family and friends. Financial loss – already a real issue for some you and a real concern for the future. And before this virus passes and is defeated, as it will be one day, no doubt more things will be lost. And yet we can say, 'I lack nothing', because whatever happens today and in the days ahead, we can be sure the Lord Jesus is with us and we are absolutely secure in him. And he will be with us, as our shepherd, throughout this day, throughout our lives and into eternity. 'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.'

With every best wish Phil Parker Rector, Appleton with Besselsleigh

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8th 2020: OUTSIDE

As every year, we will be holding a service of Remembrance.

Unlike other years, to comply with Coronavirus guidelines, this will take a different format. There will be a short service starting at 10.30am and finishing at 11.05am which will be held outside in the churchyard and will include the act of Remembrance usually held at the war memorial. We are also delighted to welcome Brigadier Dan Reeve who will speak at the service too. This year, of course, there will be neither representatives from the military nor from local organisations but the usual wreathes will be laid in accordance with safety guidelines. All are welcome.

If you are able to join us, we remind you that you are required to wear a face mask at all times, observe social distancing and leave your name and a contact no. for track and trace.

We would also be very grateful if you would complete the Service form to be found via our website www.stlaurenceappleton.org where possible. It helps us in our planning to welcome as many people as we can on the day. If you don't have access to a computer please ask someone to complete it for you or telephone the Rectory on 655867.

We are prevented from serving refreshments and we have also been asked to encourage you to leave promptly after the Commemoration still observing social distancing rules.

As information and guidance changes all the time, do please consult the website for any up to date information.

On a brighter note, do look out for the installation the schoolchildren have prepared which will be available to view outside church over Remembrance weekend. You might also like to join in with the Royal British Legion

'Poppy in the window' initiative. Some images to colour in are available in the village shop.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding.
St Laurence PCC

ADVENT WINDOWS 2020

After a year's rest, we are wanting to light up the village with Appleton's Advent Calendar during December. We are looking for volunteers to create one of the 24 Advent windows. If you are willing to participate again having created a magnificent window in a previous year, or are joining in for the first time, please contact events@stlaurencechurchappleton.org as soon as you can or telephone on 01865 861591.

Save the dates

Remembrance Day

Sunday 8th November Christmas Quiz

Look out for it in November's Advertiser

Bizarre Bazaar

Late November with zoom finale Saturday 28th November

Advent Calendar

Advent windows throughout the village in December

Appleton website is now

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

BIZARRE BAZAAR 2020

ONLINE AUCTION

Live from Monday 16th November until close at 3pm on Saturday 5th December.

Take a look at the prizes which are available to view via our website from Monday 16th November: www.stlaurenceappleton.org and make a bid. Auction lots to suit everyone including: A week in a house in Norfolk; a basket full of ironing; a day's sailing; babysitting; reflexology session; dinner at several local pubs; 3 nights in Bath, art lessons and more!

You can bid via the website or via telephone on 07515 996947. Keep your eye on the lots as we approach the deadline at 3pm on Saturday 5th December. The lucky winners will then be contacted during the next few days.

And if you miss out on the day, or don't think there's anything quite for you, but you would still like to support the Bazaar, you can donate directly on to our JustGiving page – St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh – and look out for the 'Pop Up' Bazaar roaming up and down the village on Saturday 5th December.

You won't miss us!

POP UP BIZARRE BAZAAR

During the day, the 'Pop Up' Bazaar will be seen roaming the village with produce to buy – and we haven't forgotten popular chocolate treats for children. There's something for everyone.

In the meantime, if you can contribute cakes, jams and preserves, chocolate for the treat section or any other dry goods or indeed, if you have an auction prize to donate, please contact Mary on 862040 or email us events@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

RAFFLE QUIZ

We hope that you will participate in the Raffle Quiz this year enclosed with the Advertiser. You can win a prize without completing a line! Handing a blank quiz with your details and £5 is the same as buying a raffle ticket. Completing the Quiz enables you to win more prizes. If you mislay the Quiz you can download another copy from our website

www.stlaurenceappleton.org.

Appleton WI

Hello there. We are still an organisation, and keeping in touch. But, as you know, everything is on hold.

Do read your WI Life to see what is going on, and do complete the questionnaire. If London has a clear picture of us they will know what to provide in the way of aims and activities for us. At the moment the annual meeting in the Albert hall is still being planned, and soon we will be able to apply for observer tickets. When we are notified, I will let you know.

Keep well, and keep cheerful.

Elaine Flint 01865 861838

Some Good News to share

John Savings' expert hedge laying skills are widely regarded as many Appletonians will know.

This year John was nominated for the Heritage Crafts Association "Marsh Heritage Crafts Volunteer Award" and we're delighted to hear that he has won!

John has been teaching and passing on his knowledge on a voluntary basis for the past 27 years . John has inspired and informed the public all over the country with his miniature 'bonsai' displays of regional hedge laying styles and he has played a vital part in keeping this ancient craft alive. Congratulations John!

Gardening Club

We had our first Zoom talk on Wednesday 14th October with just over 40 people in the audience. Jonathan Ford gave us an interesting talk on Garden Design starting with two gardens behind terraced houses in Oxford. Both these gardens are long and narrow, 4 metres wide in one case and 5 metres wide in the other. The tips included using the planting to hide the boundary fences so that one can 'borrow' trees and shrubs from the neighbouring gardens. Putting in a curved path which narrows towards the back of the garden to give a sense of perspective. Importantly to put any outside eating area as near to the kitchen as possible and preferably with some shade in the middle of the day.

Jonathan then talked about two larger gardens in Oxfordshire – the first one where he created a courtyard garden near the house. The area was originally tarmac car parking in front of 2 garages. The garages had been converted into living space and the owners wanted a garden to replace the hard standing. A new path was built from paying stones and Cotswold stone bricks orientated towards the front door. The bricks were recycled from a stone wall which was demolished to make way for the garden. Planting included a box tripod which was placed to disquise the kitchen door to encourage visitors to use the new path to the front door. In the paddock a shelter belt of native trees was planted.

The final garden was 70 acre of landscape garden. The design involved planting large trees to form a shelter belt to provide privacy for the house from a Right of Way which ran close to the house.

Our next Zoom talk will be on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30 pm. The talk will be given by Adam Pascoe entitled Create a Garden for Every Season. Adam is a Horticultural Consultant to the garden industry and is well

known as a journalist, radio and TV broadcaster. He was the founder of BBC Gardeners' World magazine which he edited for 22 years. He also edited Waitrose Garden magazine and has been a regular and valued contributor to many publications. If you would like to join us please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com so that we can send you an invitation to join the meeting, which is free of charge.

Hon. Secretary Janet Hutton

Appleton with Eaton History Group

Over Two Centuries Ago

As we head towards the wintery season, this piece from a November 1788 newspaper may bring cheer to readers. This was spotted by one of our members while researching other facts about Appleton, and was published in 'The Whitehall Evening Post' London newspaper dated 27th November 1788.

"COUNTRY - NEWS Oxford, Nov. 22. In Confequence of the prefent mildnefs of the feafon. A Blackbirds neft was found on Tuefday laft in Appleton Wood Berks; in which there were five eggs and the hen fitting".

As with many old texts, after converting the F's to S's it can be seen that Spring certainly came early to Appleton in 1788. It can be assumed that "Appleton Wood Berks" refers to Appleton Common, and to find a Blackbird sitting on eggs in November would certainly be an unusual occurrence even with today's global warming.

Source: "News." Whitehall Evening Post [1770], November 25, 1788 - November 27, 1788. Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Burney Newspapers Collection, https://link.gale.com Accessed 07 Oct 2020.

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Post Office

Monday & Thursday

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MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
May	22,428	24,532	30,553
June	24,483	24,276	28,172
July	27,343	28,976	28,988
Aug	23,774	25,199	24,338
Sept	21,849	23,131	22,704
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	

What's happening at the Shop?

As we moved out of lockdown (round 1) and our lovely summer weather ended, it came as a bit of a surprise to us all when turnover and footfall returned to normal levels. After the extra buzz and effort that had gone into cranking up stock levels, doubling up on our already 5* hygiene and cleaning standards and putting into place new rules and regulations to comply with Covid 19 guidelines, our new normal has led some volunteers to say that their shifts are 'dull'!

How quickly we got used to a change in pace.

The return of coffee and cake has been welcomed and sausage rolls (now hot not just frozen) fly out but what will come next? Why are beef and vegetable pasties less popular than they were? Why did sales of Bread drop so much in September? Why are we eating fewer eggs? Perhaps we've all gone on a pre-Christmas diet?

Whether the current normal will continue is of course the million dollar question. Might we get locked down again? Might we have a covid spike in the village (we hope and pray not)? Might we start eating more bread again as the evenings draw in?

And Christmas is coming.....

For the shop staff, Christmas is beginning to loom in our thinking. We have already had to tell our cheese suppliers how much we think we'll want in December and we need to decide what products are helpful to have on our special Christmas order forms. As a heads up when that comes out in December we may need to ask you for more notice than usual as we will not want to let anyone down in the event of our suppliers having their own Tier 3 or staff sickness problems.

The shop, like everything and everyone else, is living through strange times and we once again want to thank all our customers, staff and volunteers for their help, support and patience in these Covid times.

PS – Personal recommendation from the Chairman:

Crumpets with lashings of butter as the perfect comfort food on a long winter evening!

And For Autumn Suppers:

Now that the clocks have turned back and evenings are drawing in, why not treat yourself or

your family to a delicious locally made meal from Jane's Kitchen. They come in both individual and large sizes and portions are generous.

Try 'Jane's Kitchen' Ready Meals
Our premium home-made meals from 'Jane's
Kitchen' in Berkshire are made with home produced meat from West Hagbourne and all
other ingredients are sourced as locally as
possible.

You can find them in the freezer cabinet. The lasagne is definitely delicious and just like 'home made'!

Try the fish pie, cottage pie, lasagne (veggie version too) or moussaka, all packaged in recyclable materials.

New recipes this year include spicy meat balls, pancakes stuffed with chicken and mushroom casserole and steak and kidney casserole.

Wanted: people to join the bank of those willing to serve behind the till to help out when a regular volunteer is away.

If you don't have much time to commit but would be happy to give help if needed, we'd love to hear from you. Training can be provided. Just contact one of the shop staff.

Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at: www.appletoneaton.org

And Follow us on Facebook ww.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop

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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.

Musings of a Lone Soul during Lockdown

Loneliness

I sit in my silent house and hopefully wait to hear footsteps coming to my door. There! did I hear the click of the garden gate? No, not this time, I lean back heart sore.

In the loneliness of the empty hours
I think of the past, the joys, the love,
Of when my beloved brought me flowers
Now he has flown away - like a dove.

Oh you whose lives in happiness share And know an old person on her own, Have you a few minutes you could spare To make us feel that we're not alone?

I hear the latch as a hand clicks it up My heart beats quickly and I rise to see, It's my neighbour, quick get out a cup She's come to share my time with me.

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

Join Us



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

Babolat Winter League

We continue to play in the local Babolat League with our Women's and Men's teams and are enjoying being able to meet other players whilst keeping safe.

Coaching

Appleton Tennis Club has been providing a successful Junior Coaching Programme for several years, helping the Appleton School to become one of the leading County Junior Tennis schools. The Programme is led by Craig Amison-Smith, LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) Level 3 Coach, plus two experienced Coaching Assistants. We presently have about 40 Juniors on the Programme. The Club is just a short walk from the School. It has parking, managed toilet facilities, and floodlights for when days get shorter.

There is also a PreSchool Group with lots of little ones moving through to the main Junior Programme in due course.

Organised coaching for juniors and adults will continue next year

If you are interested in having individual coaching with Head Coach Craig Amison-Smith, please contact the club. There are sessions for juniors and adults. If you are a complete beginner or need help with an aspect of your game, Craig can offer individual coaching privately.

Contact: craigstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Mobile: 07719599582 **Protecting Players**

The Cub's Covid-19 Rules and Guidance has been updated in line with the latest LTA and

Government rules and advice. These are available on our website and are posted at the clubhouse.

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.

The current situation mean that we cannot offer Pay and Play access to the courts but we welcome any new members, just contact the Club.

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com Website: www.appleton-eaton.org/tennis or

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ AppletonwithEatonTennisClub Facebook: www.facebook.com/ AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

APPLETON VILLAGE HALL

The hall reopened in September in line with government guidelines to make the venue Covid compliant.

As we write this in early October, we are able to accommodate instructor led classes, with yoga, Pilates and other classes up and running. Sadly 'social gatherings' cannot be more than 6 people, and weddings more than 15. Given the constantly changing regulations if you are thinking of using the hall please contact bookings secretary in the first instance. We now have a one way system in place with entry via the main hall fire doors and exit via the proper entrance. The disabled toilet is in use, with the others out of bounds, to help minimise cleaning demands.

Colin McGuire

Chair.

Bookings secretary: Juliet Carter via email: appletonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Covid-19

At the time of printing, Oxfordshire remains in the Medium alert level. A poster with information on guidelines can be found on appleton-eaton.org as well as on the noticeboard outside the shop. 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 https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

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.

Walking after Dark

As the days grow shorter and mornings/evenings are darker, the council would like to remind people who are walking in the dark to please carry a torch and wear reflective clothing. This is for everyone's safety.

Flooding in the Village

The Parish Council wanted to provide the village with an update on recent discussions with regards to flooding. The council has been in touch with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on several flooding issues that have arisen. OCC has noted that drains should be cleared every 6 months, but they will follow up as to when they were last done.

In case of inclement weather, the council wanted to inform residents that the village keeps the following equipment available for use in an emergency: Four pumps, two petrol driven, two electrical, three 100m reels of hose, one aqua vac for shallow surface water on carpets. These are all stored in the centre of the village.

There is also a reserve supply of Aquasacs in addition to those distributed to households affected in 2007. These are dry storage sacs which swell when in contact with water, forming an effective barrier. Newcomers to the village who are aware of previous flood risk to their property are advised to check they have their own supply of sacs. If anyone needs a pack please get in touch with Sanchia Prickett and this can be arranged. They are free of charge, take up very little room and only require a dry shelf area.

A group of villagers has volunteered to help out as wardens in an emergency. Each knows how to access and operate the pumps, and can be contacted by telephone. This list is also on the village notice board and website. In an emergency please telephone any of the numbers below:

Centre village and Oaksmere

Nick Hester 07759230966 Adrian Willett Oxford 864691 Mob 07786260765 Robin Band Oxford 864794 Mob 0787774111 Adrian Carey Mob 07717851831 * Eaton road Andy White Evening 863632

Badswell Lane

Richard Snow Oxford 861703 Mob 07827293429

Netherton Road

Richard and Sanchia Prickett Oxford 863168 Mob 07732924026 *

Eaton Village Nicki Clarke Mob 07811922198

For access to the store of Aquasacs contact those asterisked (*), or Robert Munro on 861791

Photo Competition - Date extended!!

We have extended the deadline of our photo competition to the 15th November.

The Parish Council are launching a new village website to replace our current site and are looking for photos taken in Appleton, Eaton and the local countryside to go along the top of the home page and to use in the body of the village pages.

We will accept multiple photos per entrant. Photos need to be high resolution and the best three will be awarded prizes!

Please note that in submitting photos, you agree that they can be used for the purposes of placing on the website. No names will be associated with these photos without prior consent. If you have any questions, please contact the clerk at parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

Advertiser

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12.30, **19th Nov** (19th of the month is the usual deadline)

Notices for village organisations

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ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH CHURCH SERVICES November 2020

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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 1 st	8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Communion Service (BCP) All Age Service Evensong	
Sunday 8 th Remembrance	10.30 am to 11.05 am	Outdoor Remembrance in Churchyard with wreath laying	
	6.00 pm	Bible talk via Zoom*	
Sunday 15 th	10:00 am	All Age Service followed by a short Communion Service	
	6.00 pm	Evensong	
Sunday 22 nd	10:00 am	All Age Service followed by a short Communion Service	
	6.00 pm	Bible talk via Zoom*	
Sunday 29 th Advent Sunday	10:00 am	All Age Service followed by a short Communion Service	
•	6.00 pm	Bible talk via Zoom*	

Who to Call:

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral care, Holy Communion at home, Church buildings, please contact Rev'd Phil Parker, on 655867, or email him on rector@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

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

^{*}For Zoom link and up-to-date information on Sunday services & other events, please refer to the Church website: www.stlaurenceappleton.org