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Barratt Family Christmas Concert

Friday 17th December - 7.30pm

St Laurence Church, Appleton

*A short concert of Christmas music
and carols suitable for all the family*

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

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Please contact Claire for tickets:

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cbarratt28@gmail.com



Dear Friends

We're all looking for something this Christmas...

Perhaps you're looking forward to **getting to Christmas** – to enjoying all the presents, the food and the fun? Or maybe you're just hanging on through gritted teeth in the hope of **getting through Christmas** and coming out the other side unscathed? Why not discover this year a **NEW WAY** to approach Christmas by grabbing hold of a joy that lasts beyond the turkey and the tinsel, the sparkle and the stress! It's time to rescue Christmas!

St Laurence exists to do just that! And so we're looking forward to seeing you with us at one or more of our various Christmas events and services that start on 5th December, with our Christingle service. Full details of all that's on can be found on the back page.

The Church Building

The last few months have seen a number of projects come to fruition and so create some **NEW WAYS** to use our church building, thanks to the support of a generous patron. The **lighting** has been significantly improved, ensuring the whole building is well-lit and an effective and suitable location for Sunday gatherings as well as any number of other activities. We are keen that the building is used for community events, too, and offer it to the village for such use.

A state-of-the-art **audio-visual facility** has been installed and ensures that all can hear well and provide both visual presentation and live-streaming. We are enormously grateful to being able to partner with the school for this to be possible and to offer it as an additional facility that they and others in the village can make use of.

A Ministry Apprentice

Thanks to a partnership with an Oxford church and our generous patron, we have been delighted to welcome Tom Mawdesley as our first Ministry Apprentice and so **NEW WAYS** to grow. As the name suggests, Tom is here to learn, but also to contribute, as indeed he is in so many ways. Tom is assisting with school assemblies, supporting two of our three Home Groups and co-ordinating the re-launch of our S-Club – our Sunday groups for 0-11 year-olds during our Sunday@10. Welcome, Tom!

With my very best wishes for this Christmas season and looking forward to welcoming you to St Laurence over the next few weeks.

Phil Parker

Rector

Decorating the Church for Christmas

St Laurence Appleton with Besselsleigh

Thursday 23rd December 2021 10.30am

Please do join us to help decorate the church for Christmas. No experience necessary. If you have any greenery in your garden - holly etc, you'd like to donate, that would be fantastic.

Please call Isabel Parker 01865 655867 to let us know if you're able to help.

ST LAURENCE CHURCH - PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St Laurence's is in an exciting place with a number of new initiatives planned for a growing church family of all ages.

We are looking for an experienced administrator to join us on a flexible part-time basis to support our ministry. The purpose of the role is to deal with day-to-day administrative tasks in close co-operation with the Rector and other officers of the church.

The role could be home based but some duties may need to be carried out elsewhere. The role is initially scoped for a minimum of 5 hours a week. The post would be on a self-employed contract basis.

We would expect that the individual fulfilling this role will be a Christian and committed to our Vision and Mission.

For further information and an application form please contact Roger Mitty, Churchwarden, 40 Eaton Road, Appleton, OX13 5JH. roger@eatonroad.net

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Sunday 5th December 10am

Join us and light a christingle in this special service.

Learn all about the special meaning of each element.

The deadline for the Advertiser January edition will be **11th December rather than the 19th as normal**. This will allow us to get it printed and out to the distributors before Christmas.

Please ensure any contributions are forwarded before the 11th.

Appleton WI

Our Christmas meeting will take place on Thursday, 16th December at 2pm in the village hall. It will be a bring and share tea, and we will be entertained by handbell ringers from Stanton St John. There will be a raffle and a stall.

We would like to invite any visitors to come and join us. Dig out your Christmas jumper and come along, you will be very welcome.

Elaine Flint
01865 861838

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



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 into the Autumn and Winter, a full service will continue throughout the colder weather, and of course we have floodlights for evening sessions.

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

Presentation Evening and Christmas Dinner – Fri 17 Dec 2021

Looking ahead, we will be holding our annual Presentation Evening and Christmas Dinner in the Plough Pub on Fri 17 Dec. The Presentation Evening (open to all) will start at 6.30pm followed by Dinner at 7.30pm. If you wish to attend the Dinner, details may be found on the Club Website

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>

AppletonwithEatonTennisClub. Please ensure that you book by Fri 12 Dec so that we can finalise numbers

Recycling Tennis Balls

Did you ever wonder what happens to all our used tennis balls? We do recycle them and they don't just go to landfill! Used balls are bagged periodically (by our hard working Maintenance Officer – Adrian Willett) and sent to a not-for-profit recycling company. The Club receives a modest payment (circa £120 per year) and company profits go to a range of charities including: Make A Wish, Cancer Research UK, The British Heart Foundation, The Alzheimer's Society, The National Autistic Society, The Parkinson's Disease Society, CALM, Macmillan Cancer Support, Blue Elephant, Help For Heroes, Foodbank Fundraising, The Stroke Association, ASYTST, NLAAS, Veterans Lifeline, The Tennis

Foundation, Tennis First, & Tennis For Free. Win, win I'd say!

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

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

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>

AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

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Appleton with Eaton History Club

Looking for a special Christmas gift?

Festive bundles of AwESome Histories tied with ribbon are available from the Village Shop. Ideal stocking fillers!

Nos 1-4 £10, Nos 5-8 £12.

Individual copies are also available.

The next meeting of the History Group will take place on Thursday 2nd December at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Please contact Jackie at jackielewisthame@gmail.com or 07813 602638 for further information.

*Jackie Lewis
for AwEHG*

Gardening Club



In November we had an interesting talk given by Jane Perone on House Plants. Jane suggested we become plant detectives by looking at and feeling the foliage to determine what category of plants we have in our houses and to enable us to give them appropriate care. For instance, cacti and succulents store water in the stems and leaves so it is important not to over water. On the other hand, Maidenhair Ferns have thin leaves and often die from lack of water and need to be placed in the shade.

If in doubt check the roots and poke some holes in the soil to see how wet it is or whether the roots are pot bound, as it may need a bigger pot and remember roots need air as well as water. Keep the plants where you can see them both for pleasure and so that you notice any changes. During the winter cacti and succulents like to be cool and dry.

Jane went on to talk about various interesting plants we could have in our house plant collections, such as Fishtail Hoya, Begonias, Hare's Foot Fern and Oxalis. It is also important to remember that pot plants are often toxic, particularly if you have small children or pets. It's recommended that you check your plants regularly for scale insects and remove by hand. To feed your plants weekly when they are in active growth and to flush out salts by giving them a good watering allowing them to drain afterwards.

Our December social will be a Tea Party from 3 – 5 pm on **Thursday 9th December** in the Village Hall. For further information please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com.

In January our talk will be given by Tony Russell on *Tall Stories – The Amazing World of Trees*, on Wednesday 12th January, at 7.30 pm, on Zoom. Tony was Head Forester at Westonbirt Arboretum for 14 years and then moved into forest and garden consultancy, writing and broadcasting. He has been a Garden Consultant for the National Trust since 2009 and leads garden and plant-based tours all over the world.

If you are interested in joining us membership is £5 per annum which allows you to take part in all our events. Please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com for the link to the talk and for further information

*Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton*

Appleton website is now
www.appleton-eaton.org

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.

Ten thousand and forty of Caters Grandsire

St Laurence's tower has a famous ring of 10 bells and people from all over the country come to Appleton for the 4th March celebrations, held on the first Saturday in March, which commemorates the gift of the original ring of six bells by Robert Southby in 1818. The bells were augmented to 8 in 1854 and 10 in 1875. A total of 523 peals have been rung on the bells since 1855 and these have included several record and long length peals.

In 1871, a record peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung and 50 years later, in 1921, a peal of 10,043 Grandsire Caters was rung to commemorate the record peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal is commemorated in one of the songs sung at the 4th March dinner (ten thousand and forty of Caters Grandsire) which has verses describing the ten ringers who rang in the peal. On 11th December 1971, a further long length of 10,241 changes was rung to commemorate the 50th and 100th anniversaries of the original record peal.

This year (2021) sees the 150th anniversary of the first record peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells and the 50th and 100th anniversaries of the commemorative long length peals rung in 1921 and 1971. On Saturday 11th December, which is 50 years since the last 10,000 of Grandsire Caters was rung, it is planned to attempt another long length peal of Grandsire Caters to commemorate these anniversaries. The peal has been specially composed for the occasion by Simon Bond from Oxford, who called the first half of the proposed peal for our recent half-muffled peal in memory of the fallen, for Remembrance Weekend on Saturday 13th November. The attempt will start at about 10.00 and is expected to take approximately 6 hours.

A Special Rum

There are many reasons for having rum at Christmas. In Christmas pudding, rum punches and so on. Another is that Appleton has a historic link with one particular rum – made in Jamaica.

The story starts in 1632 with the birth of Francis Dickinson. He was the second son of the Rector of Appleton – William Dickinson. Francis became a soldier and in 1655 was key in the English invasion and capture of Jamaica from the Spanish. It had been Spanish for 150 years. It remained a British colony for 300 years until independence.

Captain Francis Dickinson was rewarded for his role in capturing the island. He was given 6,000 acres of Jamaica. The land became known as the Appleton Estate. It is in the fertile Nassau Valley in the west of Jamaica. It is now a popular tourist attraction centred on the rum distillery – the oldest in Jamaica. The photo shows a bottle – almost empty - of the Signature Blend.

Appleton Estate Rum is highly regarded. It is sold around the world – a lasting testimony to the heroic deeds of a son of Appleton some 370 years ago.

For balance we should say that Francis' older brother – Edward - also achieved fame and fortune as a physician to two Kings – but that's another story.



*John Evans
James Page
for AwEHG*

St Laurence Church

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND FOOD FAIR

Saturday 4th December 2-4pm



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afternoon tea and a
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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	22,317
Oct	23,504	22,402	21,125
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	

Newspaper Deliveries

Please would Newspaper customers note that there will be NO NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES on Monday 27th December, Tuesday 28th December, Saturday 1st January and Monday 3rd January, although newspapers will be available for collection in the shop between 9am and 11am on these days.

From the Directors to the Staff and Volunteers, a huge THANK YOU for your continuing support through a tricky 2021.

From all of us to all our customers, a very Happy and Healthy Christmas.

Dear Customer

This time last year we wrote

'At the time of writing this we have no idea what our Christmas get together will look like. Large? Small? Non-existent? Turkey for 12 or turkey for 2?'

How right we were to be pondering the question! Well in 2021 we're all hoping and praying that this year's festivities won't be cancelled in the unceremonious manner that they were in 2020 and want to reassure you that your Shop will be stocking, as ever, a wide range of Christmas favourites.

Read on

Order your Quality, Locally Sourced Festive Food from Appleton Community Shop

This year, Appleton Shop will again 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, sausage meat (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.

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

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

The pre-ordering system makes our lives easier and ensures that we won't let you down by being caught unawares too late to replenish stocks. We'll then prepare your pre-ordered products and have them ready for you to collect on the 23rd or 24th December, whichever date you prefer.

You'll see from the Christmas and New Year opening hours below that we have given our early-riser volunteers a very well-deserved 'lie

-in' over the period between Christmas and New Year.

We'll be opening at 9am each morning and please note the earlier closing times too.

We'd like to thank in advance the volunteers who will be ensuring that your shop remains open and stocked over the festive period'.

Volunteers needed to serve behind the counter

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, please contact the shop on: 01865 863191 or ask a member of staff.

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


Stars for the Tree of Remembrance

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. £5 per star.

Forms available from Church and the village shop.
Completed forms to the village shop.

All proceeds to The Abingdon Bridge
<https://www.theabingdonbridge.org.uk>





Carols
AND
Lanterns
UNDER THE STARS

TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER

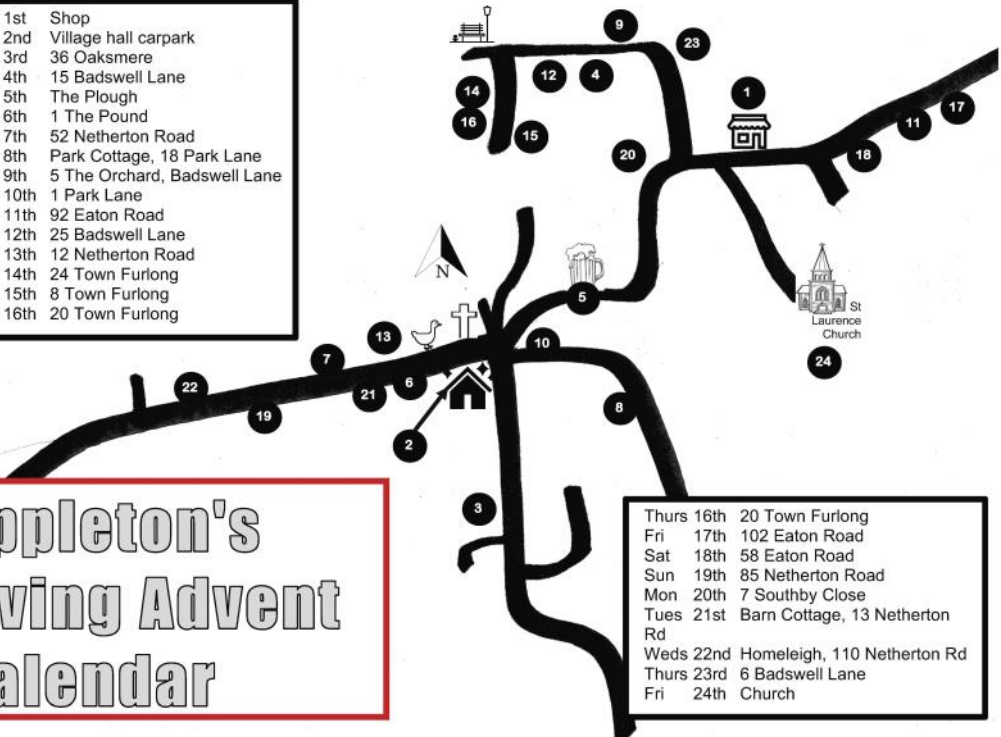
Lantern making in the Village Hall **6.00 pm**

Tickets available from Village Shop £2 per child to cover materials or contact Emma Queralt
emmaqueralt@gmail.com

Mulled Wine, Juice and Mince Pies from **6.30pm**

Carol Singing around the brazier at
the Village Hall **7.00pm**

Weds 1st	Shop
Thurs 2nd	Village hall carpark
Fri 3rd	36 Oaksmere
Sat 4th	15 Badswell Lane
Sun 5th	The Plough
Mon 6th	1 The Pound
Tues 7th	52 Netherton Road
Weds 8th	Park Cottage, 18 Park Lane
Thurs 9th	5 The Orchard, Badswell Lane
Fri 10th	1 Park Lane
Sat 11th	92 Eaton Road
Sun 12th	25 Badswell Lane
Mon 13th	12 Netherton Road
Tues 14th	24 Town Furlong
Weds 15th	8 Town Furlong
Thurs 16th	20 Town Furlong



Appleton's Living Advent Calendar

Thurs 16th	20 Town Furlong
Fri 17th	102 Eaton Road
Sat 18th	58 Eaton Road
Sun 19th	85 Netherton Road
Mon 20th	7 Southby Close
Tues 21st	Barn Cottage, 13 Netherton Rd
Weds 22nd	Homeleigh, 110 Netherton Rd
Thurs 23rd	6 Badswell Lane
Fri 24th	Church

Come and view the living advent calendar around the village this December

Every evening from the 1st-24th of December, a different location will unveil its individual advent window. Viewing is free, but donations welcomed - any money raised will go to 'The Abingdon Bridge' (www.theabingdonbridge.org.uk) and church funds.

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

Have yourself an Environmentally Friendly Christmas!

Use recyclable wrapping paper (try the scrunch test)
Avoid glittery paper (non-recyclable)

Recycle Christmas cards (look out for the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) mark – these cards have been produced sustainably and ethically.

Recycle your tree.

Green Appleton: Greenappleton2021@gmail.com



News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

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. The celebration weekend will be the 2nd – 5th June 2022.

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.

Thank you to the Appleton Community Shop

The Parish Council has presented the Appleton Community Shop with a new picnic table to recognise their support for the village during the pandemic. A dedication plaque will be presented as soon as it is completed.

Jubilee Park After Dark

The council has had some reports of noise late at night. Whilst there is no formal closing time of the park, the council does ask that any noise late at night be kept to a minimum out of courtesy to the nearby residents.

If anyone does hear any noise that is out of the ordinary, please feel free to contact Thames Valley police by ringing 101 or visiting their website.

Oxfordshire Treescape Project

The Parish Council will be supporting Green Appleton in consulting with Oxfordshire Treescape Project to carry out a survey of trees and hedges in the village, and then to examine the scope for further planting of trees for the Queen's Green Canopy in 2022.

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.

***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*

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References available.

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ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH CHURCH SERVICES December 2021

Please consult our website www.stlaurenceappleton.org for up-to-date information.

The Church building is open every day for private prayer.

Wednesday 1st	7.45pm for 8	Monthly Prayer Meeting in Church
Sunday 5th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Christingle Service All-Age Christingle Service
Sunday 12th	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Communion Service & creche and children's groups Evensong
Sunday 19th	10:00 am	Communion Service & creche and children's groups
Christmas Eve Friday 24th	4.00 pm 6.00 pm 11.30 pm	Children's Crib Service Candlelit Service of Lessons and Carols Midnight Communion
Christmas Day Saturday 25th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion All-Age Christmas Celebration
Sunday 26th		No Service
January Sunday 2nd	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion All-age Service

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