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# december in appleton village hall

#### **OPENING HOURS**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** 5 to 11pm Beer+Wine

**3<sup>rd</sup>** 7 to 11pm Beer+Wine

9<sup>th</sup> 5 to 11pm Beer+Wine+Pizza

**16**<sup>th</sup> 9 to 11pm Beer+Wine • • •

20<sup>th</sup> 8 to 11pm Beer+Wine

23<sup>rd</sup> 5 to 11pm Beer+Wine

25<sup>th</sup> Noon to 3pm Beer+Wine

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

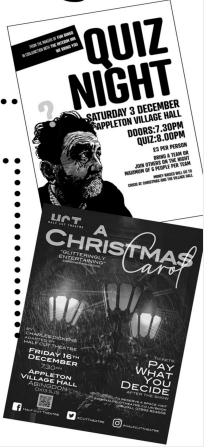
28<sup>th</sup> 5 to 11pm Beer+Wine+Pizza

**30<sup>th</sup>** 5 to 11pm Beer+Wine

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

#### **JANUARY**

6<sup>th</sup> 5 to 11pm Beer+Wine+Pizza



#### **Dear Friends**

According to some research that I read a couple of years ago 'Christmas is good for turkeys'. I can't quite see how, but another finding recorded was perhaps more believable, which was that 'Christmas has an adverse life effect.' According to a team of psychologists Christmas causes more stress than any other time of the year – financial, emotional, physical, mental, and just about any other you care to mention.

It's a depressing conclusion really, as it's so removed from the Bethlehem of the first century. But Luke chapter two takes us straight back to the reality of that first Christmas and speaks of the exact opposite of an adverse life effect. It's a chapter full of historical detail. There's mention of the first century equivalent of the Council Tax. The first eye-witnesses were shepherds; surprising as they were some of the poorest people around, and probably criminals with it. And they say three important things:

#### 1. It's good news

The first thing the angels say to this group of shepherds seems a bit of waste of breath, but it's a nice thought all the same, 'Do not be afraid!' But then their next words go to the heart of it all, 'I bring you good news of great joy...' If you hear Christian sermons and they're not 'good news', then they're either not Christian sermons or you don't understand them! Many assume that Christianity is about do's and don'ts, where all the do's begin with don't. But the first Christian sermon tells us that's not the case, but rather that it's all about 'good news of great joy...'

#### 2. It's for all people

If it's for all people, then this good news of great joy is for you. You can't be too good, and you can't be too bad. If what you hear when listening to Christian sermons isn't for you, then it's either not the real thing or you've not understood it. It's universally relevant. Christianity is often viewed as a hobby for some – some are into basket-weaving, others golf and still others church. But this is 'good news of great joy for all the people.'

#### 3. It's about a Saviour

'Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.' It's not complicated, is it? This good news of great joy that will be for all the people is really very straightforward – 'a Saviour has been born to you'. So, if you've been listening to Christian sermons and they're complicated, then they're either not Christian sermons or you've not understood them. The shepherds didn't have GCSEs, let a degree, but they got the point – the coming of Jesus into the world is the arrival of a rescuer. And if he's a rescuer, then there must be a danger, so we need him. The shepherds needed him and so do we.

Allow me to invite you warmly to our Christmas services at St Laurence, details of which are all set out on the back page. It would be wonderful to see you! A very happy Christmas to you all.

Every best wish,

Phil Parker

Rector

# **Harmony Inspires**

Harmony Inspires and St Michael's Church warmly invite you to join them for a festive Christmas concert at St Michael's Church, Park Rd, Abingdon OX14 1DS. The concert takes place on Saturday 17th December, 5-7pm, with doors open to the public from 4.45pm. There will be a break for refreshments and a raffle. plenty of carols and other repertoire, with occasional audience participation. Proceeds from ticket sales go to St Michael's Church; proceeds from refreshments and the raffle to Harmony Inspires. Tickets will be sold in advance, in cash, by the church at £10 per adult, and by The Bookstore in Abingdon; on the night tickets may be purchased on the door by cash/card payment. Accompanied children under 16 free.

# Appleton Voluntary Transport Scheme (AVTS)

If you live in Appleton, Eaton, Fyfield or Besselsleigh 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.

Please note January Advertiser deadline is 12th December to allow printing before Christmas

# Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

We are now well into the Winter season but being a hardy lot, the Club is as busy as ever, and having the floodlights means that we can continue with all our evening as well as daytime activities. For a full range of sessions, and coaching opportunities, please see our Website. We will be running our Indoor session at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre (Abingdon), through the colder months, on the first Wednesday of each month from 8-10pm; the next session will be on 7 December. See Website for full details.

Presentation Evening and Christmas Drinks Friday 9 December 2022

The Club's Presentation Evening and Christmas
Drinks will be held on Friday 9 December 2022, from 67pm in the Appleton Village Hall. We will present the
Tournament Trophies to the 2022 winners, and there
will also be Junior Awards for the Most Improved Junior
and for the Polly Birch Award. The Club will provide
mulled wine and mince pies for the occasion. Do come
along and celebrate our 2022 Winners, our outstanding
Juniors, and another successful year for the Club.
Hope to see you there!

#### **Opportunities for Non-Members**

Unfortunately, we still cannot offer general Pay and Play sessions to Non-Members. However, our Adult Beginners Coaching session on Monday evenings, from 6.30-7.30pm is open to Non-Members as 'taster' sessions. If you are interested please contact the club via email. Non-Members are also welcome at our Tennis Cardio session on Wednesdays from 9.30-10.30am at a cost of £7.50 per session. These sessions offer a friendly work-out and you only need very basic tennis skills. Finally, if you are not a Member but would like to join our thriving Club, please contact us by email – we are now offering memberships at 50% full rate through to the end of the annual season (31 Mar 23).

For more information and to contact the club: Email: appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

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

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# Changes to your waste collections over the Christmas and New Year period

Normal collection day		Revi	Revised collection day	
Monday	26 December 2022	Wednesday	28 December 2022	
Tuesday	27 December 2022	Thursday	29 December 2022	
Wednesday	28 December 2022	Friday	30 December 2022	
Thursday	29 December 2022	Saturday	31 December 2022	
Friday	30 December 2022	Tuesday	3 January 2023	
Monday	2 January 2023	Wednesday	4 January 2023	
Tuesday	3 January 2023	Thursday	5 January 2023	
Wednesday	4 January 2023	Friday	6 January 2023	
Thursday	5 January 2023	Saturday	7 January 2023	
Friday	6 January 2023	Monday	9 January 2023	
Monday	9 January 2023	Tuesday	10 January 2023	
Tuesday	10 January 2023	Wednesday	11 January 2023	
Wednesday	11 January 2023	Thursday	12 January 2023	
Thursday	12 January 2023	Friday	13 January 2023	
Friday	13 January 2023	Saturday	14 January 2023	

Please remember that we suspend garden waste collections over the holiday period to concentrate on Christmas waste collections. Collections resume in January 2023. For more information, please see our garden waste page on our website.

Find out more about recycling tips and waste collections over Christmas and New Year on our website www.morerecycling.co.uk

We will post information about any disruption to waste collection services on our websites and social media sites.

Our call centre is open for queries from 9am – 3.30pm on 23 December, 9am - 5pm on 28, 29 and 30 December on 03000 610610.







## December 2022 Appleton Community Shop Christmas Issue





# 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.
- 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.)



You will notice that we are not offering turkeys this year.

Given the shortages created by avian 'flu, our orders for turkeys (which would be supplied frozen) had to be placed by 28th November. Not only are they extremely expensive but this closing date was too early for us to include them on the pre-ordering forms.

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'

## Cost of Living Crisis-Support Abingdon Food Bank this Christmas

If you are able to, when next in the village shop add a donation for the Food Bank to your purchase.

When paying for your purchases just tell the person operating the till that you'd like to add a payment to buy food for the food bank. Tell them the amount that you'd like to add and hey presto – it will be done. Simple as that and you can help to make someone's Christmas just a little bit better.

PLEASE DO

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.

## **Shop and Post Office Christmas Opening**

Day	Date	Shop Opens	Shop Closes	Post Office
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	7am	6pm	
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7am	12 noon	
Sunday Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CLOSED		
Monday Boxing Day	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CLOSED		
Tuesday Bank Holiday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am	11am	
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am	1pm	
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am	1 pm	
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9am	Noon	
Sunday New Year's Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9am	11am	
Monday Bank Holiday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9am	11 am	
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	7am	6 pm	9 am -1 pm
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7am	6pm	

#### **Newspaper Deliveries**

Finally, please would Newspaper customers note that there will be NO NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. Deliveries will be normal on all other days EXCEPT Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and Monday 2nd Jan, when they will be available for collection in the shop between 9am and 11am.

#### 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 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.

#### Turnover for October 2022: £ 24,066

From the Directors to the Staff and Volunteers, a huge THANK YOU for your continuing support throughout 2022.



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

# News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

#### Footpath to A420

The Council is aware of the dangers of walking between Oaksmere and the A420. The Council would like to set up an Advisory Group to the Council to look at finding a safer route along Oaksmere for pedestrians to reach the A 420 bus stop.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

In the meantime, the Council would like to remind people who are walking at night to please carry a torch and wear reflective clothing. This is for everyone's safety.

### Cost-of-Living

The Parish Council is working with local organisations on ways to assist all residents during the cost-of-living crisis which affects everyone.

The Council is welcome to any ideas residents have as to how the village can come together to assist each other during this difficult time.

#### Pop-Up Cafe

By the time of issue, we will have had our first Pop Up Café. We hope many of you were able to attend and enjoyed it. We haven't determined the exact schedule of how often these will run, but plan to hold them regularly.

The next one will be on Thursday, 1st December at 10am in the Village Hall.

### Queen's Green Canopy

The scouts have planted a hornbeam tree at the Sports field which will be registered with the Queen's Green Canopy. Thank you to the scouts for planting it and for Councillor Teresa Bennett for nurturing it until it was ready to be planted!

## **Dog Fouling**

We very much thank you for your efforts in keeping our village safe and clean. We have had a recent report of issues with dog fouling on private property. The Council asks dog owners to keep your dogs on leads in residential areas so you can ensure that any dog mess is picked up.

Again, many thanks to all those dog owners helping to keep our village safe and clean. It is nice to see our furry friends enjoying the village as well!

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

# **Appleton Village Hall**

Suitable for meetings, parties, dances and wedding receptions.
www.appletonvillagehall.com

# Barratt Famíly Chrístmas Concert Fríday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 7.30pm St Laurence Church, Appleton

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

with the Appleton Community Choir

Tíckets £10

Children under 16 free

All proceeds to The Oxfordshire Homeless

Movement

Concert followed by mulled wine and mince pies



# Please contact Claire for tickets:

07767 400419 or cbarratt28@gmail.com

## **Company Secretary**

Are you winding down in your job or retired and looking for a new interest?

Marcham Village Shop is looking to recruit a volunteer Company Secretary/Director. The job is part of the shop management team helping shape the future of the shop.

It is responsible for ensuring that management routines and statutory requirements are carried out. The job would suit someone who is organised, has strong attention to detail and an interest in helping the community.

For more details please contact Mrs Christine Munro (Chair)

Christie Munro

01865391624 or 7818201973

# **Gardening Club**

Michael Holland was our speaker in November – his talk was entitled 5 Plants which Changed the World. Michael acknowledged that there are many such plants and explained why he had chosen the 5 he talked about. Michael spent many years working at the Chelsea Physics Garden before becoming a freelance educator and author.



The first plant was blue-green algae, which produced oxygen from sunlight and so enabled subsequent plants to develop, such as tree ferns and horsetail.

The second plant was the Opium Poppy from which on the positive side pain killers were developed and on the negative side heroin.

The third plant was the Pea which was an important food source. Mimosa leaves appear to open and close according to the light. However, in 1729 experiments were done which showed that the opening and closing of the leaves happened even if the plant was kept in the dark, which in turn led to the discovery of the Cycadean Cycle.

The fourth plant was the grasses, for example maize or corn is the world's third most cultivated plant after wheat and rice. Maize is a versatile crop which can be stored easily and can be used for food for humans, fodder for animals and biofuels.

The fifth plant was nutmeg and spices – these were discovered on the Spice Islands whose location was a closely guarded secret as they were widely traded commodities.

At the last AGM we were unable to fill some of the posts on the committee. In the interim we have explored various ways to try and keep the club active but sadly no alternatives have been found. In December we will therefore be holding an Emergency General Meeting, before the Christmas Social, with a view to dissolving the club at the end of April 2023. The club has been running for many years and it will be sad to see it close. The meeting will be held on 14th December at 7.30 pm in the Village School Hall.

In January Joe Wainwright will be giving us a talk on How to take Better Garden Photographs. Joe is an award-winning professional garden photographer whose work has been widely published in a range of gardening and other publications, and on websites both here in the UK and abroad. His talk will be for all of us, including beginners, using any camera. The meeting will be held on 11th January on Zoom and is free of charge. If you would like to join us, please email <a href="mailto:aegardeningclub@gmail.com">aegardeningclub@gmail.com</a> so that you can be sent the link to the meeting.

Janet Hutton 01865 865269

# **Appleton WI**

Our December meeting will be held at 2pm on Thursday, 15th December in the village hall. We shall be splendidly entertained by Anything Goes, so wear your Christmas jumper and come and enjoy a jolly afternoon.

There will be a Bring and Buy stall and a raffle. Visitors are always welcome.

Elaine Flint 01865 861838

# **Green Appleton**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 13th December, at Southlawn,7.30 pm.

We are excited to be discussing events for 2023 and we'd love to see you.

As always please contact Green Appleton at the following email if you have any questions: greenappleton2021@gmail.com

# **Evergreen Club**

Christmas lunch at the Chequers, Charley Bassett, 12-12.30 on 8th December.
Evergreen meeting as usual on 9th December 2 pm at Village Hall. Tea & entertainment.
All welcome.

# **Appleton Preschool**

# Thank you for your support!

Appleton Preschool committee would like to thank those parishioners who took the time to answer the questionnaire about draft proposals to develop the stage area and space behind it in the village hall to accommodate the Preschool in a soundproofed space.

The results of the survey show strong support in favour of re-establishing a preschool in the village hall. We hope it will be possible to work closely with the village hall trustees and committee to deliver this. Naturally there were some questions and suggestions which with the Village Hall Trustees we will be addressing.

The demography of the village has changed, the political and economic context in which the country finds itself now has changed and as a consequence, an increased number of families are struggling to find adequate childcare in the area so we are excited that there is potential in the village hall to restore a preschool.

Appleton Preschool is in the process of being set up as a Charitable Company and aspires to enhance the education and development of children and young people in the community through the provision of high-quality childcare and education. More villagers have joined the group and we have a strong waiting list of parents wishing to secure a place in the preschool for their children. We are working closely with OFSTED, the Early Years Alliance, ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and are in touch with MP Layla Moran.

#### Call for Volunteers

The Appleton Preschool team is looking for volunteers to help with social media, fundraising and general admin. This is a fantastic opportunity to give something back to the community, learn new skills and gain volunteering experience. If anyone is interested in supporting the team then please contact: <a href="https://example.com/help/media/help/">help/</a>@appletonpreschool.org.uk

# Appleton with Eaton History Group

The group sends best wishes to all for a very happy Christmas

## Stuck for stocking filler ideas?

Look no further than the Village Shop where the latest edition of AweSome Histories will be available before Christmas.

A perfect gift for anyone interested in our local history.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Thursday 1st December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall and via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to come along. For any further information please contact <a href="mailto:Jackielewisthame@gmail.com">Jackielewisthame@gmail.com</a> (07813 602638)

# **Hardship Fund**

The Appleton Trust has some funds available to help those individuals or families in immediate hardship with no other means of support.

Please apply to Clerk to The Appleton Trust ClerkAppletonTrust@yahoo.com

The Appleton Trust takes your privacy very seriously and will not pass your personal details on to anyone.

Welcome to our new editor Helen Stedman who will be taking over from David Staunton in looking after the Advertiser.



# TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

# LANTERN MAKING IN THE VILLAGE HALL - 6PM

Tickets for lantern making are available from the village shop at £3 per child For enquiries please contact Emma Queralt – emmaqueralt@gmail.com

# MULLED WINE, JUICE AND MINCE PIES - 6.30PM

Provided by St Laurence PCC - All Welcome

# CAROLS AROUND THE BRAZIER IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK - 7PM



All proceeds from the lantern making, and donations for mulled wine will go to:





# **Christmas at St Laurence Appleton**

#### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th December

Christingle All Age Service 10.00 am

Sunday 18th December

Carol Service at St Lawrence, Besselsleigh 5.30 pm

Saturday 24th December

Crib Service 4.00 pm 6.00 pm Carol Service

Christmas Day

8.00 am **Holy Communion** 

All Age Service followed by Holy Communion 10.00 am

#### EVENTS

Friday 16th December

**Barratt Family Christmas Concert** 7.30 pm

Tuesday 20th December

Carols and Lanterns 6.00 pm

Under the Stars (see poster)



**Cost of Living Crisis** 

make someone's Christmas just a little better

The PCC in conjunction with the village shop are supporting the Abingdon Food Bank this Christmas.

Please donate money whilst shopping in the Village Shop or leave your food donations in the box in the Church.

Thank you. Every little helps.

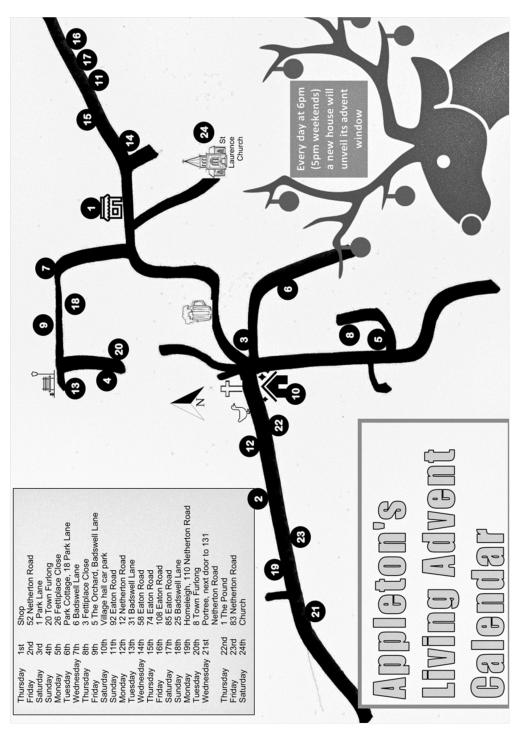


ON THE TREE OF REMEMBRANCE Purchase your Star from the Shop - £5 per star Write on your own personal message Either leave the star in the box and one of our team will hang it for you, or please feel free to take your star

St Laurence Appleton PCC

to the church and hang it on the tree yourself. Please note the church is open all day from dawn until dusk.

All proceeds will go to the Oxfordshire Homeless Movement



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**WI** wheelchair is now available for use. A small contribution for maintenance would be appreciated.

Contact Jennie Revell 863611

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# ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH A growing church eager to serve the community **SUNDAY SERVICES** December 2022

Sunday 4th 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am All Age CHRISTINGLE + Creche

The reach is eternal – Luke 1

Sunday 11th 10.00am 6.00pm Communion Service

Evensong (BCP)

The returns are unsettling – Luke 1

Sunday 18th 10.00am Holy Communion + Creche

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24th 4.00pm All Age Nativity

Candlelit Carol Service 6.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Sunday 25th

Communion Service +

Creche

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

The Church building is open every day for all to visit.

#### 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