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Dear Friends

I am looking forward to leading your service on Christmas morning and I hope I may see many of you there. I have had the privilege of leading a few services at Appleton church recently and as Archdeacon am helping the PCC and Churchwardens during the process of finding a new minister.

As I look forward to celebrating Christmas, but also am aware of the trappings of Christmas that are appearing, I am reminded that Jesus was born in a stable away from any wealth or status – or even tinsel! I am reminded that he came for all people regardless of status, class or education – he came for everyone – he came for you and me.

Wealth or status are not important to God, the message of Christmas is that Jesus came for all people: be they magi from the east with expensive gifts or poor smelly shepherds who had just come off the hillside.

I think many of us, if we met someone very famous or very influential might get nervous - we might get tongue tied or shake and feel that the person we are meeting might not be interested in us. The great news of Christmas and the incarnation is that God is interested in each of us personally. He doesn't care about what we do for a job, who our friends are or what holidays we have been on - he just loves us for who we are.

On the odd occasion that I have met influential people, I have been pleased to meet them, but I have also recently tried to be mindful of where they stand before God. Whether we live in a palace or a tent or a cardboard box, we are all equally loved by God.

This sort of love is difficult to understand, because we can find it hard to love those who don't fit in or those who are different or those who smell! But God loves them just as much as he loves us - and he loves us just as much as he loves the movers and shakers of our world.

Christ Jesus was born and placed in a manger because there was no room at the Inn. What a lovely symbol for us that God has no favourites and loves us all equally. All God wants us to do in return is love him back.

I hope to see many of you on Christmas morning, but whatever you do I hope and pray that you have a wonderful Christmas.

God bless

David

The Venerable David Tyler, Archdeacon of Dorchester

St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh

Come and join us for our

Advent and Christmas Special Services

Sunday 3rd December

ALL AGE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - 10.00am

Led by Will Stonham

Come at 9.45 to enjoy coffee and croissants and for children to make Christingles before the service

Christmas Eve FAMILY CRIB SERVICE - 4.00pm

Led by Revd Wealands Bell

A short service particularly suitable for younger children.

.SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS - 6.00pm

Led by Revd Wealands Bell

Sing your favourite carols and hear the Christmas story with the final lesson and carol by candlelight

Christmas Day HOLY COMMUNION - 10.00am

Led by The Venerable David Tyler, Archdeacon of Dorchester Celebrate Jesus Christ coming into the world for our salvation

Stars of Remembrance

£5 each and available for purchase from the Village Shop from 1st December Purchase your star and hang it on the Christmas Tree in the Church All proceeds to Oxfordshire Poverty Action Trust (OxPAT)

Appleton Chapel

Sun 10th Dec, 3pm Carol service & seasonal refreshments

Tues. 12th Dec. 7:30pm Healing service

Mon. 18th Dec. 7:30pm "Heart to heart" Informal chat, friendship, sharing

needs, refreshments etc.

Ken Stallard 01235 868304

Appleton's Advent Windows

Starting with the shop window on 1st December, a new window will be lighting up every evening until Christmas Eve when a window in the Church will complete the Advent calendar. Maps of the windows will be posted around the village and in the shop. A great excuse for a wintery walk to see the lights. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered a window!



Appleton with Eaton History Group

Will next meet on Thursday 7th December at 7.30 pm in the village hall or on Zoom. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Jackie Lewis on 07813 602638 for further information.



Charity Christmas Concert

Friday 15th 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

Tickets £10 Children under 16 free



All proceeds to Oxford Poverty Action Trust

Concert Followed by mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies

Please contact Claire for tickets: 07767 400419 or cbarratt28@gmail.com

St Laurence Church PCC invite you to Carols and Lanterns Under the Stars Wednesday 20th December

Lantern Making in the Village Hall - 6pm

Please sign up for lantern making at the village shop - £3 per child. Adult helpers very welcome!

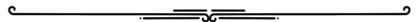
Mulled wine, juice and mince pies - 6.30pm

Provided by St Laurence PCC - All Welcome

Carols around the brazier in the village hall car park - 6.45pm

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

Oxfordshire Poverty Action Trust (OxPAT)



Appleton Voluntary Transport Scheme (AVTS)

We try to arrange transport to medical and dental appointments in Abingdon, Oxford, Witney and Wootton for residents of Appleton, Eaton, Fyfield and Besselsleigh, who have no other means of transport. 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

- · Covid safety measures remain in force and masks need to be worn
- · We need at least 48 hours notice of an appointment
- · There is a small charge to cover the driver's costs.

Demand for our service is picking up again, but we are very short of drivers. If anyone would be happy to help, please do contact us.

News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council 20mph survey

Please find the 20mph survey inserted in this edition of the Advertiser. The deadline for response is the 17th December.

Walking after Dark

Many residents have expressed concern for those walking after dark. The Council would like to remind people who are walking at night to please wear reflective clothing. Carrying a torch is also useful to help the walker see where they are going, but often drivers cannot see this as it is facing away from them. Thank you in advance as we are concerned for everyone's safety.

Bridge across the River at Bablock Hythe

The Council met in November and would like to thank all who got in touch with their views on conducting a survey regarding a possible bridge across the river at Bablock Hythe. Based on information received from the County Council, the Parish Council is not going to pursue a survey at this time.

There will be more information in the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 13th November which will be published after they are agreed at the PC meeting of the 11th December

Pavilion Advisory Group

The Council is considering a significant upgrade to the Pavilion and is keen to set up an advisory group to explore what work is needed to enable it to serve the needs of the village in the future. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please contact the Clerk via the contact details below.

D-Day

The Council is looking to hold an event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day in June 2024. It has been suggested that a D Day Dance, with period dress encouraged, would be a fitting way to mark the occasion. If anyone would be interested in helping to plan this event, please contact the Clerk via the contact details below.

Parish Councils demystified!

Parish Councils have powers to do certain things and not others. For the next few editions of the Advertiser, the Council will provide a information to help residents understand a bit more about the powers Parish Councils have – and those they don't.

With regards to planning applications, Parish Councils are statutory consultees on planning applications. However, what sometimes people don't realise is that comments from the Parish Council carry the same weight as those of residents.

The Planning Authority very much welcomes local information that might be useful in considering applications. The Parish Council might have sight of material

considerations and legal information that can be applied in comments. The understanding of these material considerations and legal information might make for a comment that is more able to be applied by the Planning Authority in their decision making, but the weight of the comments of a Parish Council and residents is no different.

The Parish Council will always respond to applications where it is consulted, but encourages residents who have a view on applications to make their own comments to the Planning Authority as these will also be considered.

Appleton with Eaton Parish Council would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

07767 596 650 / parishclerk@appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk

Purple Poppies Mark Remembrance Day

Appleton School pupils' Remarkable Art works on view in the church

This year, for Remembrance Day, the pupils of Appleton School have been learning all about the purple poppy, a symbol for the animals which had important roles in the





wars. They included

pigeons carrying messages and dogs searching for wounded soldiers. All the children made lots of purple poppies to create beautiful silhouettes commemorating the animals. They are now on display at the back of the church for all to see.

Thanks to everyone who came to our fundraiser "An Evening of Satire and Song" - we were able to donate just over £1000 to The Archway Foundation.

Julie Hester

Appleton Evergreen Club

Lunch at Charney Basset on Friday 8th December, 12 o'clock for 12:30.

Appleton Community Shop news December 2023

Christmas festivities - stock up now!



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To get you in the festive mood, your cupboards with Christmas goodies from the shop:

· Delicious mince pies from Blackwoods available individually, plus boxes of mince pies if one isn't enough

· Chocolates - boxes and tubs make great presents (for others, or for yourself)

 Chutney made by Carole, perfect to go with Turkey (or ham, or cheese, or anything else) – but we only have *limited* stock so don't miss out

· Cheese, meat (fresh and cured), pastries, local beers and wines and all you need to feed visiting relatives and friends

• And brussels sprouts will be coming in soon! **Preorders**

Our Christmas order form will be available in the shop – you can order all you need including delicious local cheese, meat from Michal Cain, sweet pastries and bread, and fruit and vegetables. Make sure you order in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

Christmas opening hours

Please check below for the Shop opening hours over the Christmas period and note that we will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. We will open at 9am every day from 27th December until 1st January inclusive. Closing times will vary.

There will be no newspapers on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. On New Year's Day newspapers will be available for collection only (no delivery). On all other days, newspapers will be delivered as usual, although a little later.



With very best wishes to all our Customers for a Very Happy Christmas and a wonderful festive break from

The Directors, Staff and Volunteers

Monthly turnover

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	
May	£21,608	£23,699	£27,338	
June	£25,008	£25,008	£29,347	
July	£26,461	£27,427	£28,208	
Aug	£23,714	£25,651	5,651 £24,841	
Sept	£22,317	£24,070	£24,479	
Oct	£21,125	£24,066	£26,318	
Nov	£21,844	£24,697		
Dec	£24,552	£26,788		
Jan	£20,223	£22,995		
Feb	£18,923	£23,195		
March	£22,318	£27,445		
April	£21,454	£23,622		

Christmas Shop opening times

Friday 22 Dec: 7am - 6pm (Collect shop

orders)

Saturday 23 Dec: 8am - 1pm (Collect shop

orders)

Sunday 24 Dec: 8am - 12 noon

Monday 25 Dec: Closed (No newspapers) Tuesday 26 Dec: Closed (No newspapers)

Wednesday 27 Dec: 9am - 1pm Thursday 28 Dec: 9am - 1pm **Post office** open 9am - 1pm

Friday 29 Dec: 9am - 1pm Saturday 30 Dec: 9am - 1pm Sunday 31 Dec: 9am - 12noon

Monday 1 Jan: 9am - 11 am (Paper collections

only, no deliveries)

Tuesday 2 Jan: 7am - 6pm **Post office** 9am - 1pm

Wednesday 3 Jan: usual hours resume

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Appleton WI

Our December meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th December in the village hall at 2pm. It will be our Christmas party, so bring out those Christmas jumpers and antlers and flashing earrings, and sit back and be entertained by a splendid magician. It will be a bring and share tea, and there will be a raffle and a bring and buy stall.

Elaine Flint 01865 861838

Appleton Trust 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 the Trust Clerk by email at

ClerkAppletonTrust@yahoo.com

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

The second day of Christmas



Well I guess it was only a matter of time before my nature notes were on the subject of doves, Charwood House being the home to No. 13 Squadron DAF. But have you ever thought what the meaning is behind each of the twelve days of Christmas? The song, published in England in 1780 without music, as a chant or rhyme, is thought to be French in origin.

On the Second Day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me: two Turtle Doves.

These twin birds represent the Old and New Testaments. So, in this gift, the singer finds the complete story of the Christian faith - the doves are the biblical roadmap that is available to everyone.

Birds are well represented in this traditional Christmas carol but the turtle dove is the UK's fastest declining bird species and is on the brink of extinction. A small and pretty pigeon, it breeds in lowland England. Much more colourful than the collared dove, the turtle dove has an orangey-brown and black patterned back, a blue-grey head, pink chest and three or four black and white stripes forming a patch on the side of the neck. It has a purring 'turrr turr' song (hence its Latin name, Streptopelia turtur), different to the familiar 'hoo hoooo-hoo' of the collared dove.

Turtle doves are summer visitors, spending the winter in Sub-Saharan Africa and migrating more than 5,000 km to get there. They undertake a perilous journey - huge numbers are shot as they pass over France, Spain and Morocco, and also when they reach their wintering grounds in Senegal. Their average lifespan is only two years.

There are five species of dove and pigeon in the UK countryside. Three of them are common - wood pigeon, collared dove and stock dove – and two are extremely rare - turtle dove and rock dove. And did you know, the dodo was related to doves?

In my best cockney accent, "I send you my turtle dove (love) for the coming festivities."

Next month: So long for now, I hope you've enjoyed reading my notes on nature over the past year.

Merry Christmas Clive

Charwood House.

Clive is having a break from writing nature notes. If anyone out there wishes to pen alternative articles they would be very welcome.

News from Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club - Dec 2023

Notices to Members

AUTUMN MIXED INDOOR FUN TOURNAMENT - WED 6 DEC 23

We have re-scheduled the cancelled Autumn Mixed Fun Tournament to the Indoor session at WHLTC (Abingdon) on Wed 6 Dec 23 from 8-10pm. The format will be a round-robin where hopefully the majority of players will be able to play with and against everyone. The Tournament will be free; the usual £10 per head indoor fee will be covered by the Club. The Tournament will be run by John Stedman/Rochelle Eastgate. If you wish to take part, please send an email to Rochelle, rochelle.eastgate@outlook.com, who will coordinate entries.

Entries must reach Rochelle by close of play Mon 4 Dec 23. (Maximum entries will be 16 on first come first served basis; please do not just turn up announced, you may not be accommodated if numbers do not permit).

PRESENTATION EVENING AND XMAS DRINKS - FRI 8 DEC 23

The Club's Presentation Evening and Xmas Drinks will be held on Friday 8 December 2023, from 6.30-7.30pm in the Appleton Village Hall (Main Hall). Our Interim Chairman (Oct-Dec), Paul Haines, will present the Tournament Trophies to the 2023 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, wine, soft drinks and mince pies for the occasion. Do please make every effort to come along and get into the Xmas spirit, and celebrate our 2023 Winners, our outstanding Juniors, and another successful year for our Club. Hope to see you there!

OPT-IN TO THE LTA ADVANTAGE WIMBLEDON BALLOT 2024

You should all know by now that LTA hold an annual central ballot for Wimbledon tickets, for Advantage Members. The practice of allocating tickets to Clubs for them to hold their own ballots ceased several years ago.

The Opt-In to be included in the Wimbledon Ballot 2024, for Advantage Members, is now open and closes on 14 Jan 24 at 2359hrs. (Most of our Members are LTA Advantage Members - i.e. you will have registered for an LTA Number and hold an LTA account/password login).

Some of you will already have applied for Wimbledon tickets through the Wimbledon Public Ballot – but the LTA Advantage Ballot is different, and represents your best chance of getting Wimbledon tickets. To Opt-In: Go to the LTA Advantage-home website: https://www.lta.org.uk/support-centre/Advantage/

Login to your LTA Advantage account, using the "Sign In" button and select "My Benefits" from Left Hand Menu. Select and open "The Championships, Wimbledon" under the listed Benefits. Open the Wimbledon Opt-In box and press the Opt-In button.

For more information and to contact the club:

Email: appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Website: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub
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My Appleton Apple Tree - Part 3

From the age of three until the age of six, I lived with my grandparents. I was very happy then. My grandparents weren't wealthy either. I used to love spending most of my days watching my grandmother as she went



about her daily chores. She was an amazing cook. She loved to bake. I was particularly fascinated by the way she peeled apples when she baked pies. She would start at the top of the apple and insert her sharp knife. She spun the apple round and round with one hand and then the knifed hand followed suit leaving ringlets of apple peel cascading into a bowl. The peelings reminded me of swirling Christmas decorations hung on a tree.

To bring my tale, up to date. I return to Appleton.

Recently, I held an apple peeling

coffee morning; so bogged down with apples, was I. The deal was that however many apples were peeled, they were to be prepared for the freezer and the ensuing bags to be shared and taken home. Knives were at the ready! Ready, steady, go! Then.....

STOP! A knifed hand shot in the air!

A cry went out, "That's not the right way to peel apples! "

And so the masterclass began.

I watched. We all watched; knives set aside. Next, our turn. This new my method did indeed work and in speedy time.

But, do you know what?..... I have returned to my way of peeling apples because each time I peel an apple, I am reminded of those happy years spent watching my grandmother at work, peeling an humble apple and how she always tasted the first slice of each apple to make sure it stood up to the tartness test!

Thank you my Appleton Apple Tree for bringing such wonderful memories back to me. Here goes that all important first slice into my mouth!

Jenny Mead

Advertiser

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12th December - N.B. Early deadline due to Christmas break

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St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh

SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 2023

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Revd Charles Chadwick)
	10.00am	All-Age Christingle Service (Will Stonham)
		Coffee, Pastries& Christingle Making from 9.45am
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP) (Pete Day)
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Kevin Mentzel)
Sunday 17th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Preb Jane Haslam – Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester)
	5.00pm	Carol Service at St Lawrence, Besselsleigh
		(Eve Lockett)
Sunday 24th Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Family Crib Service (Revd Wealands Bell)
	6.00pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
		(Revd Wealands Bell)
Christmas Day	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Venerable David Tyler – Archdeacon of Dorchester)
Sunday 31st	10.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Wealands Bell)

The church building is open every day for all to visit Who to Contact:

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral care, holy communion at home and the church building and churchyard, please contact one of the churchwardens:

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