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The roll-call of the honoured – Reading our loved ones' names each November

Wealands Bell – Rector of Appleton with Besselsleigh

And so we are into the deep and darkening Autumn as the year turns, and the first quarter of the century is nearly done. On our All Souls' list in church, new names are added, as time's ever-rolling stream continues its relentless passage, depriving us of friends-and-family loved-ones, and of neighbours in our tight-knit villages. We imagine such lists to be little more than *aides-mémoire*, useful crib-sheets to help us minimise our forgetfulness, a sort of shopping-list of remembrances.

But lists can be rather more than that, especially these November lists that record the departed and the fallen; or the names of those lost to an institution in the previous twelve months. Such lists have a sacred quality, however scrappy the bit of paper they're written on. This stems from the inviolable dignity of every human being, not in consequence of their possessions or achievements, their rank in society or other victories over time and circumstance. Their names matter, and deserve attentive silence when read aloud (at the Requiem on All Souls' Day, or at the Memorial on Remembrance Sunday) very simply because they are the names of those born of woman.

Those whose names are carved on our war memorial no doubt began to display their characters as children in our school, where the contours of their perhaps war-shortened lives began to be formed and made visible, in the classroom and on the playground. It was here that, in Wordsworth's phrase, the child began to show himself 'father of the man' he would later become. And when today's children make their way towards the school gate, splendid in their Appleton green, we see in them, too, examples of absolute human dignity, fellow-citizens worthy of our careful attention.

In all probability, when passing a memorial or reading a list of the departed, we simply register the names, and walk on. But for some, one name will stand out from the others, be known, recognised with affection and the happy recollection of younger days, when all was an energetic present and promising future. These named lives began like ours, and, like ours, matured uniquely on the stage of time, carving out their own testament and trajectory for many years, or few. Like John Donne's passing-bell that 'tolls for thee', each of these names implies and begins to inscribe our own name, inviting us to consider our own use of time; to note who and how we have been so far, to wonder how we must live to do justice to the bright-eyed youngster we once were, racing across the playground, dutifully learning our lists of verbs and dates, scoring goals or squeezing words from an unwilling pen, while the bell cruelly refused to ring.

To all the departed this November, we bid eternal rest, mindful that one day we will be joining them. To those grieving the loss of loved ones, we wish strength and comfort. And for us all, we seek joy, peace and encouragement, this day and ever.

Do please see the list of all Remembrance and other Memorial Services on the back page.

Appleton Advent windows Take part



in this year's
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1st-24th of December, a
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Start the festive
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your window to the
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unveil the
final window

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simple or complex, large or small

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Pippa Smart on 864255 : pippa.smart@gmail.com

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.

Appleton Chapel

Sun 9th Nov. 3:00pm	Remembrance Service with military presence followed by a sit down meal
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Tues. 11th Nov. 7:30pm	Healing and "Heart to Heart" forum. Caring and Sharing Fellowship.
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Tues 18th Nov 7pm	Sausage sizzle, salad, drinks and games
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Thurs 27th Nov. 7pm	Applejack Club
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Dr Ken Stallard

01235 868304

Grant available for local school leavers

If you previously attended Appleton Primary School, live in the Parish of Appleton with Eaton and are leaving Secondary Education this summer, you may be eligible for a grant of £100 towards University books or tools for an Apprenticeship.

To make an application, please send an email with details of your proposed course or training to Mrs Sue Halliday,

Clerk of the Appleton Trust: ClerkAppletonTrust@yahoo.com

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



White Horse Tennis Centre Indoor tennis sessions (members only)

First Wednesday of the month from now until March. Join the Wednesday social session WhatsApp group to book your place before each session. Court availability is limited this year, so unfortunately there will be fewer spaces available and booking is essential.

Cardio Tennis (non-members welcome)

Cardio tennis sessions are suitable whatever your standard and are run by Head coach Bart, on Thursdays from 10.30am-11.30am. You must sign up before the session on the WhatsApp group and pay as you go with cash. Email appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com if you would like to join the Cardio WhatsApp group.

Junior team news

Well done to our U10 boys who made a successful debut in the Oxfordshire Youth Winter league beating Henley 6-0!

Half price membership from now until end of March 2026!

If you would like to join our friendly tennis club, please email the club on appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com or turn up at one of our club sessions (Saturdays 10 am-12 pm, Wednesday 7-9 pm, or Thursday 1.30-3.30 pm).

For more information see: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/>

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th December: Christmas drinks and awards ceremony



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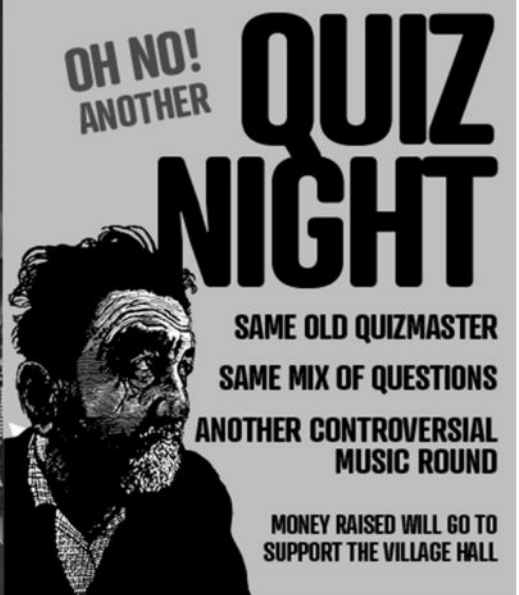
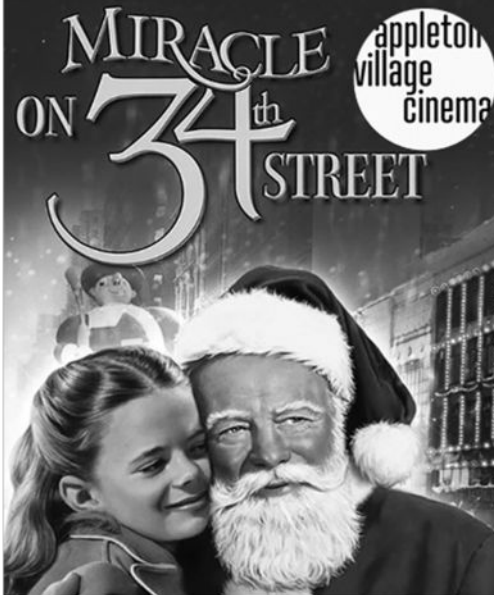
SOCIABLE COFFEE MORNING - open to all

There is going to be a repeat of the successful sociable coffee morning (possibly with different coffee) on Wednesday 5th November at a slightly different time of 10.30 - 12 noon in the Village Hall. Hope you can join us.

COMING UP IN appleton village hall

Thurs 11 December @6.45pm

Sat 20 December @7.30pm



Please Note: The performance of The Last Escape has unfortunately had to be postponed until further notice.

EVERGREEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Friday 14th November at 2pm. We will be engaging in Crafty activities as well as tea and cake. Christmas is coming.

Paid assistant at Appleton Community Shop

Appleton Community Shop are looking to employ an assistant to the Manager, to work on Fridays.

The job would be 4 to 5 hours per week, plus occasional holiday cover, and could be term time only.

Retail experience helpful.

For further details, please contact Laura Olver on 07770 865159 or laura.olver@icloud.com



Autumn/Winter Photography Competition!

Our photography competition was so successful in the Spring that we thought we'd repeat it for Autumn/Winter. There is plenty of autumn colour at the moment, but with the changing of the seasons there is much beauty to be found all year round.

We're not giving you particular subjects this time and you have plenty of time. Here are the rules:

- You can enter a maximum of 3 photographs.
- Your photograph must be of flora or fauna
- Your photograph must be taken in the Parish (and we are including Besselsleigh, and Parklands in this)
- There'll be two categories - Adult and Child (11 and under).
- The deadline is Midnight on Thursday 5th February 2026.
- Winners will be announced at our Repair Café on Saturday 7th February at Appleton School.

So, what are you waiting for? We have our judge already lined up. The competition is open to everyone, you don't need a fancy camera, and you have plenty of choice for your subject. It's open to all ages and we'd definitely like to encourage children to have a go. Make sure you tell us your age if under 11. We are delighted to be running our next Repair Café at Appleton School and it would be a fitting way of celebrating our new collaboration.

We'd love you to take your photos and send them to us here: greenappleton2021@gmail.com. There will be prizes and the winner/s will have their photo put on our website.



November News – Winter Wildlife

Bees in Winter

Heading into the cold winter months, we need to be even more considerate to our local bees than usual. In winter, honeybee queens remain in their hives with the exception of particularly sunny days. Bumblebee queens may also emerge from hibernation if prompted to by mild weather. Solitary bees will leave their nests once ready to



mate. When bees do emerge during winter, they need to have access to nectar, or they risk dying of starvation. In order to help these pollinators survive the winter, we recommend you plant winter bloomers in your garden. These include single flowered Hellebores (the open face gives great access to pollen and nectar!), Crocuses (make sure to plant them in an area with lots of light so they fully open), Snowdrops and Aconites. Ivy also works well as a late nectar source as well as shelter from any harsh conditions. If gardening isn't your thing, you can make natural spaces bee friendly by creating twig and leaf piles (which can be as easy as not raking your garden when fallen leaves drop!) and caring for wayward queen bumblebees by either carefully relocating them to flowers or offering her a 1:1 sugar and water solution.



Tips for looking after our hedgehogs this winter

Always move your burn piles before you light them as hedgehogs and frogs often use them to sleep in. This is, after-all, how hedgehogs were once upon a time cooked to be eaten! Thankfully it is now illegal to eat this endangered species.

If you find a sick or injured hedgehog, or one that's up and about during the middle of the day, call either Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue centre on [07549322464](tel:07549322464) or Tiggywinkle's wildlife hospital on [01844 292292](tel:01844292292).

Leave some areas untouched! Messy log piles, long grass and fallen leaves are great for hibernating hedgehogs. Please leave a wild area in your garden so our hedgehogs can hibernate in peace - nice and cosy and safe.

Put out a shallow dish of water or make sure your ponds are easy to get out of for hedgehogs, so they have water to drink. Sometimes hedgehogs come out of hibernation to eat and drink, especially in warmer weather, so even at this time of year, putting out water can help.

Avoid using pesticides or herbicides as this will make hedgehogs very ill. Find out more at www.hedgehogrescue.org.uk

To find out more about Hedgehogs head over to the Wild Oxfordshire website at www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk and have a look in guidance for mammals.

Rhiannon Young – Wild Oxfordshire Nature Recovery Engagement Officer

<https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/>

November 2025 Appleton Community Shop news

This November, stock up on all your seasonal essentials: from hearty soups, root vegetables and locally baked bread, to home-made chutneys and Lodge Farm Kitchen Gourmet prepared meals. We've also got a range of local meats and fresh produce, perfect for comforting autumn meals.

If you're not able to pop in first thing for our freshly baked pastries our 'bake at home' freezer is fully stocked with sweet pastries, baguettes and organic bloomers for that 'fresh from the oven' weekend feeling.

Looking ahead to Christmas? Discover Christmas cards and wrapping, as well as early festive treats which will be increasing over the coming weeks.

Why not pop in for a hot chocolate or a frothy latte and a slice of Carole's cake. The window seating is warm and a perfect place to sit and chat.

Shop opening hours

Monday-Friday: 7am–6pm

Saturday: 8am–1pm

Sunday: 8am–12noon

Post Office Mondays and Thursdays, 9am–1pm

Shop telephone: 01865 863191

Email: appletonship@gmail.com

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Shop turnover			
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
May	£27,338	£27,718	£26,869
June	£29,347	£28,268	£28,376
July	£28,208	£30,582	£27,256
Aug	£24,841	£25,678	£24,839
Sept	£24,479	£25,345	£23,608
Oct	£26,318	£26,522	
Nov	£26,600	£26,224	
Dec	£27,354	£26,525	
Jan	£24,690	£23,937	
Feb	£24,144	£22,477	
March	£26,109	£25,360	
April	£24,762	£24,843	



Appleton Poppy Appeal 2025

Donation boxes will be located at:

- Appleton Community Shop & Post Office
- The Plough
- Eight Bells

Collection points will be available at Millets and Webb's Garden Centre.

Pin badges can be found in your area, and they also can be reserved/ordered by messaging me on 07342812801. (Collection or delivery can be organised.)

Your support and generosity last year helped us raise just under £5,000 - a tremendous amount - and we thank you in advance for your donations for this year's Poppy Appeal. All your donations are invaluable in enabling the Royal British Legion to provide life-long support to serving and ex-serving members of the British Armed Forces, and their families.

Thank you, Jamie Butcher

This year's Poppy Appeal will run from 23rd October, with Remembrance Sunday being 9th November



APPLETON WI

At our glamorous Tea at the Ritz in August we raised £300 for Women's Aid which will be given to a local women's refuge. The pop up coffee morning on 8th October was a success, so we have decided to do another one on Wednesday 5th November. Do pop in for some good coffee and a chat. There is no charge but donations will be accepted.

Our Harvest lunch was a splendid occasion. The hall was beautifully decorated, and many members and visitors enjoyed the most delicious quiches, and traditional and unusual salads, and apple cakes and crumbles. It was a feast! Congratulations to Ros and her team.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 20th November at 2pm in Appleton village hall when we will be all creative and make Christmas decorations led by Penny Mooreley, who is also going to provide all the materials that we shall need. She asks everyone to bring a pair of scissors.

Elaine Flint

01865 861838



f Appleton Players

www.appletonplayers.wordpress.com



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Appleton CE Primary School

Appleton CE Primary School – the Autumn Term so far

It's been a very busy first half-term of the school year. In the last week or so alone, the children have taken

part in a whole school Harvest Service at St Laurence Church (thanks to Father Weelands for leading) and our Year 6 children raised over £350 for Macmillan Cancer Support by serving up some very delicious offering of cakes. Our pupils have represented the school at local sporting events, as well as participating in house competitions and class assemblies. You may have seen some of our older children around and about the village during their cycling proficiency lessons. That's just to name a few of our recent school activities and there are more planned for next half term. Please do check our weekly updates on the school website for more information <https://www.appleton.oxon.sch.uk/News/Newsletters/>

Thank you to those who got in touch with me after reading my piece in the September edition of the Advertiser. We have been contacted by people offering their services or volunteering their time and I'm pleased to say that some work is already being planned as a result of those initial contacts. Thank you for that but of course, now I know that the people of Appleton read and respond to these articles, I will inevitably be asking for more!

Save the Date:

On Thursday 4th December we will be hosting the Appleton Village Christmas Fair which is being planned jointly by the Friends of Appleton Primary School and St Laurence Church. This will be an event for the whole community and not limited to the children and their parents. The event is very much at the planning stage and to help develop our plans, we would really welcome support in the following areas:

- We are looking to light up the front of school and Church Lane with fairy lights. Do you have lights to lend us, or are you skilled in putting up the lights on the day?
- We are keen to have festive music playing in The School, The Church and along Church Lane. Do you have a sound system to lend or are you technically proficient in setting such equipment up?
- We would like to set up stalls in the school car park, along Church Lane and outside the Church itself. Do you have a small marquee or large gazebo that would be suitable to use for housing stalls?

Also, a call out to any local crafters – would you like a stall at the fair to sell your wares?

Of course there will be a huge amount of setting up on the day so if you are able to assist by offering some time that too would, I'm sure, be much appreciated.

If you are able to assist in any way please get in touch either via the school office or contact me directly at head.3850@appleton.oxon.sch.uk and we will put you in touch with the right person for more details.

Look forward to seeing many of you there!

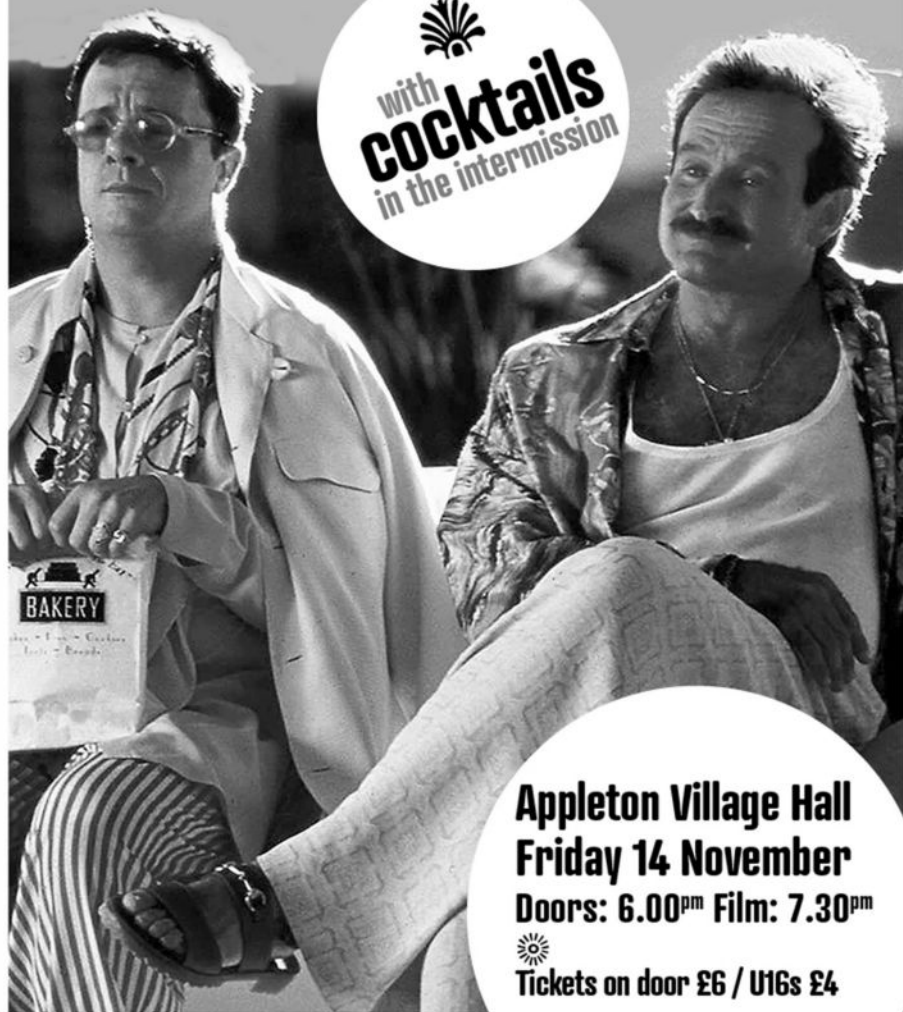
Zaheer Ahmed Headteacher Appleton School

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Appleton Village Hall
Friday 14 November

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It's in place, and it's driving some people nuts, so here are all the details

Oxford temporary congestion charge

Starting Wednesday 29 October there will be a temporary congestion charge on six roads in Oxford.

Cars with permits and all other vehicles can pass through the charge locations for free. If you don't have a permit you will need to pay £5 per day to drive a car through the six congestion charge locations.

The locations and operating times

Marston Ferry Road and Hollow Way - Monday to Saturday at peak times between 7am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm

Hythe Bridge Street, St Cross Road, St Clement's and Thames Street - Monday to Sunday from 7am to 7pm

There will be directional signs providing advance warning of the charging locations. Traffic signs will show when and where the congestion charge applies to cars. Automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras will enforce the restrictions.

Permits types and how to apply

Oxfordshire residents can apply for permits with a limited number of day passes. Permits are available for blue badge holders, community health and care workers, mobile traders and many other groups, allowing them to drive through the charge locations without incurring a charge.

You can apply for and manage your permit online. Register for a free online account, select the permit you are applying for and upload the required documents. If you're unable to apply online, you can apply by phone – 01865 519800.

Find out more about the different permit types and how to apply at oxfordshire.gov.uk/congestioncharge

How to pay the congestion charge

You can pay the charge online by midnight the day after you drive through one of the congestion charge locations. If you can't pay online, you can pay by phone.

Find out more about the congestion charge, different permit types, how to apply for a permit or pay the charge at oxfordshire.gov.uk/congestioncharge



News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWEPC)

Possible Merger between Appleton with Eaton Parish Council and Besselsleigh Parish Meeting

The Consultation regarding the possible merger between AWEPC and Besselsleigh Parish Meeting (BPM) ends on the 1st November. AWEPC will be considering the response received at its meeting on the 10th November. Members of the public are welcome to attend. As we know many residents may be interested, if you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk via the details below so we can ensure we meet in a space large enough to accommodate.

‘Greater Oxford’ Unitary Authority

The Parish Council has been approached by a local group interested in rejecting the ‘Greater Oxford’ Unitary Authority proposal. At AWEPC’s October meeting, the Council resolved to join this group in opposition to the ‘Greater Oxford’ proposal. There is information about this on our website: ‘Greater Oxford’ Unitary Authority – Appleton With Eaton (Appleton-eaton-pc.gov.uk) where residents can also sign the petition to express their objection should you wish to.

Walking after Dark

The Council would like to continue to remind people who walk at night to please wear reflective clothing.

The Council would like to also remind drivers to limit their speed along Oaksmere where pedestrians are vulnerable, especially as the days become shorter.

Thank you in advance as we are concerned for everyone’s safety.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the
10th November 2025, 7:15pm, Appleton Village Hall.

All are welcome!

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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

Advertiser

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Poppies

The wind is chilly this morning and the sun is slow to rise but I am hopeful it will get warmer as the day progresses. At present I am cold and a little damp as are the thistles, docks, daisies and vetch all nearby. It is autumn so naturally it is cool and we must accept.

I started late among my fellow plants but I can be seen clearly as I am red. I am a poppy and now have become a national symbol in many forms – in a large range of materials such as fabric, ceramic, metal and even knitted in wool! I represent the bloodshed of many in warfare in many far flung places but notably in the UK for WW2 and WW1.

In my reincarnation state I am often on collars, coats, blouses and shirts to remind everyone of the sacrifice made by so many lives for the rest of us. I am over woven into wreaths and placed in small wooden crosses which are put on memorials and cenotaphs all over the country. I am sold to raise monies for those unfortunate members of society maimed in warfare and unable to follow a normal life or profession. I am particularly significant on Remembrance Day, 11 November, when services of thanks are celebrated all over the country.

At the end of the day, though, I am happiest in my natural state among the grasses and plants on my hillside, waving in the breeze, saying hello to the butterflies, bees and creatures which pass by - even a bustling rabbit.

Barbara Bunyan.

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St Laurence Church Appleton with Besselsleigh

SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 1st	5.00pm	Memorial Eucharist (Requiem) a 40-minute service with hymns, lighting of candles, and a visit to the graveyard. Wrap up warm.
Sunday 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
	10.00am	All-Age Family Eucharist a shorter service with children's activities <i>coffee cakes and pastries afterwards</i>
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Remembrance Sunday Service in Church
	10.55am	Ceremony at War Memorial; Silence & Wreath-Laying
	4.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
	5.30pm	Eucharist (a short said service)
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	3:30— 5:30pm	MESSY CHURCH - Songs, Stories, Crafts, Fun for all the Family. Entry Free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	4.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 30th	10.00pm	Parish Eucharist for Advent Sunday
Sunday 7th December	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
	10.00am	All-Age Celebration of St Nicholas – child-friendly, with prizes for the best Santa Claus look-alike <i>40 minutes, with coffee and pastries from 9.40am</i>

The Eucharist (Holy Communion) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00am
(a quiet, peaceful service lasting 30 minutes)

The church building is open every day 9am to 5pm for all to visit

Contact us:

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral care and home visits,
please contact the Rector, The Revd Wealands Bell: 01865 599003;
rector@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

For matters concerning the church building and churchyard, please contact one of
the Churchwardens: Jane Cranston: 01865 863681; jane@cranstonjane.co.uk; or
Pete Day: 01865 862671; p.h.m.day202@btinternet.com