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Dear Friends

As the new school and church year gets underway again, we're thrilled here at St Laurence to have been joined by our first Jennifer Blackwell Ministry Apprentice, Tom Mawdesley, thanks to Toby Blackwell's generous help. Tom was interviewed and revealed something of his background and how he'll be involved this year...

Where did you grow up and how did you become a Christian?

I grew up in Marcham (only a few miles away) with my younger sister and two wonderful Christian parents. There probably wasn't a time where I didn't call myself a Christian, though I remember actively putting my trust in Jesus when I was a 12yr old. I'd been to a Christian conference with my family and had been struck profoundly by how the Bible makes sense of all humanity's mess – moreover, all of my mess – and how Jesus had defeated sin and death in his work on the cross. Knowing and following Jesus is simply the best thing in the world, and during my school and University years I've become even more convinced of this.

What did you do before 'working' at St E's?

Before St Ebbe's, I was studying at Oxford University. I went to Exeter College and studied History, which was a lot of fun.

What does working at St E's involve?

My work at St Ebbe's has been full of different things. As well as administrative and practical responsibilities, I've mainly done kids and student ministry. This has involved giving talks, writing Bible studies and meeting up 1-1 with various students. Excitingly, I've been attending MTC (the Ministry Training Course) this last year as well, where we receive training and have had opportunities to give Bible talks.

Now that you've joined us and have been with us for a few weeks, what are your first impressions of Appleton and St Laurence?

It's so great to have started at St Laurence! It's been lovely meeting all sorts of people in the village and I feel very welcomed. Working and serving in a new place is quite daunting, but I'm really excited for the next year ahead.

Your title is 'Ministry Apprentice.' This is probably new to many. Could you explain what it means?

A Ministry Apprentice is a role that exists in many churches across the country. It is designed for those who want to spend time set-aside thinking about and doing church ministry. The programme consists of 3 elements: teaching the Bible, being trained in Bible handling and serving practically.

So, that's the theory... but what would a typical week look like?

Most of my work this year is going to revolve around the kids ministry at St Laurence. I'll be leading S-Club on a Sunday morning, as well as going in on Tuesdays to do assemblies at the primary school. Wonderfully, I also get opportunities to spend time with the wider church family in house groups – one meeting on a Monday, another on a Wednesday. When not in Appleton, I will be down at St Ebbe's in Oxford working with students and the midweek parish club.

With my very best wishes
Phil Parker
Rector

John Drewitt

A memorial/ celebration of his life

John Drewitt, formerly of Eaton Road who died on the 11th April 2020. We his family are holding a memorial/celebration of his life in St Laurence's Church at 3pm on the 9th October 2021. Anyone who knew John is very welcome to come along and celebrate his life.

Caroline Hamp

63 BUS SERVICE into OXFORD from Appleton

The timetable for the above 63 bus service has recently changed slightly.

There is now only one timetable which incorporates school days and school holidays. The early morning service has been combined with the school run leaving APPLETON POST OFFICE at 8.06 am. It will carry both school pupils and the general public, making a short detour to Matthew Arnold School on school days before continuing into Oxford.

The former 3.18 pm afternoon return journey FROM OXFORD has been rescheduled a few minutes earlier leaving OXFORD, NEW ROAD BUS STOP E7 , at 3.05 pm. As with the early morning run a short detour to Matthew Arnold will be made to pick up pupils in term time.

All other journey times in and out of Oxford remain unchanged.

Hopefully printed copies of the new timetable will be available soon. Please contact me on the number below if you have any queries.

Betty GRIFFITHS
Appleton Bus Rep
01865 863255

AUDIO VISUAL PROJECT IN ST LAURENCE

Towards the end of October, you will notice works starting in church to fit an audio-visual screen with accompanying projector and cameras sensitively within the building. After much planning and consultation with experts and a successful faculty application, we are delighted that this work is going ahead. In addition to much improved audio and visual communication, this equipment will enable live streaming of any activity in the church and allow live visual and audio contact with the school.

We are very thankful to the Jennifer Blackwell Memorial Fund for funding this project.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are hoping to be able to have a proper Church Christmas Bazaar this year on Saturday DECEMBER 4th in the Village Hall.

We do need some new recruits to help on stalls and with refreshments. I think people would agree that it has always been an enjoyable event and we have fun doing it.

Would anyone who is interested, or could help at all, ring Mary Blake 01865 862040?

Appleton with Eaton History Club

We were delighted to welcome some new members to our last meeting, and hope others with an interest in local history will come along too. Everyone is welcome!

Amongst other things discussed at the meeting were traditional local events that haven't taken place for some time, including Beating the Bounds (which might have later become known as the Ascension Day Walk), and the Bells Birthday (4th March). We believe this was celebrated on or around the actual date with many people attending from outside the village too. If anyone has any recollection or knowledge of these, or any other such events, please think about coming along to our next meeting, or get in touch with Jackie Lewis so she can pass the information on to the group. The next meeting will be held in the committee room of the village hall on Thursday 14th October at 7.30 pm. We continue to meet in person and via Zoom. Please contact Jackie at jackielewisthame@gmail.com or 07813 602638 for further information.

*Jackie Lewis
for AwEHG*

JUBILEE PARK TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Just to let everyone know that thanks to all the help from the village we should be taking delivery of the new, sturdier table tennis table and the new equipment for small children fairly soon. We are hoping that it will be this month or early next month.

While it is being installed we will shut the Park for a few days. We will also do a few other maintenance jobs at the same time. Hopefully we will have enough warning to be able to give more dates closer to the time.

Appleton WI

Despite the fact that our advertised speaker was unable to come, we had a very enjoyable afternoon at our September meeting, thanks to Lesley. It's surprising how exciting a Beetle drive can be!

Our October meeting will be a ploughman's lunch. It is on Thursday, 21st October, and we will meet at 12 for 12.30. There will be a raffle. It is so nice to be able to meet in the village hall again.

*Elaine Flint
01865 861838*

Lock Road Permit Scheme

Over the past 4 years to the end of the 20/21 permit season, fees for a combination of 122 summer, winter and annual permits have raised £2,715.

The fees are not retained by the farm but are divided between 3 charities: a village group or organisation, a farming charity and a countryside charity.

£905 has been forwarded to each of the 3 charities we have chosen:

- * St Laurence Church, Appleton;
- * RABI www.rabi.org.uk a national charity, based in Botley, supporting the farming community;
- * Sylva Foundation, a small charity based in Long Wittenham, towards their work supporting the collaborative Forestry and Climate Change Working Group (FCCWG)

AHCornish would like to thank those who purchased permits for their respectful use of the lock road, for clearing up after their dogs and for not trespassing onto adjacent wildlife field margins, farmland or camping fields.

Gardening Club



On 20th August we held an afternoon social and picnic which was kindly hosted by Robert and Rosemary Munro in their garden. 23 members came together to meet up and enjoy being able to sit outside in the sunshine after a tour of the garden. Our thanks to Robert and Rosemary for welcoming club members.

Our lecture programme, which starts again in October, will be on Zoom until the Spring when we are hoping to be able to meet again in person. On 13th October Alan Down will give us a talk on *Colour in the Winter Garden*. Alan is a well-known broadcaster and writer who will inspire us to raise our ambitions for the coming months. The talk will start at 7.30 pm and members will receive an email in advance with a link to the talk. Holding the meetings on Zoom has enabled us to book speakers from further afield. Our full programme will be available shortly.

We always welcome new members if you are interested in coming to our talks and events. The membership fee is £5 per year for free admission to all our events. Please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com for information on how to join.

*Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269*

Evergreen Club

Our birthday party is on Friday 8th October at 2pm. Come along and celebrate with a scrumptious tea, raffles and friendly, happy company. New members always most welcome.

Trish Wagstaff

Appleton Voluntary Transport Scheme (AVTS)

If you live in Appleton, Eaton, Fyfield or Besselseigh we will try to arrange transport to a medical or dental appointment when you have no other means of getting there. We will drive to the Oxford hospitals, or to Abingdon, Wootton or Witney. The contact telephone number is 07503 447884. Leave a message if your call is not answered and we will get back to you. Please note that

- For the present Covid safety measures remain in force (masks in car, please)
- We need at least 48 hours' notice of an appointment
- There is a small charge to cover the driver's fuel, etc, costs.

Besselsleigh Wood Group WoodFest 2021

Huge thanks to all those, both members of the wood group and many others, who helped make the 2021 WoodFest a great success. The weather was kind, no rain no wind and warm! Turnout was good and we were delighted to welcome many new faces and to spend time chilling out in our lovely woods.

In addition to the Wilderness Pioneers wonderful bushcraft, the woodland walk and the ever popular storytelling, the additional activities of pole lathing, shave horse operating and hurdle making were much appreciated by all. The speed at which burgers and cakes disappeared would suggest that they too were much appreciated by all!

Our thanks too go to the members of the Besselsleigh Wood Group who volunteer their time throughout the year to maintain the wood and in particular the paths so that we can all enjoy walking there come rain or shine. Thank you! If anyone would like to know more about how to help with the wood group please ring John Page on 01865 864808 or e-mail Jane Cranston on jane@cranstonjane.co.uk

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NEW RANGE OF WINES

Had you noticed?

The wine buyers amongst you will have noticed that during September our wine shelves got emptier and emptier prior to a new range arriving!

Regrettably our previous supplier felt the need to withdraw the good deal they had been giving us (many people commented what good value our wines have been) and I have had to select a new wine supplier.

Liberty Wines are one of London's leading wine merchants and I'm excited to be able to buy direct from them. Prices are going up everywhere (I checked quite widely) but, although I haven't tasted our new selection yet, I'm happy to be guided on quality by someone I worked with for many years and whose opinion I have always trusted. He now works for Liberty Wines.

Appleton has at least two wine clubs operating within our ranks and I would be very interested to have your, and anyone else's, feedback on the quality and styles in the new range.

If you'd like to, please do note down your thoughts, with your name or anonymously, and pop them into the envelope which is in the shop for that purpose.

For starters Richard has recommended the Soave from Terre di Monteforte (£8.99) and the Montepulciano d'Abruzzo from Il Faggio (£9.79) as star buys. Let me know what you think!

There is a list in the shop with brief tasting notes and I hope to arrange a tasting of the full range later in the year.

Saluti! Santé! Salud!

Jane-I-used-to-be-a-wine-merchant Cranston

MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
May	24,532	30,553	21,608
June	24,276	28,172	25,008
July	28,976	28,988	26,461
Aug	25,199	24,338	23,714
Sept	23,131	22,704	
Oct	23,504	22,402	
Nov	22,107	22,995	
Dec	24,524	24,992	
Jan	20,700	22,924	
Feb	19,962	22,000	
Mar	27,669	24,876	
April	28,522	22,316	

Midland Dry Cleaners

are now visiting us weekly, so look in your wardrobes and check that that winter coat, favourite skirt, suit etc. are ready for the colder days ahead.

Items need to be at the shop by the end of Tuesdays as the dry cleaners ring us early on Wednesday morning to check if we have anything for a Thursday pick up. Items will then be returned the following Thursday. Small alterations, new zips etc. can also be done but take a little longer, usually around two weeks. Please ask in the shop for more details.

Thinking of Getting Involved?

If you would like to know more about volunteering, please contact the shop (01865 863191) or email: appletonshop@gmail.com

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- **FIND OUT:** how you can make a difference
- **TELL US:** what initiatives you would like to see in the village
- **GET INVOLVED:** share what you are already doing

TEA, COFFEE, SQUASH, CAKES WILL BE SERVED

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



The Tennis Club enjoyed a wonderful Finals Day, on Sunday 12 September; the weather was very kind and we had a great turnout. Thank you to all the finalists, and to the supporters and spectators who came to watch. Felt like a return to normality! And so to the results:
Women's Singles: Lucy Ingram bt Aileen Young

Men's Singles: Aiden Casey bt Paul Line

Women's Doubles: Jane Cranston/Lucy Ingram bt Jill Duffy/Irene Kirkman

Men's Doubles: Paul Line/William Martin bt John Stedman/James Harrison W/O (Exhibition Match - Paul Line/William Martin bt John Stedman/Paul Haines (standing in for injured James))

Mixed Doubles: Jeremy Swainson/Lucy Ingram bt Paul Magoris/Tracey Palfreyman

Men's Plate: William Martin bt Andrew Howe

Women's Plate: Pam Iles bt Sheila Riley
Well done to all our winners - and particularly to Lucy Ingram who won 3 trophies! - very Raducanu-esque!! News Item and some photos are on the Clubspark Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>

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[AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/News](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/)

The finals of the Oxfordshire County Championships took place on the weekend 28/29 August. Our very own Alison Jackson, who you will recall is the national LTA Official of the Year, was the organising Referee. The U-18 Boy's Final was contested between 2 of our Juniors, Aiden Casey and Seb Muller. Seb won on this occasion.

The Tennis Club is very busy and offering a full service to all our Members. All our organised Club Social sessions are very well attended, as is Cardio tennis on a Wednesday

morning. Even though we are heading into Autumn and Winter, a full service will continue throughout the colder weather.

Our popular Junior Coaching returned for the Autumn Term on 10 September, and will continue on Friday afternoons until 26 November, except for a break for half-term on 29 October. It is still possible to join the Course, in most year groups, being charged at a pro-rata rate for the remainder of the Course. Full details and on-line booking are available on the Club website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>

AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

We still cannot offer Pay and Play sessions to Non-Members. However, Members are allowed to bring along visitors for a small visitor fee.

Join Us

We are still accepting Memberships for the remainder of the 2021/22 Playing season (ends 31 Mar 22). If you would like to join this thriving club, please contact the club by email - appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com . We offer individual adult, family and junior memberships.

Dates for the Diary

Wed 6 Oct - Indoor Tennis recommences at WHLTC (Abingdon). 8pm (first Wed in the month).

Sun 10 Oct - Maintenance Morning

Fri 17 Dec - Presentation Evening and Xmas Dinner at the Plough

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

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News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Result!

The Appleton with Eaton Neighbourhood Plan will now be part of the Vale of White Horse District Council development plan and will be used in the determination of planning applications within our neighbourhood plan area. The details are on the Parish Council noticeboard and website. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out to vote. Also a big thank you to everyone involved over the last five years in collecting evidence and producing our neighbourhood plan. It has involved a lot of work with revisions to incorporate consultation comments and to make sure it adheres to all relevant legislation.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 will be an historic occasion –the first time any British monarch has ever reigned for 70 years. One of the main national projects will be a large-scale tree planting campaign all across the UK, to be known as The Queen's Green Canopy. Put simply, people, voluntary groups, schools and local authorities across the UK are being encouraged to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" through the QGC initiative. The actual planting programme will need to be in two phases; autumn/winter 2021-2 and then October-December 2022. Every county is being invited to create a network of individual or specimen trees, tree avenues, copses, orchards or woodlands in honour of The Queen's 70 years of service.

Full details of the events for the Jubilee weekend of June 2nd - 5th, 2022 are available at the following address: <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>.

While many of these do not directly affect Oxfordshire, there are two events in particular that you need to be aware of:

- The first is the lighting of Platinum Jubilee Beacons on Thursday, 2nd June. This is a nationwide initiative. It will be up to local authorities to decide whether they wish to participate and if so, with what elements.
- The second event is the Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday, 5th June. Communities of all sizes are being encouraged to create street parties, picnics, barbeques, etc. The responsibility for deciding the format and scope of these rests with individual communities.

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to join us in a working group to plan local celebrations in the Parish.

Covid-19

The Parish Council notes that while restrictions have been eased, cases remain high and some local restrictions will remain such as mask wearing in the shop. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

As the Parish Council receives any new information, we will communicate with residents via e-mail, noticeboards and the website. 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, because for example you are isolating or shielding, please contact the clerk who can direct you to the appropriate Coronavirus Appleton Besselsleigh and Eaton Support Group (CABES) person.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk
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Services will be held in the church building, or, if necessary, by Zoom or YouTube. Please consult our website www.stlaurenceappleton.org for up-to-date information.

S Club begins again. 'The Bible Talks' and Home Groups resume.
The Church building is open every day for private prayer.

Sunday 3rd	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival All Age Service
Sunday 10th	10:00 am 6.00 pm	All Age Service followed by a short communion Evensong
Sunday 17th	10:00 am	All Age Service followed by a short communion
Sunday 24th	10:00 am 6.00 pm	All Age Service followed by a short communion Evensong
Sunday 31st	10.00 am	All Age Service followed by a short communion

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