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Dear Friends

For many people, the question 'what is a Christian?' is a confusing one. Most have learned something about Jesus and the Bible from school or from church, and yet, for whatever reason, have not been able to see the sense or the point of it all. Others have picked up second-hand doubts about the validity of the Christian message. Is the Bible reliable? How can God love us when there is so much suffering around? Surely science has disproved it all?

There are good and convincing answers to all these questions, but none of them makes sense unless we really understand the Christian answer to the bigger questions which trouble us all: Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? Is there a God out there who cares for me? And how can I get in touch with him? The Christian claim is that all these questions were answered decisively when Jesus Christ came into the world.

Jesus taught that everything matters, because the world and everything in it, including people, belongs to God. What we do in God's world and with it is important to God. He has never lost interest in his world, nor in any part of it. Some people think that God made his world and then grew tired of it, but this is quite contrary to what the Bible says.

When God created the world he did it so that Jesus would be in charge of it. Jesus, through his death and resurrection, has become Lord and Master of the whole creation. He, therefore, has the right to control everything in the world, including your life and mine. We should all recognise him as our Master and God. We should all worship and obey him. This is what is meant by the statement 'Jesus Christ is Lord', which is the earliest Christian creed recorded. It is believing this and acting on it which makes a person into a Christian.

There's lots more to say and I'll continue in the months to come, so stay with me as there's good news to follow... better still, do join us for our child-friendly Easter services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday – both at 10.00am, with a Creche available.

Every best wish
Phil Parker
Rector

EASTER EGG HUNT

Barry and I are once again organising the Appleton Easter Egg Hunt. After such a couple of unsettling years we thought it would be a lovely tradition to reinstate.

Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles please bring your children along to **LONG CLOSE** (the field behind the Church) on **EASTER SUNDAY** at **3PM** when the fun will begin.

In the past this event has been enjoyed by so many of the children from the Parish. We have always managed to make this a free event for all and would like to do the same again this year. We fund this event ourselves and with kind donations from local organisations, businesses, and private sponsors. If you are able to make a donation, please contact Rachel or Barry who would love to hear from you. Donations can be monetary, or if you would prefer in chocolate eggs. Any donation, whatever the size would be very much appreciated.

Please come along and join us for a fun afternoon.

Rachel and Barry Knight
Tel: 01865 864977 Mobile: 07584426030
rachelknight954@btinternet.com

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY HOUSE BOX SCHEME

A big thank you to all box holders for your support. Your collections have raised an amazing £450 over the last year in Appleton.

If you would like to read more about the organisation please visit childrenssociety.org. or contact your local Box Coordinator on 01865 863168.

Sanchia Prickett

ST LAURENCE, Appleton with Besselsleigh Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

Our APCM will be held on Wednesday 4th May at 7pm in Church. The evening will start with a fish and chip supper. Please let Carol Dodimead know if you plan to attend. There will be a charge of £7.00 for supper.

For those not able to join us in time for supper the meeting will start at 7.45pm.

At the APCM It is a legal requirement to present the Annual Report and hold a vote for the election of Lay members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The 2021 Annual Report will be available to download from the website from **20th April 2022**

www.stlaurenceappleton.org or email the PCC Secretary, Carol Dodimead pccsecretary@stlaurencechurch.org for a copy.

The APCM is a meeting for all those on the Electoral Roll and anyone resident in the Parish. Please do come and join us.

Carol Dodimead 07767796071

Appleton WI

Our April meeting will be held on Thursday, 21st April at 2pm in the Village Hall.

Julia Miles will talk to us about her "**28 years as a diplomat's wife.**" What a fascinating title! There will be the usual raffle and a bring and buy stall.

Visitors are always welcome, so do drop in.

*Elaine Flint
01865 861838*

APPLETON WITH EATON HISTORY GROUP

Discovering a lost manor: excavations and investigations at old Besselsleigh

talks by Jane Harrison, Katie Hambrook & William Wintle

Thursday 7th April, 7.30pm

in Appleton Village Hall, admission £4

Wine and soft drinks, first drink included with entry ticket

Everyone welcome

Once again, the Appleton Area Archaeological Research team (based at the Department for Continuing Education at Oxford University) will be back to tell us about all their latest discoveries, and will bring finds from the 2021 excavations of the old Besselsleigh Manor to show us.

The team are back excavating in Besselsleigh during April, and there will be an opportunity to book a place on a guided tour of the excavations on Friday 22nd April at 5pm or 6.15pm. Places are limited and tickets are free.

Meanwhile, if you are interested in finding out about any aspects of the history of our local area, we always welcome new members to the History Group. Our informal meetings are held in Appleton Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month, September to May. Do come and join us! For further information, contact:

John Page 01865 864808 or Jackie Lewis 07813 602638

jackielewisthame@gmail.com

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



A New Season

Spring is here and we are just starting a new playing Season/year. Our hardier members have played all through the winter, however, if you've been hibernating, time to dust off the racquet and head back down to the courts.

Existing Members should now have been contacted to renew their membership (by auto-renewal or to set up a new direct debit). Please remember that our membership renewals/joining are now by the Clubspark/Gocardless on-line process. If you have not received a renewal notice email then please email the Club on:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Members should note that the padlock (court and car park gates) combination will be changed on the evening of Sun 10 Apr. The new combination will be sent in your payment confirmation email (on or about 7 Apr).

If you are not a Member but would like to join our thriving club, please contact the club by email -

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com.

The new Membership Rates for the 2022/23 Season are:

Adult	£71
Family	£148
Junior 11 and Under	£13
Junior 12 and Over	£26
Student	£26
Accompanying Adult	£34

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

Start the Season

To start the season, we will be holding a Fun Mixed Doubles Tournament on the evening of Wed 4 Apr. The Club Tournament is now open for entries; entries must be received by Fri 15 Apr and Finals Day will be on Sun 11 Sep. For full details see the recent Netcall email, or the Club website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>
AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

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. Adult coaching has resumed on Monday evenings. The Spring Term Junior Coaching Course is underway, and details of the Summer Term Course (starts after the Easter holidays) will be published soon. For full details of all our activities see the Club website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>
AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

Dates for the Diary

Wed 4 Apr – Fun Mixed Doubles Tournament
Tue 21 Jun - Ladies Mid-Summer Fun Night Evening
Sun 10 Jul - Maintenance Morning
Sun 11 Sep - Club Tournament Finals Day
Sub 18 Sep - Maintenance Morning
Wed 5 Oct - Fun Mixed Doubles Tournament

For more information and to contact the club:

Email:

appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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

AppletonwithEatonTennisClub

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Gardening Club



We were due to have a talk on My Top Ten (or more) Herbs in March, but computer problems intervened. Looking back over the past two years we have been able to hold our lecture programmes on Zoom and this is the first talk which has had to be cancelled. Being able to continue with our programme on Zoom has been important to the club.

Our next talk on Wednesday 13th April will be given by Bob Brown on *Too Many Plants, Too Little Space*. Bob is the founder of Cotswold Garden Flowers in Evesham, a plant nursery which specialises in hardy herbaceous perennials. The meeting will be held in the **Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm** and will be our first meeting in person since March 2020. Bob will be bringing a selection of plants for sale. Why not come along and join us for what will be an interesting evening – there is a small charge of £2 for non-members.

Over the summer we will be holding a series of events including our annual Plant Sale and summer BBQ in May, joining in the Jubilee Weekend with a Scarecrow and Front Garden display and two garden outings in July and August. Details of all these events to follow.

Hon. Secretary
Janet Hutton
01865 865269

Evergreen Club

Our meeting is on Friday April 8th when Christine Ewing will lead us in musical armchair exercises– gentle ones! Our plans for Jubilee meeting and weekend—bring your “little grey cells.”

Hearty home-made teas and raffles. Come and give us a try.

Trish Wagstaff

Injured Animals on the Roads

With spring arriving there are lots of animals around, on and near the roads of the village and its outskirts. No matter how carefully we drive accidents can happen.

I have been in a position where I have had to pull a struggling fully grown deer who had been hit by a car/van and left in the road off of Oaksmere and then watch her die as I did not know who to call for help.

Please take care when out and about and if you do happen to hit an animal please try to help, if it is still alive call Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue on 07549 322464. They are a charity doing all they can to help wildlife around Oxfordshire and if they are able to will come out to help.

Paula Wren

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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	21,844
Dec	24,524	24,992	24,552
Jan	20,700	22,924	20,223
Feb	19,962	22,000	18,923
Mar	27,669	24,876	
April	28,522	22,316	

Easter Opening Times

Good Friday 15th April 8 am- 12 noon

Easter Saturday 16th April 8 am -1 pm

Easter Sunday 17th April 8 am - 12 noon

(NB No deliveries, collect papers from the shop)

Easter Monday 18th April 9 am -11 am

(NB No deliveries, collect papers from the shop)

Post Office

Monday 18th April Closed

Tuesday 19th April Open 9 am -1 pm

Easter Gifts

- The shop will be stocking attractive Easter cards and a variety of chocolate treats and Easter eggs.
- Cake is back! Laura is cooking her delicious home- made varieties again.
- There is our usual excellent selection of wines and local beers as well as our wonderful local honey.

Order your Easter Hot Cross Buns

Natural Bread- order Tuesday for Friday collection

£1.20 each

Cornfields -order before noon Monday to Friday for next day collection

Packs of 4- £2.95

Packs of 2 - £1.50



Prospective Newspaper Deliverers

Please contact Jess Adams either directly on 07813

267 149 or by leaving your details in the shop

Please include the following:

Name, age, date of birth and parents contact details

Minimum age of 13 years

Parent's permission is required

Jess takes people's names in advance of their 13th birthday to enable all relevant paperwork to be completed

Stop by for Coffee and Cake

With the relaxation of the covid rules, we're delighted to welcome back the chairs for the coffee counter in the Shop!

For those who may still feel reluctant to pause in the shop long enough to drink a coffee, with the arrival of the spring sunshine with some warmth in it, try out the smart new outside table which the Parish Council so generously gave the Shop!

Coffee, Cake, Sandwiches, Baguettes, Sausage Rolls, Pasties, Pastries – mid morning snack? Lunch? Afternoon tea? Hoorah! It's a return to the pre-Covid days when the Shop was a



wonderful hub for a chat and a cuppa, not just for dashing in and out for a pint of milk!

Welcome back everyone! Let's hear how you are getting on.

Message from the Postmistress - Jubilee 50p coins

Our postmistress has a limited supply of the special Jubilee 50p pieces which can be purchased from the post office.

First come first served!



Volunteers Needed

There are still two regular slots behind the counter needing to be filled:

3pm -5pm on Wednesday

1pm -3pm on Friday.

We always need volunteers to cover when regulars are on holiday or off due to sickness. If you are interested in being trained, please ask a staff member.

Message from our Community Shop Chairman, Directors and Staff:

A very Happy Easter to You All.

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

And Follow us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/appletoncommunityshop

Shop Tel No: 01865 863191

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News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

Support for Ukraine

The Parish Council has put ways residents can donate to the Ukrainian effort on the website and sent this via shout out. The Council will be keeping apprised of the needs of refugees as the government's plan evolves and we learn if there will be any refugees in the Parish. There is already a list of volunteers of residents who are able to help in the case of emergency and the Council is ready to help in any way needed as those ways come to light.

Parking

The Parish Council would like to ask people to please not park on the pavement as well as to ask any guests/contractors the same. The pavement is for pedestrians, pushchairs, wheelchairs, etc.

Also, parking in the road will slow the speed of cars passing - so, a win win! Thanks in advance for your help on this.

Precept: 2022/2023

Each year the Parish Council creates a budget based on previous year's expenditure as well as projected expenditure. This is discussed and approved by the council at a Parish Council meeting in the December/January timeframe and a precept is agreed based on this budget.

For 2021/2022, the council reduced the precept due to less expenditure expected. The council was happy to have this reduction, especially during the Covid pandemic.

However, the council has needed to increase the precept for 2022/2023. Some of the budgetary factors have been:

- The Parish Council's income from sources other than the precept were reduced during the last two years.
- Inflation related increases in costs, such as admin and insurance
- The running costs for the sportsfield continue to rise, including the need to budget for seeding and fertilizing
- Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
- Increased training budget for councillors

Due to these factors, residents will see an increase in the Parish Council fees within your council tax bill. When considering the budget and precept, the council considers its running costs in addition to taking into consideration what brings added value such as well-informed councillors, effective communication and village-wide events where appropriate, such as the Jubilee.

We always welcome any input as to what you'd like to see from the council. All meetings are open to the public with a public session for you to raise any issues you may have. Residents can also raise any issues with the clerk who can be contacted via the information below.

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

01865 865 876 / parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

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
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – timings to be confirmed



Thursday 2nd June

Family Ramble from Jubilee Park (*morning*)

Cry Havoc Morris Dancers (The Plough)
followed by a folk jam (*evening*)

9.45 pm Beacon Lighting (one of 15,000 around
the Country and The Commonwealth)



Friday 3rd June

Live Streaming Her Majesty's Service from
St Paul's Cathedral in St Laurence Church

Village Hall Jubilee Exhibition, with Community
Choir and Ukele Group (*early evening*)



Saturday 4th June

Village Hall Jubilee Exhibition with Community
Choir and Ukele Group (*afternoon*)

Jubilee Park – Children's Fun Afternoon

The Plough Live Music & Disco + BBQ
in Garden Area (*evening*)



Sunday 5th July

Celebration Church Service

Big Jubilee Picnic Lunch at South Lawn
(including Jazz Band, Helter Skelter,
a tea-cup ride and Sharky & George)

Village Cricket Match



Jubilee Competitions

Front garden

(fill your front garden with lovely flowers)

Make a Scarecrow

(any king, queen or member of the royal family)

THE THREE VILLAGES BUNTING CHALLENGE

To mark the jubilee, lets deck the whole village in bunting – not plastic stuff that's been shipped half way round the world – but thrifty, home-made, upcycled, imaginative, totally bonkers bunting.

Red, white and blue for traditionalists, or any colour you like. Upcycle those old gardening jeans (you know, the ones with the holes in embarrassing places), or maybe you have some old curtains, or that old *Star Trek* duvet cover (to boldly sew...). Anything goes.

Each road (or section of road) might want to co-ordinate and work together, or you can just decorate outside your house.

There are no rules, other than a request that you don't go out and buy metres of new fabric. Let's think sustainable, 1950s make do and mend. Something from the charity shop is fine, and a few new bits of ribbon and embellishment are fair enough. There are lots of tutorials online, giving advice on fabric and construction.

Apart from that – over to you – young and old; experienced sewist or novice; perfectionist or bodger We challenge you to deck your road in bunting on the weekend of 3 June.

Any queries contact Sue Sternberg
(susan.sternberg@talk21.com)

VOLUNTEERS

Stewards, first aiders and general helpers will be needed. If anybody would be happy to help please could they let Allison Leigh know on parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com

If anyone needs more information on any of the above (and doesn't do e-mail) please ring Jane Cranston on 01865 863681

JUBILEE FRONT GARDEN AND/OR SCARECROW COMPETITION

- Fill your front garden with lovely flowers
- Hang up lots of decorations to make it look festive
- Add a scarecrow queen or king, or any member of a royal family - real, fictional or imaginary
- Enter your front garden in our competition. Entry forms will be in the Community shop from mid April – (free entry). Hang up your entry number in the garden over the Jubilee holiday so the judges can see.
- Take a walk around the villages to see all the fantastic entries.
- Prizes for best gardens and scarecrows will be awarded at the Jubilee Picnic

Organised by the
Appleton & Eaton Gardening Club
(aegardeningclub@gmail.com
or tel. 01865 865269)

VILLAGE HALL JUBILEE EXHIBITION

During the Jubilee Weekend the History Club are organising an exhibition of Jubilee Memorabilia which will be held in the village hall. If anyone has any Jubilee or Coronation Memorabilia or old village photographs (showing some of our older residents in their younger days!) please would they contact John Page on jsbpage27@gmail.com



Events and Competitions open to all residents of Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh

**Green Appleton
announce the return of
GREEN WINDMILL DAY**

Saturday April 9th

Appleton's version of a recycling swap-shop
Pick up your windmill and instructions from the shop from April 2nd.



Appleton Churchyard

Paths leading to the memorials at the rear of the manor cottages will be mown shortly so that people can easily walk across the grass as per last year. The rest of the grass in the area will be left to grow as part of the churchyard project encouraging wild flowers and nature to flourish. Please note that we are attempting to control the amount of alkanet and nettles in the area by the shed and will be covering some parts of this area to keep the growth down. This will not be a permanent feature and we will remove it as soon as we can.

On 9th April at 10.30, Rhiannon from Wild Oxfordshire will be in the Churchyard teaching us how to build bug hotels. We are very keen to add these to the area by the shed in the churchyard and it will be good to get expert advice. Bug hotels are also very easy to incorporate into gardens. All very welcome.

**Number 63 return Bus
Service through
Appleton to Oxford**

When this service was reinstated it was only guaranteed to run until August 2021 but was extended to the end of March 2022 due to the Pandemic. Recently this deadline has been extended further to the end of May 2022 but the future of this vital service is still uncertain and will depend on decisions made by Oxfordshire County Council. I have heard murmurings of possible cuts to some routes, not just in our area. Passenger numbers using the 63 are generally low but the service is an important, necessary transport link especially for the regular users of all ages.

I urge Appletonians to take the bus to Oxford whenever possible or convenient to help secure and make viable the continuation of the service. Once again, as I have stated before, the warning is : USE IT OR LOSE IT.

*Betty Griffiths
Appleton Bus Rep
Tel. 01865 863255*

Appleton's extraordinary son

In 1655 Francis Dickinson's heroic deeds in Jamaica were rewarded with 6,000 acres of fine land. Back home his older brother – Edmund – was just qualifying as a doctor in Oxford. Edmund had been a student at Eton and Merton College; he then set up his practice in The High in Oxford. Both brothers were born in Appleton to Rector William Dickinson and his wife Mary – née Colepepper.

William worked in Oxford for some 20 years. He had many other interests – chemistry, religion and philosophy. These interests gave rise to several books and extensive links with influential Oxford and London academics. His interest in chemistry was typical of the time – that of alchemy. This was a long-standing philosophy with a key target of making gold out of lesser metals. Although this wasn't possible much new chemistry was discovered as a result.

His standing as a great scientist was sealed when he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society at the age of 54. He then moved to practice in London. He moved into the house of Thomas Willis an eminent doctor who had described the detailed anatomy of the brain. The house was in St Martin's Lane just north of the newly built – but modest – church of St Martin-in-the-Field. Here he continued to work as a doctor, philosopher and chemist; there is a now a bar - "The Alchemist" - in St Martin's Lane.

Shortly after arriving in London Edmund successfully treated the Earl of Arlington of a mass, possibly a hernia. This led to him being recommended to King Charles II. The King and Edmund struck it off and became great friends. King Charles' interest in chemistry led him to build a laboratory beneath his bedroom in the Royal Palace – The Palace of Whitehall. King Charles and his friends could then visit Edmund when he was carrying out his experiments.

By now Edmund was royal physician to King Charles and he continued this role under King James II after the death of Charles II.

Edmund suffered from kidney stones – a very painful condition – and he retired from medical practice on the overthrow of James II.

He spent his retirement experimenting in chemistry and writing. One major text – "Physica vetus et vera" – was a complex mix of Jewish, Christian and scientific concepts – that he tried to integrate into a single whole. Much to my surprise this book – in Latin - has been reproduced and is for sale today – 320 years after first publication.

On his death in 1707 he was buried in St Martin-in-the-Field with much pomp and ceremony. A large inscribed marble monument was erected in his memory; sadly this was lost in the later rebuildings of the church.

John Evans

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ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH CHURCH SERVICES

April 2022

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

The Church building is open every day for private prayer.

Sunday 3rd PASSION SUNDAY	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion Communion Service & creche and children's groups
Wednesday 6th	7.45 for 8 pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting in Church
Sunday 10th PALM SUNDAY	10:00 am 6.00 pm	Morning Service & creche and children's groups Evensong
Friday 15th GOOD FRIDAY	10.00 am	All Age & Communion Service
Sunday 17th EASTER SUNDAY	8.00 am 10.00 am	BCP Holy Communion All Age & Communion Service
Sunday 24th	10:00 am 6.00 pm	Morning Service & creche and children's groups Evensong

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

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