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Foreword from the St Laurence PCC

During a recent telephone conversation with a friend when we were inevitably talking about the pandemic, he suddenly said – “Why does God allow terrible things like this to happen in the world? - How can there be a God,” he said, “who allows so much evil to take place? “

I said to him “Yes, ‘bad’ things happen but God does not cause them to happen. Most bad things happen because God gave us all absolute freedom to choose. We are free people, not (as the song went) puppets on a string. Yes, this is a world of tragedy and pain and there are powerful forces loose in the world, forces of evil, disease and conflict.”

But this is also a world of joy and fulfilment. I believe that God is present to us in both worlds. The question always is how these two worlds can exist at the same time? Perhaps it is that only a world of such freedom of choice could create that possibility. How could we choose good if evil did not constantly offer us a choice?

When bad things happen, God is grieved and suffers with us, experienced most vividly in the hurt and suffering of Jesus the Christ for all humanity.

Our goodness or our faith do not make us immune from suffering. God never promised that life would be without its painful moments, but He promised to be with us no matter what we face.

Christianity is about God seeking us out, calling us back to him. *In this life we are separated from Him and He has given us a choice.*

One thing this dreadful pandemic has shown us all is that there are opportunities to reach out; out of our comfortable lives into those lives of need.

One bible story that is very meaningful to me is the story of the Good Samaritan. Its message speaks of helping those we don't know, maybe with whom we have never spoken, perhaps those who are different from ourselves.

In our world of pain, we can find God in the loving acts of those who stand by us. In our illnesses we can be thankful for those doctors and nurses who fight to restore our health. They are the instruments of God and through them His love comes. All healing really is divine. In our emotional distresses God comes to us through a friend, a family member, a counsellor or a minister to offer us encouragement. In moments of deep need, God comes in a mysterious way to give us courage.

As Christians we look for God in prayer, in close relation with others and in the church. Most of all we find the face of God in the encouragement, the support and the words of comfort others bring to us in times of great sorrow and pain.

Roger- St Laurence Churchwarden

Our Mum- Myrtle Salmon

We are sad to announce that our mother, Myrtle, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 5th May following a stroke.

Originally from Oxford, Myrtle moved to Appleton with our father Don in the 1950's. She became involved with many village organisations notably the Women's Institute and together with others the setting up of Appleton Playgroup. Through these organisations she enjoyed the friendship of so many. She organised WI weekend coach holidays and group trips to the theatre. As a good organiser no Jumble sale or Royal celebration was without her input. A village hall committee member, she arranged or participated in many art and craft classes there and often won a cup or two at the annual Flower Show. Many will remember her fundraising Coffee Mornings in her garden. Our mother was a huge support to our father, be it in his business, while building the family home or putting up with his many hobbies or other wonderfully wacky projects. Above all she was a great mum and grandmother and she will be greatly missed. We would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind words which are very much appreciated by all the family.

Andy, Jerry and Jo.

Rector Vacancy Update

We are pleased to report that despite the lockdown, we were given the green light to advertise the post for a new Rector at the beginning of May. The closing date for applications is the end of May. We will keep you updated when we can.

Alison Jeffries

Advertiser online for the lockdown

During to the current lockdown the Advertiser will be available on the Appleton with Eaton website (www.Appleton-eaton.org under Village Noticeboard) with a small number of copies printed locally and distributed to villagers without access to the internet. We hope to return to normal as soon as possible and wish all our readers keep safe during these trying times.

*David Staunton
Editor*

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
Pastoral enquiries will be forwarded on to an appropriate contact whilst we are in this period of vacancy awaiting the appointment of our new Rector. Remember to visit your Church website at:
www.stlaurenceappleton.org

Virtual coffee Morning

St Laurence church are launching a virtual coffee morning during the lockdown on **Thursdays at 10am.**

If you would like to join in, please email Carol Dodimead

pccsecretary@stlaurencechurchappleton.org

All are welcome.

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club



Courts Open with Restrictions

The committee is pleased to say that following the latest Government and LTA guidance on Coronavirus we have re-opened the courts to members.

- Maximum of two people per court (singles play only). Players can be from different households.

The only exception to the above is where a group of four players are all from the same household in which case they can play doubles.

We have published **Rules and Guidelines** which can be found on our website.

Courts must be booked in advance through the website, so please **DO NOT GO TO THE COURTS UNLESS YOU HAVE BOOKED A COURT**.

The courts are therefore unfortunately not open to non-members, 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>

Court Re-Surfacing Update

Our courts are looking wonderful having been completely resurfaced and repainted. New nets have been installed and the practice wall



refurbished.

Coaching

Craig will be able to restart coaching on a one-to-one base only in accordance with LTA guidance.

You can contact him directly to arrange sessions. Mobile: 07719599582 Email: craigstenniscoaching@gmail.com
Club coaching will resume when possible.

Have you been managing to play tennis at home?

It would be great to see what you have been doing. Please post video or photos of your tennis based activities on our Facebook page or email them to us (appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com) and we will upload them to our website.

For more information and to contact the club:

Email: appletonwitheatontennisclub@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/AppletonwithEatonTennisClub/

Hardship Fund

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dymockdj@gmail.com

Gardening Club



The Show Schedule is available in the village shop.

Hon. Secretary

Janet Hutton

01865 865269

The summer months are always a quiet time for the Gardening Club as we take a break from our programme of lectures, which begin again in October. The next event which we are planning is the Village Show which we hope to be able to hold on Sunday 6th September in the Village Hall. You don't have to be a club member to join in - everyone from the village is welcome to put in entries. In addition to the gardening classes there are also Art and Handicraft, Cookery and Photography classes details of which were listed in the May edition of the Advertiser.

If you are interested in Flower Arranging there are also the following classes in this category:

Note: This is a village show and entries will not be judged by NAFAS rules

Ring-a-Roses: maximum size 24"/60 cm width, depth and height – accessories optional

An arrangement with a picture frame: Maximum frame size 24"/60 cm high. 18"/45cm wide – no accessories

Gardener's World: maximum size 24"/60cm width, depth and height – accessories recommended

Ingredients for the cookery classes will be stocked by the village shop from 20th August 2020.

Appleton Scrubs Team

A few weeks ago a group of Appleton crafters wondered how they could help in the developing Covid 19 situation. On 16 April they decided to try to make scrubs. Helen & Douglas House, our local children's hospice, confirmed that they needed at least 30 sets of scrubs and laundry bags as quickly as possible. They had not been able to find any commercial outlet able to help.

A pattern was sourced and a successful prototype set made by 19 April. Although it was impossible to find new fabric either swiftly or in sufficient quantity, old sheets and duvets would be fine as long as they could be washed at 90 degrees. Approaches were made to friends suspected of hidden sewing talents and soon the word was out. Volunteers and offers of fabric flooded in.

The first set of 10 scrubs and laundry bags was delivered on 27 April, sufficient to provide scrubs for 1 shift. On 4 May another 22 sets were ready and a week later the total reached 48 sets including special orders for extra long, short, small and large etc! It was a fabulous team effort which met a very real need. The staff at Helen & Douglas House are delighted with their new colourful scrubs - a galaxy of colour, stripes, flowers, teddy bears and superheroes.

Huge thanks go out to everyone who contributed. But it may not be the end of the story. Scrubs do not last for ever. In 6 weeks more may be needed. If you would like to join the team and offer to sew, cut out or provide fabric please contact me annnewenrowe@btinternet.com

Annewen Rowe

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Opening hours:

Shop

Monday–Friday: 7am–6pm

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Sunday: 8am–12noon

Post Office

Monday & Thursday

9am–1pm



Summer time is BBQ time!

- Why not try a BBQ pack from Michael Cain, butcher, with BBQ favourites for 4 people, or some of his delicious sausages or juicy burgers? All items can be bought from the shop or ordered in advance - just give us a call or drop in to order.

- We have a plentiful supply of beers - some of them from the local brewery 'Loose Cannon'...perfect for a warm BBQ evening.

- The local dairies are still producing delicious cheese, so for those who haven't yet discovered the joys of Wigmore, Waterloo, Stony Cross, Spenwood and others, do pick some up from the chiller.

- Timms yoghurts are also selling very well currently - thick, creamy and in a variety of flavours...and made nearby in the Chilterns.

- Peachcroft Farm, who normally supply summer strawberries to us, have advised that they are operating on a skeleton staff without a confirmed team of pickers for this season - rest assured, we will do all we can to source local summer fruit, but it may not be in such consistent supply as previous years.

- Buying products from all these local suppliers is a wonderful way of avoiding the supermarkets, whilst supporting independent businesses.

Don't forget...it's Fathers' Day on Sunday 21st June.

We'll be stocking cards for the occasion and chocolates. Wine and beer stocks are looking good too!

MONTHLY TURNOVER

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
May	20,267	22,428	24,532
June	22,795	24,483	24,276
July	23,809	27,343	28,976
Aug	20,750	23,774	25,199
Sept	19,963	21,849	23,131
Oct	20,732	22,625	23,504
Nov	19,896	22,583	22,107
Dec	22,315	23,486	24,524
Jan	18,154	20,000	20,700
Feb	17,937	19,782	19,962
Mar	22,387	22,305	27,669
April	19,107	21,570	28,522

Our Shelves are looking Healthy

We're delighted that our shop shelves are looking really well stocked nowadays and our suppliers are all feeling much more positive about fulfilling orders, after the challenging early weeks of the lockdown.

We can certainly see that Appleton is baking like mad!

Flour, eggs, butter and sugar have been flying out, but we're just about keeping up with the increased demand.

A huge thanks to Millets Farm for supplying us with flour, which remains elusive in many other shops.

Our Shop's 20th Birthday

For those who haven't seen the fantastic banner in the shop window celebrating our 20th birthday as a Community Shop, please see below.

Happy Birthday to all of us and many thanks to Christina Salmon for the fabulous artwork.



And Finally

Just another great big huge thank you to all our staff, volunteers and villagers for making Appleton and its Shop what they are.

We need volunteer help with the following:

- **The Summer Holiday Period**- people to join the bank of volunteers willing to help out when a regular volunteer is away.
- **Volunteers**- Please check the list on the side of the drinks chiller for the slots needing to be filled each week.

If you would like to know more about volunteering, please contact the shop (863191) or email: appletonshop@gmail.com

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

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Local Hero

Nic Parslow of Eaton Road rowed across the Atlantic over Christmas and into February 2020 with three friends for charity.

Nic was part of a four-man team that completed a 3,000 mile row across the Atlantic in a bid to raise money for McMillan Cancer Support and IN-vision.

The Bucks Buoys are a team of novice rowers made up of father and son Kev and Rhys Luff, Paul 'Frankie' Smith and Nic that battled 40-foot waves and storms to complete the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Antigua.

In spite of losing power and hence navigation and water -purification two weeks into the journey, the Buoys were greeted by huge crowds at the finish line in English Harbour when they arrived on Sunday 28th January.

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Due to the current situation the committee had to draw the numbers via video link. Quite a challenge and the winners are:-

£50	137	Minna Rose
£30	51	Jill Farrant
£10	119	Thomas Collins
£10	37	Carol Bateman

This is the last draw for the current year and we will be giving our usual donations to the Village Hall, Sportsfield and the Advertiser. The normal collection routine will be difficult to carry out under the lockdown but hopefully we shall be back to normal soon.

Stay Safe

Sue Johnson (Treasurer)

Hand Clapping Update

From the very first week of lockdown when the Nation took to their doorsteps to show their appreciation of our wonderful NHS and other key workers, the ever supportive villagers of Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh rallied to partake and do their bit. We thought this to be a special moment in the history of our village and with the help of lots of volunteer photographers we have managed to capture the spirit of our community on film. The finished film is available to view on the Village Facebook page and will by now hopefully be on the village website too. Many thanks to all the photographers who helped to make this possible.

Jenny Gordon & Lisa Buck

Historic Milestone

Sometimes it is easy to forget that there are historic monuments in the local vicinity that barely ever get looked at or recognised. One such item is the milestone just 170m to the south west of the Oaksmere junction on the northside of the A420, at the beginning of the slip road into Appleton. This Milestone is shown on the earliest Ordnance Survey maps that were surveyed in 1875, and marked the Distance 6 Miles to Oxford and 11 Miles to Faringdon.

According to the National Milestone Society the marker was made by "Fyfield tombstone & iron plate" and "erected by the Fyfield, Newbridge & St John's Bridge turnpike trust in the 19th century"

Although now having some erosion and settling of its foundations, despite all the major road changes that have occurred, the stone still stands in the place where it was erected all those years ago.

Peter Stimpson

for AwEHG

VE Day Celebrations

The Village came out in style and spirit to celebrate VE Day. It was wonderful to see so many decorations and residents making the day special in these difficult times of having to keep distant.

It was a wonderful weekend with a wonderful spirit seen in Appleton, Eaton and Besselsleigh!

There is a video of those who celebrated and sent in photos which can be found on appleton-eaton.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. As you will be aware from the UK Government reports, it has been effective which is why the measures largely remain in place with slight revisions.

If you would like more information on these guidelines and coronavirus at <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 or 01865 865 876.

Jubilee Park, Sportsfield and Besselsleigh Woods

The parish is so fortunate to have had access to the Sportsfield and Besselsleigh Woods during the Covid-19 pandemic. There is more good news! The council has been given advice to say the basketball and green areas of Jubilee Park can re-open with the play and exercise equipment cordoned off. There will be notices regarding social distancing as well as hand sanitiser by the entrance gate.

The council is very happy that all of this is available and wishes everyone to be able to enjoy these open spaces. However, the council asks that people adhere to any posted guidelines and not leave any rubbish, taking all rubbish home. This is especially important in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic so that everyone can continue to safely enjoy these open spaces.

Dog Fouling

It has been brought to our attention that there has been an increase of dog fouling that is not picked up as well as plastic bags left with dog waste. Please ensure you pick up after your dog and take waste home/to a bin. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parish hardship due to Covid19

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Clerk to Appleton Trust

dymockdj@gmail.com

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The Parish Council was so pleased to have received photos of the wonderful VE Day celebrations many in the village held. The Parish Council has put together a video of those who have sent in photos and this can be found on the village website.

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Allison Leigh, Parish Clerk

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NOTE: This newsletter is also available on the Parish website. If you do not wish your item to be displayed online, please inform the Editor. All items are included in good faith, and the Appleton with Eaton Advertiser cannot take responsibility for any content.

Appleton website is now

www.Appleton-eaton.org

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

Deadline for July issue:

12.30, **19th June**(19th of the month is the usual deadline)

Notices for village organisations

All printed copy to the shop or by email to editor.advertiser@gmail.com before the deadline. Please email if you can!

No formal payment is required but we ask for a donation towards the running costs of the Advertiser: between £5-50 depending on the length and frequency of entries. Please try to restrict your item to half a page maximum. Liaise with David Staunton to agree an appropriate donation.

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St Laurence Appleton with Besselsleigh Church at Home

St Laurence services via YouTube

We have set up our own YouTube Channel (details below) 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 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/UCeRmSVKdQntRdqZSI-thN3A>

You can access the link directly via our website:
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 if you are interested in participating and he will send you a link.

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Prayer Outreach - <https://forms.gle/K6nGfxaSonzorLWd9> or call Roger Mitty 01865 863794.