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Dear Friends

We live in a culture that is quick to criticise our public institutions and the Church of England has not escaped this. This has encouraged me to remind myself of why I'm an Anglican, and my conviction that I belong to the Church of England, and more than that, that the Church of England belongs to me! Here are two reasons:

1. Theological

The doctrinal basis of the faith of the Church of England is spelt out in the 39 *Articles of Religion*. The *Book of Common Prayer* and the *Books of Homilies* are commentaries on the Articles. It is true that as an historical document the articles reflect some of the controversies that were raging at the time. Nonetheless, they are a wonderful expression of authentic Christianity. Attempts to re-interpret them in the 19th century failed even in the eyes of their authors – hence John Henry Newman's conversion to Rome. These documents reflect well the teaching of Scripture and I'm totally happy with the official, historical and legal formulation of the Church of England's theological position.

2. Liturgical

Here are the 5 principles by which the architect of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) – Thomas Cranmer – compiled his liturgy:

(1) Every church to be Bible-driven. When you examine the Prayer Book, you'll be amazed at quite how much Scripture there is, not just in the readings and canticles – but also in the exhortations, biddings and collects.

(2) The direction is manward rather than Godward. The whole emphasis is on God addressing us first and foremost, to which we then respond. According to the Prayer Book we don't come to church to do something *to* or *for* God, but to hear *from* him. A little clue is that the BCP hardly ever uses the words 'worship' or 'service'. They are in the Preface, and the Venite, and in the marriage ceremony – 'with my body I thee (wife, not God) worship' – but hardly anywhere else.

(3) Intelligibility. Cranmer was very concerned that the mind should be engaged at all times, hence the explanations as to why we 'come together' and the frequent rubrics. Biblical faithfulness never bypasses the mind. His intention that everything should be in ordinary everyday speech that all could understand.

(4) Teaching. It followed that Cranmer saw the liturgy as a way of teaching and modelling doctrine. Inevitably there is symbolism – a holy table, bread and wine – but correctly understood, the symbolism is a powerful teaching agent.

(5) Congregational. Compared to what had gone on before and sometimes happen today when only few are involved, Cranmer made provision for huge 'audience participation'. Canticles, psalms, the Creed, responses and many prayers were for all to join in.

At St Laurence we hold a variety of opportunities to gather on Sundays – an 8.00am BCP Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month; a weekly more contemporary gathering at 10.00am, with a creche and a children's group; and a 6.00pm BCP Evensong on the second and fourth Sundays. We'd love to see you there and welcome you then!

*With all good wishes,
Phil*

Val Stimpson

The family would like to say a big thank you for all the kindness shown from villagers and friends following the passing of Val Stimpson on 25th Nov 2021 at her nursing home in Kennington. It is so nice to know that she is still remembered by so many. Thank you from Angela, Peter, Tim & Alan.

Green Appleton

With the start of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Year our focus amongst other things for 2022 will be about planting trees. (You can find out more about the Queens Canopy Project here: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>) The right sort of planting will not only enhance our surroundings but will play a very small but important part in helping the Climate change crisis. So for this reason, in conjunction with the Parish Council, we have commissioned an Opportunity Report from the Oxfordshire Treescape Project (www.oxtrees.uk) which is very detailed and will help identify suitable trees and where to plant them.

Following on from this, we are keen to look at linking our hedgerows to create nature corridors not only within our parish but linking to neighbouring parishes too. There is evidence that creating nature corridors ensures that creatures have a better chance of flourishing and moving between habitats.

Watch out for our piece next month to learn about this.

If you are interested in being involved please contact us at: greenappleton2021@gmail.com

Ann Chapple

Derek Chapple and Laura Hicks would like to thank all the people who sent cards and words of sympathy at the sad passing of Ann Chapple.

The retiring collection at her funeral and some donations raised over a thousand pounds for the Renal Unit at the Churchill Hospital.

Thank You

A big thank you to all who made this year's return to the Village Hall for the Christmas Bazaar such a success.

Thanks to all of you, the total raised was an amazing £2,453.74.

From tea makers to cake bakers, to all who manned stalls or came to support and bought a raffle ticket, and especially to all those who donated such wonderful gifts, a big thank you and a very Happy New Year!

Mary Blake

Thank you to all those who created Advent windows. It was lovely to be able to walk around the village and view such creative and beautiful windows. They certainly brightened up the dark nights.

St Laurence PCC

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Awards Evening

We held a very successful and enjoyable Awards Evening, outside the Plough Pub, on the evening of Friday 17 December. Thank you to all our members and supporters who came along to support the event, and we hope you enjoyed the mulled wine and mince pies. As well as presenting formally the Tournament Trophies from Finals Day (held on 12 September), we were pleased to announce the winners of our 2 prestigious Junior Awards. Congratulations to:

- Cory Kelly winner of the Gilkes Award for the Most Improved Junior.
- Luis Levens winner of the Polly Birch Award, nominated by Head Coach, for the Most Promising Junior.

We also said farewell to our long-time Head Coach, Craig Amison-Smith, who is retiring, having started with us in January 2014. We would all like to thank Craig for his sterling efforts as our Head Coach - always hard-working, approachable and engaging. In particular, his work in developing our Junior Programme has been outstanding and he has inspired a whole new generation in the joys of playing tennis.

New Head Coach

Our new Head Coach is Bart Wisniewski, who took up the reins in the New Year. Bart is a racquets manager and head coach for David Lloyd Club Oxford and Horton cum Studley Tennis Club. Since 2019, he has been involved in developing the most talented young players in our region as County Coach and Captain for U8/U9/U10 County squads. Welcome aboard, Bart!

Current Opportunities for Play and Organised Coaching.

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 well into the winter, a full service will continue throughout the colder weather, and of course we have floodlights for evening sessions. Full details of all sessions may be found on the Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>
AppletonwithEatonTennisClub
Organised coaching for Adults (Monday Evening), and for Juniors (Friday Afternoon) will recommence after half-term on the week beginning 28 February. Full details, including on-line bookings for the Junior Coaching Spring Programme will be posted on the Website, as soon as possible.

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

If you would like to join this thriving club, please contact the club by email - appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com . We offer individual adult, family and junior memberships.

Dates for the Diary

Wed 2 Feb - Indoor Tennis recommences at WHLTC (Abingdon). 8pm (first Wed in the month).

Thu 3 Mar – AGM at the Plough Pub

For more information and to contact the club:

Email: appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com
Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>
AppletonwithEatonTennisClub
Facebook: www.facebook.com/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

Gardening Club



In January we had an interesting talk from Tony Russell on Tall Stories – the Amazing World of Trees. Tony introduced himself by talking about how he had been interested in trees from a very early age. He remembered having a discussion with the park keeper about the trees growing in his local park. He started work thinning out trees in a pine forest and clearing trees in Hampshire after the “hurricane” of 1987. He went to work at Westonbirt Arboretum where he was responsible for the collection of woody plants. After 14 years at Westonbirt he went on to work in television, writing about trees and leading group tours to gardens, both in this country and abroad. Tony illustrated his talk with photographs from the Amazon Rain Forest as well trees in the UK.

Tony then went on to talk about specific trees, for instance the discovery of the Wollemi Pine in Australia which was found growing in 3 canyons and although there was a devastating forest fire in one of the canyons the trees survived underground and regenerated again after the fire. He also talked about the Ginkgo tree which is an ancient conifer first growing about 30,000 years ago. The Ginkgo absorbs more CO₂ than any other plant and is therefore suitable for growing in high pollution areas and it also has medicinal properties. Tony also talked about other trees such as why Yew trees are found in churchyards, coppiced small leaf Lime, which indicates an ancient wood and problems such as Dutch Elm disease, Horse Chestnut wilt and Ash die back.

As well as being beautiful, trees can be grown to screen unsightly buildings, reduce noise from heavy traffic on motorways, remove air pollutants, provide shelter from extreme weather, help recovery for people after their

operations, offer shelter and food for birds and small mammals and in the garden, trees provide colour and interest all year. Finally, Tony talked about the Giant Redwood which has adapted to wildfires as its thick spongy bark is resistant to fire and the heat opens the cones so that the seed is released and begins to grow before the rest of the forest regenerates.

In February Doug Stewart will be giving us a talk about The World’s Largest Gardening Project. Doug is a professionally trained horticulturist who in recent years has worked primarily in horticultural education and consultancy. He is a Professional Associate with the RHS and will talk about the new RHS Bridgewater Garden in Greater Manchester which opened in 2021. The meeting will be on Wednesday, 9th February at 7.30 pm on Zoom. If you would like to join us please email aegardeningclub@gmail.com.

*Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269*

Evergreen Club

A huge **Thank You** to all you generous members who so kindly gave me a fantastic large bag full of delicious goodies for my birthday. I have rosy prospects of imbibing my thirst through many gin and tonics and consuming a scrumptious variety of chocolates and biscuits etc. Lovely thought! Bless you all and a happy and hopefully Covid –free 2022

Trish Wagstaff

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Message from your Post Mistress

Now that it is possible to travel abroad again, did you know that it is possible to go on-line to order foreign currency at postoffice.co.uk?

Orders can then be delivered to Appleton Post Office for collection.

If using this handy service, remember to bring photo ID, even if you know that the postmistress knows you, and the card that you used to pay for the currency.

I am afraid that we are no longer allowed to hold Euros or order direct from our branch.

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	21,844
Dec	24,524	24,992	24,552
Jan	20,700	22,924	
Feb	19,962	22,000	
Mar	27,669	24,876	
April	28,522	22,316	

Valentine's Day – Monday 14th February

Buy a card and gift for that special person in your life and make it a memorable day!

We stock carefully chosen wine, including Champagne and Prosecco and why not add a box of chocolates or choose from some of the fantastic range of wines now in the shop.

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We have a Five Star Rating!

We are pleased to announce that on

Thursday 13th January

following an unannounced Food Hygiene Inspection, we once again received a 5 rating. We were even congratulated on Twitter by the inspectors!

Our only action point was to undertake periodic checks of delivery vehicles to make sure they are clean and in good condition when delivering goods.

Volunteers Needed For Weekday Sessions

Volunteers are always needed to work behind the counter serving customers and we would really like to hear from anyone who could help with any of the following regular slots which we now need to fill if possible:



Mondays 1pm- 3 pm

Wednesdays 1pm- 3pm and 3pm- 5pm

Fridays 1pm- 3pm

Please let a staff member or Laura Olver know if you can help with any of the above sessions. Two hours usually passes very fast in the shop and you get to meet your neighbours!

If you would like to be trained and have a go at learning how to use the new electronic till before committing yourself, just talk to one of the shop staff or send the shop an email at: appletonshop@gmail.com

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Appleton with Eaton History Club

The next meeting of Appleton with Eaton History Group will take place on Thursday 3rd February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Everyone is welcome.

A topical snippet from Peter Stimpson

Telescopes and Cricket

One of the major scientific news stories of 2022 has been the deployment of the JAMES WEBB telescope, that blasted off on Christmas day to explore space to ever new depths.

However, before the launch of this telescope, any mention of the name JAMES WEBB within the Appleton parish would surely refer to the gentleman who was born in Park Lane in 1878.

Being one of four brothers, the family were devoted members of the Appleton Cricket Club. After marrying in 1900 James set up home at what is now Wayside cottage, Eaton, where he worked as an agricultural labourer and later became a quarryman in Besselsleigh. He had an association with Appleton for many years until his sad demise in 1950 aged 71.

However, 109 years ago in May 1913 the WEBB family also appeared in the pages of news print for James' brothers, Mark and Edward Webb, had played a major part when Appleton CC beat Buckland in an away match winning 81 runs to 38.

The newspaper report of the day tells us that the Appleton WEBB brothers not only bowled out 10 of the Buckland players, but also scored 6 of the runs for Appleton. Three cheers for the Webb brothers Mark, James and Edward. Lets hope the NASA report also lives on just as long.

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.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact the clerk.

Consultations

Oxfordshire County Council has several consultations residents can participate in. Consultations this month are taking place on:

1. Local transport and connectivity.

The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan consultation formally opened on the 5th January and closes 16th March.

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltcp>

This is a HUGELY IMPORTANT subject that affects all residents and our division is particularly affected by issues around and the status of our key road, the A420. In addition, proposals include reducing car journeys by a quarter by 2030 and by a third by 2040. An aspiration to increase cycling journeys from 600,000 to 1 million by 2031 is also included. Comments welcome.

2. Special Educational needs and Disabilities (SEND)

More funding has been committed by the Government for this important area of provision and proposals have been drafted to make more high-quality SEND support available closer to home i.e. in-County, here in Oxfordshire. There are many children in mainstream provision who would benefit from additional support in their current setting and so it is important that parents are able to have their say. The consultation launched on the 10th January and will be live until the 10th March.

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/send-2022>

3. Use of libraries and heritage services:

Residents are invited to share their thoughts on their usage of Oxfordshire's library and heritage services in order to feed into a new strategy for usage up to 2027. The consultation opened on the 24th January. The link to this specific consultation was not available at the time of printing, but can be found at <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Speed Data

During December the speed sign was placed on the Netherton Road and this is the data collected.

INBOUND

20 - 30mph (3,224 traffic movements)	75.91 %
31 - 35mph (805 traffic movements)	18.95 %
36 - 40mph (189 traffic movements)	4.45 %
41 - 45mph (24 traffic movements)	0.57 %
46 - 65mph (5 traffic movements)	0.12 %
Average speed	26.99 mph
Top speed	54 mph

OUTBOUND

20 - 30mph (4,101 traffic movements)	85.24 %
31 - 35mph (541 traffic movements)	11.25 %
36 - 40mph (123 traffic movements)	2.56 %
41 - 45mph (37 traffic movements)	0.77 %
46 - 65mph (9 traffic movements)	0.19 %
Average speed	25.89 mph
Top speed	65 mph

Appleton Sportsfield and Pavilion

Appleton Sportsfield and Pavilion is available for hire for many kinds of events, sporting (team sports, fitness classes, etc.), parties, meetings and more! Facilities include a 5-acre outdoor area including football and cricket pitches, kitchen facilities, meeting/event space.

If you are interested in an event at the sportsfield, please contact the clerk either on 01865 865 876 or via e-mail at parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com.

Covid-19

As the Parish Council receives any new information regarding Covid-19, we will communicate with residents via e-mail, noticeboards and the website. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

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
01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

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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.

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The Church building is open every day for private prayer.

Wednesday 2nd	7.45pm for 8	Monthly Prayer Meeting in Church
Sunday 6th	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion All-age Service
Sunday 13th	10:00 am 6.00 pm	Communion Service & creche and children's groups Evensong
Sunday 20th	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion Morning Service & creche and children's groups
Sunday 27th	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Communion Service & creche and children's groups Evensong

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