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## **NEW RECTOR APPOINTED TO ST LAURENCE APPLETON**



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## ***Foreword from the St Laurence PCC***

In *The Times' Credo* of June 20<sup>th</sup> Stephen Platten compared lockdown to a monastic way of life - with people living in various degrees of isolation - some as families, some as couples and others entirely alone. For me, living as a couple, I have been well looked-after by my wife - I had to say that didn't I. However, there have been times when I have deliberately 'self-isolated' in my study – or perhaps my cell!

Stephen Platten recalls the story of a respected spiritual leader from Ethiopia named Father Moses. A brother went to Moses to ask for advice. Moses responded, "Go and sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything". Sitting in my cell – my study – I do not claim to have been taught everything or indeed anywhere near everything, However I have had the opportunity to ponder on many things – not least those who have influenced my life and my thinking over the past 80 years or so, Some have been teachers or leaders, others family, others close friends and others have only been met through the written word.

For me, in terms of the written word, one such person has been the theologian John Bowker. In my study there are various versions of the Christian Bible. In addition is a copy of Bowker's *The Complete Bible Hand-Book*. Over time, this hand-book, backed by dozens of contributors, has provided me with an easy-to-read extremely useful source of information; full of amazing diagrams, drawings, pictures and photographs. Now, recently, during my lockdown ponderings I discovered by chance that Bowker and I have one small thing in common. This is that we have both spent time in northern Nigeria – I as an engineer and Bowker doing his National Service. And Bowker wrote this:

"I grew up in a Christian and churchgoing family; so, from an early age, I began to question God and claims about God.....During National Service, I was posted to northern Nigeria. There was a young Muslim soldier who worked each day near the company office, and who seemed often to be talking to himself. As I gradually learned Hausa, (the local language), I realized that he wasn't talking to himself: he was talking to God. I couldn't possibly believe that God wasn't listening, or that God understood English only. I therefore knew that my early imaginings of God were too small."

In Luke Ch.2 vv16-20 it is written, "So they (the shepherds) hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart".

Let not our imaginings of God be too small and may we pause to ponder this in our hearts.

*Martin*  
*Lay Minister, St Laurence Church.*

## **NEW RECTOR APPOINTED**

We are delighted to announce that Rev'd Phil Parker has been appointed as our new House for Duty Rector.

Phil joins us with over 30 years of ministry experience in the Church of England, much of that working in parishes and schools.

Officially Rev'd Phil will take up his post in September, with a Licensing date of September 7th currently scheduled.

However, Phil and his wife Isabel are planning to move into the Rectory on the 31st July so you may start to see them around the village.

The PCC is delighted with this appointment and we look forward to introducing everyone to him as soon as is practical. More details on this and his first official service will be shared when we know the details.

Please accept our gratitude for the way you have supported us during the Interregnum, not to mention the added complication of COVID-19 and lockdown. For the time being, the church will remain open for private prayer Wednesday and Sunday each week. We look forward to meeting and worshipping with you in the very near future once Rev'd Phil has joined us.

St Laurence PCC

## **SERVICES AT ST LAURENCE UPDATE**

After taking advice from Bishop Colin and with his blessing, St Laurence Church will remain open on Wednesday and Sunday each week for private prayer but we will not be holding any services until Rev'd Phil has joined us in September and we can include him in our preparations.

As you have already been patient to understand, there are a huge number of hurdles to straddle which are not straightforward in a small church such as ours, blessed with a good sized congregation.

Guidelines are changing all the time, and as things stand at the moment, numbers would have to be strictly limited; over 70s are advised to stay away; children are required to stay beside their parents and we are not allowed to sing, let alone the demands of the stringent cleaning requirements.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support and thank you very much for following the present guidelines when visiting church.

We will keep you updated and let you know further plans as soon as we can.

With very best wishes

St Laurence PCC

## **John Hankey**

Margaret, George and Alexandra thank everyone who sent kind messages after John died on 21st May. He was born in Ceylon on his father's Monte Cristo tea estate. Aged 8 he, his mother and sisters set sail for S.Africa where they lived at Pietermaritzburg for four years. It was thought Ceylon would be overrun by the Japanese. His father remained on the estate until after VJ day. On VE day he arrived at Southampton on the Strathaird from Cape Town. As he had had yellow fever on the way back an ambulance was waiting to take him to grandmother's in Gloucestershire. He quickly had to learn Latin so he could go to boarding school at Cothill. He became a chartered accountant and ended his career at Corpus Christi College, Oxford where the flag flew at half mast as he was buried on Exmoor, a place with which the family had been associated for many years. John was a fine sportsman who enjoyed racing his 'Sunbeam' at Cowes in the 60s and 70s, and skied until he was 80.

# **St Laurence Appleton with Besselsleigh Church at Home**

## **St Laurence services via YouTube**

We have set up our own YouTube Channel for some key services which include prayers, hymns and reflections presented by familiar faces from the church family, lasting around 30 minutes.

So far, we have uploaded services for Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the 75th Anniversary of VE Day which has been viewed an encouraging 198 times to date!

The channel is very easy to access, and the services are broadcast from 9am on launch dates. Do take a look, and if you would like to be notified about the next St Laurence Service to be made available, please email [events@stlaurenceappleton.org](mailto:events@stlaurenceappleton.org) and we will add you to the list and let you know by email near the date.

St Laurence YouTube Channel -<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeRmSVKQDtRdgZSI-thN3A>

You can access the link directly via our website: [www.stlaurenceappleton.org](http://www.stlaurenceappleton.org)

## **Twice-weekly virtual Prayer meeting**

Sunday 11.15am

Wednesday 20.00pm

You are invited to join in a virtual prayer meeting held twice each week, praying for global and local needs at the time. You don't need a laptop or webcam to join; a 'phone is sufficient.

Contact Stuart Gibson [stuartgibson77@gmail.com](mailto:stuartgibson77@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating and he will send you a link.

## **Prayer Outreach**

A prayer resource to encourage prayer for all needs and specifically those in the Parish. If you would like to request a prayer, please follow the link accessible via our website

Prayer Outreach - <https://forms.gle/K6nGfxaSonzorLWd9>

or call Roger Mitty 01865 863794.

# **Grant available for local school leavers**

If you previously attended Appleton Primary School and 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 Mr David Dymock, Clerk of the Appleton Trust:

[dymockdj@gmail.com](mailto:dymockdj@gmail.com)

# **Christianity Explored**

Christianity Explored is an informal and relaxed seven-week course, suitable for anyone who is wanting to think through some of life's big questions. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask any question you like, or you can just sit and listen. Oh yes – and it's completely free! Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, CE is a great place to explore what life is all about. It might just be the best news you've ever heard.

St Laurence are planning to run a new course for anyone who may be interested, sometime in the near future. If you're interested in coming along or if you have any questions you'd like to ask before committing, please feel free to contact Stuart Gibson, one of our Churchwardens - [stuartgibson77@gmail.com](mailto:stuartgibson77@gmail.com).

# Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



## Use of Courts

The committee is pleased to say that following the latest (13 July 2020) Government and LTA guidance on Coronavirus we have re-opened the courts to even more members allowing not only singles and doubles play but also **CLUB SESSIONS!** You **MUST** book for these sessions and all details can be found on our website. We have also opened the toilet with a cleaning rota in place.

The updated **Rules and Guidelines** can be found on our website – all members should read them to make sure they abide by them when using the courts.

We are sorry but even with these updated guidelines, the courts are not open to non-members or on a pay-and-play basis, but if you would like to join us see our website!

You can read the latest updates from LTA on their website: <https://www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus>

## Pigeons

The court resurfacing took place earlier this year and we have installed 'pigeon poo screens' to help prevent acid attack to the surface. All players should ensure that the screens are **DOWN** on leaving the court if no-one else is currently playing, even if it is not the end of the day.

## Annual Tournament

Our annual tournament is well underway now and we are hoping for a Finals Day on 13<sup>th</sup> September when we can watch the matches from courtside.

## Coaching and Summer Camps

Our Head Coach, Craig, runs junior group coaching sessions. If you have a junior who could benefit from coaching please contact the club.

Adult coaching will resume when possible. You can also contact Craig directly to arrange private coaching sessions. Mobile:

07719599582 Email: [craigstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:craigstenniscoaching@gmail.com)

**For more information and to contact the club:**

Email: [appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com)  
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Finals Day 2019



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## Opening hours:

### Shop

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## Coffee's Back!

The Coffee machine has now been deep cleaned and is back in action. There are new guidelines for using it in place but we are thrilled that we can stop saying 'sorry no' to all those who ask for it.

## Sausage Rolls

Baking still causes us 'social distancing' difficulties as the space in the office and kitchen area is small and much used. However if we only bake sausage rolls we can do that without additional volunteers being needed so, owing to demand increasing once more, freshly baked sausage rolls are again available.

As 'normal' slowly returns we're hoping to increase the range of cooked pasties but we will keep it simple to start with.

## Face Masks

In line with Government legislation we request all our customers to cover their face whilst in the Shop please. Whilst there may be some who are less than keen to do so we continue to do all we can to ensure that visiting the Village Shop and Post Office remains as safe an experience as we can possibly make it. We remind you that it is now (with some exemptions) a legal requirement to cover your face. In the interests of your fellow villagers, please do so.

Thank you (and by the way, if you haven't got one masks are available for sale in the shop!)

## Holiday Volunteers

We always need additional volunteers during the holiday period and if there is anyone out there who would be happy to help please do

## MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
May	22,428	24,532	30,553
June	24,483	24,276	28,172
July	27,343	28,976	
Aug	23,774	25,199	
Sept	21,849	23,131	
Oct	22,625	23,504	
Nov	22,583	22,107	
Dec	23,486	24,524	
Jan	20,000	20,700	
Feb	19,782	19,962	
Mar	22,305	27,669	
April	21,570	28,522	

## August Bank Holiday Opening Times

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Take a look at the Community Shop home page on the village website at:

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## **Year 8 and above?**

## **Boring Thursday**

## **evenings?**

## **For a little longer.....**

**OX13+ Appleton Youth Club is usually back in September, but with uncertainty over Covid and the continuing need for social distancing, club nights will not be starting for a while.**

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## **Hardship Fund**

THE APPLETON TRUST has received a small grant from Appleton Parish Council specifically to help anyone in need during the Covid19 lockdown period who lives in Appleton, Eaton, or Besselsleigh.

This is to provide some support to those families who would usually receive free school meals and those in immediate hardship with no other means of support.

Please apply to David Dymock  
Clerk to Appleton Trust  
[dymockdj@gmail.com](mailto:dymockdj@gmail.com)



# Gardening Club



The Village Show is an important part of the Gardening Club Calendar so we have continued to make preparations in the hope that the coronavirus situation would improve enough for us to hold the show as usual. As well as having the opportunity to take part in the show this is also a social event for us all but it is now clear that we won't be able to put on the usual event. We have therefore reluctantly decided to cancel this year's show. Thank you to all those who have worked hard on the preparations and also to everyone who has been preparing their entries. We very much hope we will be able to hold a show next year.

Our lecture series is due to start in October and we are currently looking at various ways we may be able to continue with the programme. We will keep you informed over the coming months.

In the meantime continue to enjoy your gardens and your allotments.

*Hon. Secretary  
Janet Hutton  
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Juliet Carter

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## Village Hall

The Village Hall has been closed since the beginning of lock down but with the easing of restrictions we are planning for a limited opening with the appropriate safeguards in place to protect the villagers using the hall.

We are planning to give access to Appleton Pre-School in September and if everything proceeds smoothly we will allow other groups to use the hall, as long as we can do so safely observing the rules for social distancing, gatherings etc. This will limit the types of events we can host and we ask for your patience while we deal with the restrictions as best we can.

The Annual General Meeting of Appleton Village Hall has had to be postponed but will be rescheduled as soon as public gatherings are allowed again.

*The Village Hall Management Committee*

## Who to call

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral care, Holy Communion at home, Church buildings, please contact Roger Mitty, Churchwarden on 863794, or email him on:

[enquiries@stlaurencechurchappleton.org](mailto:enquiries@stlaurencechurchappleton.org)  
Pastoral enquiries will be forwarded on to an appropriate contact whilst we are in this period of vacancy awaiting the installation of our new Rector. Remember to visit your Church website at:  
[www.stlaurenceappleton.org](http://www.stlaurenceappleton.org)



# **News from the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council**

## **Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who have been working hard to follow the government's guidelines.

If you would like more information on these guidelines and coronavirus see <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. There is also more local information on the village website at <https://www.appleton-eaton.org/>

The Parish Council thanks you for helping us to all keep safe. If you do need any assistance and/or support, please feel free to contact the clerk at [parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com) or 01865 865 876.

## **Parish hardship due to Covid19**

THE APPLETON TRUST has received grants from Appleton with Eaton Parish Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council specifically to help anyone in financial need during the Covid19 lockdown period who lives in Appleton, Eaton, or Besslesleigh.

This is to provide some financial contribution to any household which finds itself in immediate hardship with no other means of support.

Please apply to David Dymock

Clerk to Appleton Trust

[dymockdj@gmail.com](mailto:dymockdj@gmail.com)

## **Harts Bridge**

The works at Harts Bridge have been completed and the bridge is now re-opened.

*Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk*

*01865 865 876 / [parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.appletonwitheaton@gmail.com)*

## **Thank You**

Appleton with Eaton Parish Council would like to offer a tremendous thank you to all in the village who have truly been stepping up to assist during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Coronavirus, Appleton, Besselsleigh and Eaton Support Group (CABES), Appleton Community Shop (staff and volunteers), St Laurence Church, Appleton Trust, Friends of Jubilee Park, those who assist with the sportsfield, Besselsleigh Wood Group and all of the volunteers, including the road coordinators and buddies, have done a tremendous job to keep the village going and supported during these uncertain times.

The effort has been a wonderful show of the spirit of Appleton with Eaton.

Thank you all!

With best wishes,  
Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

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## Appleton website is now

[www.Appleton-eaton.org](http://www.Appleton-eaton.org)  
[appletonandeaton@gmail.com](mailto:appletonandeaton@gmail.com)

## Appleton Voluntary Transport Service

Regrettably the Appleton Voluntary Transport Service will have to be suspended for the duration of the current coronavirus crisis.

There are few drivers available, and these are almost all over the age of 70.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience which this will cause, and we look forward to the time when the risk of infection has become manageable and the service can be resumed. We will continue to answer calls to the AVTS telephone, but we shall not be able to arrange transport for anyone.

*Charles Moorley*

## Advertiser

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## **REOPENING OF ST LAURENCE APPLETON WITH BESSELSLEIGH**

From Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, St Laurence Church will be open for **individual\*** prayer Sunday and Wednesday 9am – 6pm each week.

In line with current government and Church of England directives and in order to help us keep our church building open and safe for all visitors, we are all required to observe the following:

- ENTER BY THE NORTH DOOR AND LEAVE BY THE SOUTH DOOR
- USE HAND SANITISER PROVIDED BEFORE OPENING THE DOOR AND AGAIN AS YOU LEAVE
- KEEP TO THE DESIGNATED AREA TO PRAY
- BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE OR RELIGIOUS TEXT – PAPER OF ANY KIND IS NOT ALLOWED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS FOR USE.
- BRING TISSUES WITH YOU IF YOU HAVE A COUGH OR COLD AND TAKE THEM AWAY WITH YOU FOR DISPOSAL
- OBSERVE THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINE SOCIAL - DISTANCING 2 METRE RULE
- NO MORE THAN **8** PEOPLE IN CHURCH AT ANY ONE TIME

If you do discover you have Coronavirus having visited St Laurence please notify Roger Mitty 01865 863794

Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding.

Take care and keep safe.

St Laurence PCC

\* Individual prayer within a place of worship is defined as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. They should be socially distanced from other individuals or households.