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Repair Cafe

on Saturday February 7th

10^{am} to 1^{pm}

at Appleton School Hall

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A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH TIME – AND ETERNITY

Wealands Bell – *Rector of Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh*

Mony a mickle maks a muckle! Or so the old saying goes. ‘Look after the pennies, and the pounds will look after themselves.’ But this proverb need not receive a purely financial interpretation. As well as pennies and pounds, it might refer just as helpfully to minutes and hours, days and weeks.

It’s true that our celebration of a New Year helps us concentrate on all those scraps of time which – *yes!* – this year we really *are* going to gather together and do something useful with: like, read the whole of Dickens; or learn the trumpet; or improve our batting average; or walk to John O’Groats.

But perhaps the focus on a whole year – the rounding out of the 5 as it clicks on to the 6 – is, of itself, a sort of impediment to our profitable use of every minute. We become a bit like birds who suddenly take fright at the vastness of the sky, pulling in their wings (*NO! Don’t look down!*) as they take notice of this particular cubic metre of air; or like fish, quite at home in the mighty ocean, until they begin to gasp for breath in the sudden particularity of this bucketful of water.

Of course we cannot avoid knowing that the year has moved on one, since the last time someone mentioned it. And we are well aware that we have taken another step down the inexorable slipway of Cemetery Road. But a year is such a huge gulp of time to digest in one go, even at the breakneck speeds we like to live at, with our multi-tasking, both-ends-burning connectivity, and with even our intelligence farmed out to (heaven knows why!) machines.

The only wise answer, I’d say, is to go slowly; and go easy on the resolutions: you’ll only feel worse if you take on too much, and then fail. And maybe don’t plan too far in advance: just the time up to lunch perhaps; or between now and the lighting of the evening fire. These are manageable stretches, and can train us in the practice of wisdom.

So instead of going hammer-and-tongs at a thousand new projects; or attempting a complete change of character (after being saddled with the old one for half a century or more); we might calm right down, and try to become conscious of the immense value of each moment, the sheer potential of each new breath we are given. We might learn to fill each paragraph of time with something true or kind or beautiful; and, little by little, as a child learns an instrument by playing scales, we will learn to use our time well – which will sometimes mean doing absolutely nothing!

And through building these little cairns of well-used time, growing pebble-by-pebble into hills and mountains, we learn how to be human. We might even learn something of the business of Almighty God, who, although the divine habitat shuns the ticking of clocks, gives to humankind the medium of time, so that we may learn the secrets of immortality.

We will be like those mediaeval masons who, chip by chip on chiselled stone, spent their whole lives building the churches and cathedrals of a continent. They lived deep in the creativity of each single moment. And in so doing, they raised up the ramparts of eternity.



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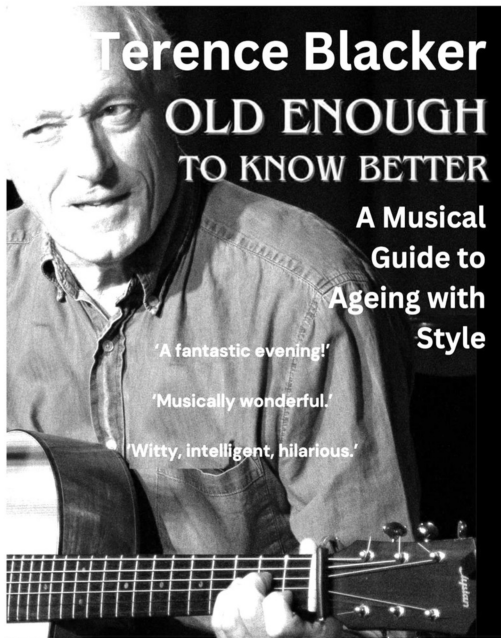
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Appleton Village Hall
Saturday 31 January
Doors: 6.30pm Film: 7.00pm



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Southmoor Group*



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Bell Ringing

On Saturday 31 January, a visiting band of bellringers will be ringing the bells of St Laurence, Appleton in a long-length peal attempt. This will involve ringing 10075 changes of Stedman Caters. They will be starting to ring at 9.30am and, if successful, will ring continuously for around 6 hours.

Normally peals are about 5000 changes, taking 3 hours to ring, and we allow a few to be rung each year. However, Appleton has a history of long-length peals and some record lengths were rung in the past, which are recorded on peal boards in the church tower. The longest length that has been rung on our bells was 22899 changes of Stedman Caters, in 1978. The most recent long-length peal was on 11 November 2011, when a band including some of our own ringers rang 11111 changes of Stedman Caters. Whilst we will only allow long-length peals very occasionally, we are happy to see this ringing tradition at Appleton continue.

Pete Day - Churchwarden

On behalf of the Rector and Churchwardens of St Laurence Appleton with Besselsleigh

Holt Copse, Oaksmere Lane

The Trustees are pleased to announce the very generous donation of Holt Copse, on Oaksmere to the Appleton Trust, by Mr Julian Morris and Mr Julian (Toby) Blackwell to whom they are most grateful.

The Appleton Trust is here to support the welfare and education of our community and will sensitively manage the wood for the good of Appleton. Access will continue as before, but there will be occasions when the woods are locked for maintenance and safety reasons.

For all enquiries please contact Mrs Sue Halliday on 07973 238866 or clerkappletontrust@yahoo.com

EVERGREEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Friday 9th January at 2pm. Happy New Year!

Green Appleton - a few things

A reminder that our Repair Cafe will be held at

Appleton School on 7th February. 2026 We are delighted to be working with the Headteacher and everyone at Appleton School and we are very much looking forward to the event.



We have lots to discuss! We will be meeting in January - date to be agreed and announced soon. Everyone is very welcome. Please come along with your ideas and enthusiasm.

Don't forget our photography competition!. There is beauty in nature at every time of year. You have until early February 2026 to get your entries in.

If you are walking through Besselsleigh Woods, please continue to use the photostations and don't forget to upload your photos! There isn't great internet coverage in the woods, so remember to upload when you get home or as you get further towards The Close..

We'd love you to continue to use iNaturalist. We are slowly building up a picture of our local flora and fauna.

For details for all of the above and much more, please visit our website : www.greenappleton.org.uk

When we next vote it will all look a bit different

For Appleton in 2026 there are no scheduled elections for parish, district, or county council. Barring a general election, it's probably a vote-free year. All the better to get our minds round the changes afoot from 2027.

Appleton has been shifted around like the old clothes in your wardrobe in recent years. In 2024 we were moved out of Oxford West and Abingdon and into Witney for parliamentary elections. Our county councillor is now elected in the Marcham and Cumnor division, which straddles both parliamentary constituencies, and seems remote indeed from Witney, across the river and out west. Previously for county elections we were in the division of Kingston and Cumnor, paradoxically further away from Oxford West and Abingdon than the Marcham and Cumnor division. Our district ward for the Vale is also changing in 2027. Currently our district councillor is elected in Thames ward, which runs from just east of Faringdon up to Appleton. From 2027, if an election is held then, we shall be in Cumnor ward, further east.

So in parliamentary terms our perspective has gone westwards, and in district and county terms further east. The party representing us has not changed as much: Liberal Democrats at parliamentary and district level, and a Conservative at county level. But anyway don't blame the politicians for boundary changes. Those are determined by two boundary commissions. They redistrict on a non-partisan basis. Party politics can come into it occasionally, but it won't have done for the recent changes at local government level in our area.

However, big changes are coming from 2027 onwards. Central government wants to get rid of two-tier local authorities. It plans to replace them with *unitary* authorities, delivering all local-government services for its area from one authority. But this doesn't necessarily mean one 'Oxfordshire' area or one 'Oxfordshire' council. Currently central government is chewing over three possible unitary configurations for the county. One would cover the whole county. A second possibility is to divide the current county into two - north and south - with Oxford City in with the north and the current West Berkshire added to the south, which would be called 'Ridgeway'. A third configuration would see three unitaries; a north, excluding the City; a 'Greater Oxford', covering the City and 46 parishes around it (Appleton included); and Ridgeway in the south.

There are many consequences for the choice central government eventually makes. They affect Appleton as much as all other communities, but whatever happens, after our year's break, who will we be voting for, and when, in 2027?

The answer is unclear. We shall be in a single-member constituency in whatever

unitary configuration is chosen, but we could be in any of the three unitaries. We shall *probably* vote for a so-called shadow council in 2027, which will have a year to prepare the new unitary authority, or authorities, which will go live (presumably without a further election), from 2028. Parliament has to approve, but if it happens it means both the existing county council and the five district councils cease to exist in 2028. One side question to this is whether 2027's scheduled district elections for the Vale will actually take place, or whether the current VOWH council be given an extra year's grace before it disappears?

Finally, how big will the new division Appleton finds itself in actually be? If there's one unitary for the whole county there will probably be about 100 councillors county-wide compared with 69 at present. So the ratio of councillors to voters will be higher than now. We shall be less "represented" in overall terms, of course, because district councillors will no longer exist. If the government instead chooses either two or three unitaries the ratio of councillors to voters will be more favourable than with just a single unitary but still worse than now. But one way or another, under any of the three schemes, we shall have to get used to being part of a different configuration yet again. Only one thing will not change. We shall still have our Parish Council. We elect it again in 2027.

David Hine



Rosemary Howlett (19 November 1940 – 1 November 2025)

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us in the church on 19 November for our mother's funeral. There was such a sense of naturalness and warmth that it felt more like a celebration than a send-off and I'm sure she was there in spirit, enjoying the company, the stories, the singing, and (needless to say) spoilt for choice when it came to tea and cake.

We are so grateful to the many people who helped in one way or another - arranging flowers, making cakes, giving lifts, running errands, telling stories or serving tea – not to mention the bellringers who wondrously started their Wednesday practice just as we were leaving.

We were equally delighted by the many people who simply came to share their appreciation of a true village character, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Henry Howlett, Eliza Howlett and Alice Freer

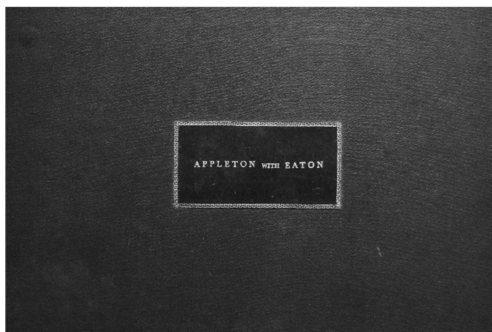
News from Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWEPC):

Jubilee Park

Adopt a Flower Bed!

The Parish Council is looking for people to adopt a flower bed. The flower beds in the Park provide a lovely environment and we hope to keep them going with your help! The Parish Council will provide the plants but is looking for residents to care for a flower bed. If you are interested/able to help, please contact the Clerk.

Help Conserve Our Village History Album



Many thanks to the Appleton with Eaton History Group and the Appleton Trust for their kind donations to the Village Album. We are pleased to say that the cost of the refurbishment of the album is now covered!

The Parish Council is looking to raise funds for proper storage boxes to keep it dry and properly preserve it. These will cost in the realm of £1100. The Council will be putting more information about this on our website in due course.

Thank you all for your support!

Highways/Fix My Street

The Parish Council would like to ask for anyone interested to volunteer to be a Fix My Street superuser. Superusers will be provided with training and subsequently paint, high vis, etc and will be able to action repairs directly. If you are interested in this, please contact the Clerk.

It is helpful if any residents seeing issues on our roads could report them via the Fix My Street website (FixMyStreet (oxfordshire.gov.uk) Photos are very useful as are pictures that show the nearby roadside/ hedges etc.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on
12th January 2026, 7:15pm, Appleton Village Hall.

All are welcome!

Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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

Souvenirs, Ornaments, Photographs etc.

Who has not got a house or flat full of objects of commemoration; some small trinket or objet d'art purchased on a holiday or a pilgrimage in interesting places? All of us are guilty yet in the nicest possible manner.

We start as a child with cards, toy animals, Beatrix Potter characters, cars and other mechanical toys, and we then progress to more mature, perhaps serious collecting such as ceramics, pictures, books etc. according to how much money we have and storage available for display, such as glass cabinets shelves, walls etc.

Then as we grow older with more responsibilities, we review our collections; we have to dust them, wash them, protect them. At the end of the day we treasure them as each object holds a pleasant, interesting story in history, some event we attended, or was given to us by someone we loved.

The day comes when we start 'down-sizing' as it is called these days. We cannot cope with caring for the objects although we love them. We think we will hand them on to our siblings, but they don't want them for they have collected objects and souvenirs of their own, for their own walls and shelves.

But when a guest arrives to stay with a suitcase full of photographs of people one never knew, that's different. She wants you to have them as they are distant relatives but no, why? We haven't a clue who they were, and we know nothing about them, so no thank you. I know this, as it was a recent experience of mine. I have my own albums of characters and other friends and that is all I want.

So, alas, some of the objects end up in jumble sales, bins, junk shops etc., no longer loved or treasured. Let us hope someone in the next generation will pick up these objects to treasure as we have done.

Barbara Bunyan

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

Or Mrs Sue Halliday at 12, Netherton Road

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

January 2026 Appleton Community Shop news

Happy New Year from everyone at Appleton Community Shop.



As we step into 2026, we want to thank you for your continued support throughout the past year. Your patronage helps keep this wonderful amenity running, providing essential provisions to the village.

January is the perfect time to kickstart healthy habits, and we have a large selection of fresh and seasonal fruit and vegetables to help. Whether you are preparing hearty winter stews or lighter meals after the festive indulgence, you'll find what you need.

Look out for our range of thank-you cards, to express gratitude for your Christmas presents.

Plus, products to help you with those New Year's resolutions. Maybe being more eco-friendly and sustainable by making packed lunches, cooking from scratch, or buying from local suppliers.

As always, our volunteers are on hand to assist you, and we encourage you to pop in, chat and share your ideas for the shop, for the year ahead.

Wishing all our customers a happy and healthy 2026.

Looking back over 2025

2025 has been an interesting year for the shop.

In March we had a wonderful celebration when we were presented with the King's Award for Voluntary Service. Marjorie Glasgow, the Lord Lieutenant, came to Appleton to make the presentation at an evening event where many of those who have given so much time and energy to the shop over the past 25 years were thrilled to receive such a resounding recognition of their work. You know who you are and you've been thanked already but thank you once more!

In June, Claire Salmon retired from 'active service', also after 25 years, 15 of them as Shop Manager. Again, as already said, that was an event we never thought would happen, but it did and we do hope that Claire and Andy are enjoying being able to spend time with their growing family – and we are very grateful that Andy is still creating our Advent Window. Thank you, Claire, for all those years, and thank you, Andy, for the window.

So, Debbie White stepped up to being full time manager and our huge thanks to her. Her enthusiasm, organisation and commitment are wonderful and huge thanks

are due from us all. She has put in additional hours to bring herself fully up to speed and, although maybe not of personal excitement to you all, the Directors were thrilled that in December the shop retained its 5* hygiene when the 'unexpected' visit came. Well done Debbie!

Turnover, you may have noticed, has slipped a little; not worrying so, but none the less slipping and we need to keep an eye on that. There is no one reason for this, but home deliveries and cost of living must be a good part of the cause.

Newspapers too. 25 years ago we delivered 125 Newspapers each day, now it is 34. Times they are a changing! Otherwise all is well, the Shop is in good heart, and as we enter 2026 once again enormous thanks to all our brilliant staff and volunteers – as well, of course as to you, our Customers. Keeeeeeep buying and a very Happy New Year to everyone.

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 monthly turnover | | | |
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| | 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 | £25,290 |
| Nov | £26,600 | £26,224 | £24,547 |
| 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 WI

The main subject for our January meeting will be a discussion about the proposed resolutions for 2026. We will meet at 2pm on Thursday, 15th January in Appleton village hall. The discussion will be followed by a talk by Brian McCarthy, who will share his research about one of the graves in Botley commonwealth war graves cemetery. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy sale.

A happy New Year to all members and friends.

Elaine Flint

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Festive greeting from Appleton CE Primary School

Welcome to 2026 - on behalf of all the staff and children at Appleton CE Primary School, I want to wish all Appleton Advertiser readers and village residents a Happy New Year!

December at Appleton School and the Christmas Fair

As is often the case in primary schools up and down the country, December at Appleton CE Primary School was filled with excitement and festive fun running throughout the month. Notable events at school included a wonderfully successful Christmas Fair, several performances of the Nativity, a Christmas Carol Service and a visit to the Playhouse Theatre in Oxford, to watch a performance of Dick Whittington. The term's events culminated with a Christmas Service at St Laurence Church lead by Father Bell.

We particularly appreciated and valued the opportunity to involve the whole school community in these festive events. The Appleton Christmas Fair, planned and organised jointly by the school and church, was a particular success. Seeing the school and the lane leading to St Laurence Church adorned with stalls fitted with festive lights and decorations was a delight and created a wonderful atmosphere, enjoyed by several generations of the Appleton community. By our estimate, the event was attended by around 600 people and helped raise over £5000 to be split between the school and church's chosen charity. Thank you to all those who generously volunteered their time to help plan, organise, and deliver the event.



Looking ahead to 2026

Our new school caretaker has been working hard around the school grounds, getting ready to develop and create more opportunities for children to enjoy the outdoors. The existing Forest School area has been cleared and is ready to be developed and improved further. There are plans in place to enhance this area by creating a school allotment in the adjoining space.

If you have the knowledge and experience in either Forest School or Outdoor Learning or in managing an Allotment and are willing to spare some time to support the children to make the most of the outdoor spaces at the school, we would love to hear from you.

Please do contact the school using the contact details on the website

<https://www.appleton.oxon.sch.uk/>

Zaheer Ahmed

Headteacher

Appleton CE Primary School

SOCIABLE COFFEE MORNING - open to all

Do start off the New Year with a warming cup of coffee etc. 10.30 - 12 noon on Wed 7th January in the Village Hall.

Apologies for last month's abrupt change of plan - guarantee it will not be repeated.

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 Christmas Fair

Huge thanks and congratulations to the organisers of the Appleton Christmas Fair.

On Thursday 4th December, the rain stopped raining, the wind stopped blowing, the temperature stopped dropping and a full moon came out to welcome us all to the first 'evening' Appleton Christmas Fair, run jointly by St Laurence Church and the Friends of Appleton School.

The evening was an enormous success, The Church, Church Road and School looked festive and welcoming,

the many stalls were beautifully lit and the White

family catering enterprises did a herculean task on producing Hog Roast or Hog Dogs for us all. Washed down with a hot chocolate or a mulled wine, what's not to like!

The stalls were terrific too, with every class in school running one and members of St Laurence and the wider community running others (too many to detail here).

There were prizes to be won and gifts of many varieties to be purchased. A great deal of work went into the preparation. Thank you to all 500 plus of you who supported the event.

A fabulous £5,600 was raised and will be split equally between the Church's chosen charity, Oxfordshire Homeless Movement, and the Friends of Appleton School.



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Historical climate change

Have you ever wondered what the fuss was about with climate change, and whether it's really such a big deal? After all, weather changes all the time, doesn't it? Here are some points often raised and a quick summary of our understanding of the science at the moment.

Temperature has fluctuated a lot in the past 2,000 years without any human influence. Today's temperature change is just another of these fluctuations.

Global climate has remained relatively stable over the last 11,000 years, supporting human civilisation's development, until the last 150 years when humans began releasing large quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Today's rapid warming is happening across the globe because human activities are releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere at a far greater rate than natural processes.

Can we trust temperature records from thousands of years ago given they cannot be measured directly?

Yes, we can trust these records. Scientists have made robust estimations of past climates using 'proxies,' which are natural archives of past climates, such as ice cores, tree rings, coral skeletons, or sediment layers. These proxies record some physical or chemical property that changes with the climate. There are more than 10,000 proxy studies worldwide, collectively painting a picture of Earth's climate before we had modern temperature records.

Do we need a warmer planet to stop us going into an ice age?

No. The next ice age isn't expected to happen for at least another 50,000 years. The more immediate problem is limiting the worst impacts of human-caused climate change. This is already costing lives around the globe through extreme weather events.

It was warmer in the past so today's climate change is nothing to worry about.

The Earth is currently warming abnormally quickly due to human-released carbon dioxide. Current climate change is particularly dangerous because modern animals and plants (including humans) have not experienced changes of this scale and speed before, making it challenging for us (and the biodiversity we rely on) to adapt.



Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

Appleton School visit

We welcomed 14 pupils from Appleton C of E primary school tennis club to our courts on Weds 10th December. For many of them it was the first time they had been on a full sized court and despite that the standard of shots was excellent and they all had a great time. Zaheer Ahmed the head teacher runs a weekly tennis club at the school and Bart our head coach is planning to support the school's tennis plans next year.



Tennis Coaching

Our very popular winter Junior and Adult Tennis coaching with our award-winning Coach Bart Wisnieski will restart in January.

Junior Tennis Coaching – Thursday and Friday afternoons (term time only)

Juniors who played last term have already received an email with details on joining the priority booking window before the booking page goes live for new bookings from 29th December. <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/Coaching/Junior>

If you would like to enrol your child in coaching for the first time, please email Andrew Bowen at aetc.coaching@gmail.com with your child's name, date of birth, and level of tennis experience so we can invite them to the correct session.

Adult Tennis Coaching – Monday evenings (term time only)

We are going to continue the adult Rusty Rackets session (Monday 18:30) we ran for the first time last year, which was an overwhelming success, designed for beginners and those who haven't held a racket for some time. The maximum capacity for this session is 8, and we expect it to fill up fast. The booking page will be live from 29th December: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/Coaching/Adult>

Intermediate coaching continues in January on Mondays at 19:30 during term time, and is run on a pay-and-play basis. To join, please email John Stedman at appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com

Cardio Tennis (non-members welcome) – Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am

Keep fit through the winter with Cardio Tennis run by our head coach Bart. All standards welcome. You must sign up before each session on the WhatsApp group and pay as you go with cash (£10). Rackets available to borrow. Email appletonwithheatontennisclub@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the Cardio WhatsApp group.

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White Horse Tennis Centre Indoor tennis sessions (members only)

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

Car parking at the tennis club

Please walk or cycle to the tennis club if possible, particularly on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings, which are our busiest times. If you need to drive please park considerately in our car park and surrounding streets.

Reduced 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/>

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SERVICES – JANUARY 2026

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| Sunday 4th | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP said) |
| | 10.00am | All Age Epiphany Christingle Service – child-friendly <i>40 minutes, with coffee and pastries from 9.40am</i> |
| | 5.30pm | Eucharist (a short said service) |
| Sunday 11th | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist |
| | 4.00pm | Evensong (BCP) |
| <u>Sunday 18th</u> | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist |
| | 3.30pm till 5.00 | Messy Church – craft, songs, fun for all the family |
| Sunday 25th | 10.00pm | Parish Eucharist |
| | 4.00pm | Evensong |
| <u>Sunday 1st February</u> | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP said) |
| | 10.00am | All-Age Eucharist for Candlemas – child-friendly a celebration of grandparents |

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

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