

Easton Parish Magazine



2022

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON



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Reverend Graham Hedger's Letter

By now most people will have heard that I am intending to retire at the end of April. This has been a difficult decision. I had hoped to continue into 2024 or beyond. However, family circumstances and poor health have meant that I feel it is sensible to take early retirement. In due course the Archdeacon of Suffolk will meet with the churchwardens to discuss the 'vacancy process', which will lead to the appointment of a new priest in charge. Sue and I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes. But I haven't gone yet, and there are still many things for us to work at over the coming months.

Over recent months there has been speculation about the future of the prime minister and how some people may or may not be positioning themselves for a leadership challenge. Ambition is a powerful emotion. I am always intrigued by what commentators say will make a good leader. Often, they omit one vital characteristic - that of a servant.

Some things don't change. Jesus was on a journey with his disciples during which he talked about how he would go to Jerusalem and eventually be killed. This concept of leadership seemed to go over the heads of his disciples who then started discussing who was the greatest and therefore worthy of the biggest reward. In response, Jesus said, 'If anyone would be first, he must be last and servant of all'.

A genuine leader is one who serves. Perhaps we might talk about that old-fashioned concept of public service which we might apply to politicians and all those who work in the public sector, or even those who are willing give up their time for the good of the community.

One of the things I have observed over the years is how leaders of different organisations function before and after a meeting. I call it the chair and tea towel test. Once the talking is over and the majority of people have left the meeting, where are the leaders? Are they helping people put the chairs away, or in the kitchen washing up, or are they making sure that they don't get their hands dirty?

I remember a friend commenting on the appointment of a new bishop who had once been a junior priest in her parish. She said, 'I know he will make a good bishop because he was good at stacking chairs and drying up.' The concept of being a servant may not be the most obvious quality of those who would lead, but I happen to think it's quite vital.

Graham

Church Matters



"Pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers."

From Philippians chapter 4 in the Living Bible.

Church Services

On 30th January there will be a benefice Holy Communion service at Easton at 9.30 am.

That evening there will be a service for Candlemas at Marlesford church at 5 pm.

The benefice service for the first Sunday of the month (on 6th February) will be at Hacheston when Archdeacon Jeannette Gosney will be preaching.

In Easton there will be services of Morning Prayer (BCP) on 13th February at 11.00 am and also Holy Communion in Easton church on 27th February at 11.00 am.

Services on Zoom

The Zoom morning service on 20th February will be at 9.30 am. If you would like to join our Zoom services, please register with Bill Clarke so that he can send you the link (bill78@btinternet.com).

Sunday Café

We are delighted that we are hoping to run our Sunday Café on 20th February. See page 4 for more details.

Discussion Group

Our topic for February is "water" (which we didn't manage to do in January) and we are due to meet on Wednesday 2nd February at Bickley, Harriers Walk at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Sunday Cafe



Sunday 20th February

10—11.30 am

Village Hall

Join us once again (or for the first time)
for delicious bacon rolls, coffee and
home made goodies to
eat in or takeaway.



(Cash only please—card readers don't
work due to poor mobile reception in
village hall.)

We look forward to welcoming you.



Covid-safe Church Services

From July 19th government regulations have become guidance.

The way we organise our services in church is based upon national guidance. Our aim is to make them as safe as possible with everyone taking responsibility for themselves and showing compassion and courtesy to others. As with all things Covid the process will be kept under review.

We are adopting a uniform approach across the benefice.

- Regular risk assessments are carried out in each church.
- Where churches have side doors and windows these will be open for ventilation.
- We recognise that some people will feel more vulnerable now than previously and may want to sit on their own or wear a mask at all times. In view of this we ask all people to wear a face covering and to continue to socially distance. For most Sunday services this does not present a problem!
- We ask people to use hand sanitiser as they come in and go out of church.
- At Holy Communion, face coverings to be worn at all times—when sitting down or moving around the church.
- The priest will wear a mask when administering Communion.
- Communion will continue in one kind (bread, no wine).
- We recommence congregational singing in church.

For baptisms, weddings and funerals:

The government has lifted restrictions on numbers attending weddings, funerals and baptisms. In discussion with the families, we will decide whether to limit numbers. If numbers are not limited, then social distancing may not be possible. We ask all people to wear face coverings.

Graham

Services for February 2022

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 6th	9.30 am	Benefice Service of Holy Communion	Hacheston
Sunday 13th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Campsea Ashe
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP) <i>Sidesperson: Colin Haysom</i>	Easton
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Parham
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Hacheston
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Marlesford
Sunday 20th	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Zoom
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Marlesford
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Parham
Sunday 27th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Brandeston
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
	11.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Sidesperson: Jane Woodbury-Eggins</i>	Easton
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Kettleburgh

Mid-week service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Hacheston 2nd February at 10 am

Compline is said in Marlesford Church at 5 pm every Wednesday

Friday Prayers: 4 pm Hacheston



What's On in February



Village Hall

Mondays:

Yoga with Ellie 9.30—11 am
Pre-booking
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Tuesdays:

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Pre-booking
Contact Clare Hassler on
01728 621247 / 07769 716761

Pilates for Riders with Dawn
7—8 pm
Pre-booking
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Wednesdays:

Pilates with Kelly
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Beginners/Intermediate 10.30 am
Pre-booking
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Table Tennis
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Thursdays:

Yoga 6.30—7.30 pm
Pre-booking essential
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Fridays:

Yoga with Ellie 9.30—11 am
Pre-booking
E: eleanorpenlo@gmail.com

Sunday 20th

Sunday Café
10—11.30 am
See page 4



Mobile Library
Wednesday 9th
12.25—12.45 pm
Easton Farm Park

Spring

QUIZ NIGHT

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DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

January 2022

The success of the vaccine rollout has helped keep the Omicron variant at bay, and I am hopeful that we can begin looking forward to a happier and more prosperous 2022. However, the winter months are likely to be challenging for many, as once again, the UK is facing an energy price squeeze with home heating and energy bills set to rise.

There are two main reasons why the UK energy market is in crisis - both can be pinned on previous policy failures, but neither is directly related to the UK's push for renewables. The energy price spike is due to the UK's reliance on imported gas, not its reliance on renewables.

Gas accounts for about two-fifths of UK energy consumption and, as the dominant source of home heating, effectively sets energy prices. Markets set the gas price and as Britain imports almost all of its gas, those markets are determined by global supply and demand. Additionally, UK nuclear capacity has dwindled, and coal is, for good reason, a dirty word. Britain's base load, in other words the energy on which we can always rely, has become increasingly dependent on just-in-time supplies of liquid natural gas, imported into our homes via inter-connectors with the continent. This is not a strategy for long term energy security, and it needs to change.

Energy security is expensive, but I am pleased that the Government is finally getting on with the job of passing new laws to allow vital investment into new UK based carbon-neutral forms of electricity. This may result in a short term rise in bills but will pay dividends in the long run - investing now will improve our energy security and make us less vulnerable to energy price rises and volatility in the future.

The other policy failure results from the way in which the energy price cap is implemented. Many smaller energy suppliers are going out of business as they are forced to absorb price rises and cannot change prices for a six-month period. This reduces competition in the energy market and, in the longer term, further increases prices for consumers. At the very least the Ofgem cap should be set every three months and I shall be doing all I can to make the case in Parliament for this important change in how the energy price cap operates.

As household bills rise again, the wrong decision would be to scrap environmental levies which only accounted for 23% of energy bills in August, compared with 34% for the wholesale electricity costs. It is the jump in these wholesale energy prices since August that has been the problem and not the green levies which provide an investment in keeping energy prices lower for consumers in the future.

Ultimately, changes in both how we produce as well as how we use energy are needed to meet the government's net zero targets and, just as importantly, to keep household energy prices down in the long term.

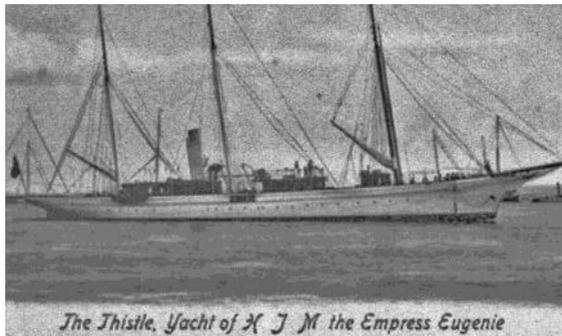
Easton's History

The Yachts "Thistle" - Part 2

The 12th Duke of Hamilton during his life had two iron steamships named Thistle. The first one was sold in 1874 to a John Penn Snr and then in 1880 to Wm H Smith, believed to be William H Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty in 1877 godson of the founder of the W H Smith chain. He was perceived to be the model for Sir Joseph Porter in Gilbert and Sullivan's HMS Pinafore and known to have been referred to by Disraeli as "Pinafore" Smith. (Wikipedia). Smith renamed the boat "Pandora". In 1919 she was removed from the Register of Yachts. By 1921 she had been converted to a cargo ship and the following year damaged by fire on route to Oporto. She was scrapped in 1927.

His second yacht "Thistle", built in 1881 also on the Clyde, was used by the Duke up until his death. A beautiful white steam yacht, it was described as being luxurious inside. This vessel had a different career. It was used mainly to visit other heads of state in Europe and the Mediterranean, and often used to bring oranges and liquor back home for him. This yacht had a more interesting and unusual life.

Her Imperial Majesty, Empress Eugénie of France, wife of Napoleon III, escaped from France and was brought to England by Sir John Burgoyne, a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes. He was an English Officer whose yacht Gazelle was moored at Deauville. There were perilous storms that night but Eugénie arrived safely in England and lived at Camden House, Chislehurst. She became the next owner of "Thistle" which was usually moored in the Solent. She regularly visited Osborne House on the Isle of Wight.



The following notes are from her Private Secretary, ‘...But there is a third residence where, during the last 25 years, the Empress has expressed some peaceful and not entirely unhappy days. I allude to her yacht Thistle on which she has taken so many cruises in the Mediterranean and around the coasts of Ireland, Scotland and Norway.’

The “Thistle” was requisitioned during WWI into the Royal Navy. When aged 88, the Empress visited Portsmouth on 6th November 1914, the log entry for that date states: ‘Ships company drawn up to receive HIM the Empress Eugénie (of France), accompanied by the C-in-C and suite to inspect ship’.

Her Log on 3rd December 1914 states: ‘Lat. 56.2. Long 2.3(approx.) SWly Gales, Force 10 and 11 in am moderating 9&8’.

1am Strong gale, very heavy head sea, ship taking very heavy water aboard fore and aft. Wheel box and stern gratings washed overboard. Breakwaters for’d carried away. Fore hatches lifted by seas and flooding mess decks below.

7am. Starboard foc’sle bulwarks and poop upper bulwarks carried away. Bowsprit rigging carried away.

8am Starboard lifeboat lost all gear.

8am Approaching May Island Ship dodging East and West.’

Members of Family of Empress Eugénie and her homes in England



The Empress Eugénie in 1889
1826 - 1920



Napoleon III (and Empress Eugénie) in 1871
1806 - 1873



Camden House, Chislehurst
Their First residence in England



Farnborough Hill
Later home of the Empress

EASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



January seems to be flying by here at Easton School. We have had a busy start to the new term. The children and staff came back fully recharged and the children ready to learn. We are very excited to see the return of yoga at school and the children have fully embraced their sessions, and we at Easton School value this time for them. We are enjoying the cold sunny days and making the most of our outdoor spaces. Lots of PE still being done outside and filling our lungs with the fresh country air. How lucky are we!

Firstly we had to say a fond farewell to one of our Teaching Assistants. Mrs Hussey worked as a TA at Easton for 12 years and has now decided on a change of career. We wish her every success in her new job. We will miss her and hope that she will pop back to visit us soon.

Hazel Class (Reception and year 1) have started their new History topic - 'The First Flight'. They have watched some funny video clips seeing how men attempted to learn to fly. They designed their own aeroplanes which also took their first flight. They will be learning about the Wright brothers and how significant their inventions were and how they affect our lives today. They have enjoyed lots of activities linking to the story 'Owl Babies' including drama, a story telling, new reporting and art activities. In their maths mission Hazel Class will be designing a 'hook a duck' game to support addition and subtraction. In D&T they will be designing and making their own puppets and put on a puppet show for their friends.

Rowan Class (years 2 and 3) have also started their new topic—'All About Space'. They will be focusing on significant explorers in history - Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. They will be identifying what they might need to take to space in order to survive. As part of their D&T project and linked to science they will be making space buggies. They have also welcomed new visitors into Rowan Class—some stick insects! They will be learning about life cycles and what animals need to survive. In Maths they have a very exciting maths mission planned with cookies and arrays investigating the different arrays on a cookie (YUM!) In literacy Rowan Class are learning all about adventure stories, so lots to do!

Oak Class (years 4, 5 and 6) have just started their new computing topic and have explored national art galleries using Google arts and culture so that they can design their own virtual art gallery using CAD software. There were collective oohs and ahhs as they 'walked' around the galleries around the world, from NASA to The White House to The British Museum. They have been focussing on Lewis Carroll's 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' and studying the wonderful characters in greater depth.

The children continue to receive their individual piano lessons and flute lessons for years 4, 5 and 6. The children in years 2 and 3 are having recorder lessons ready for a tune or two at the Easter service. The children in Early Years Foundation Stage and year 1 are learning to play the beat on the drums!!



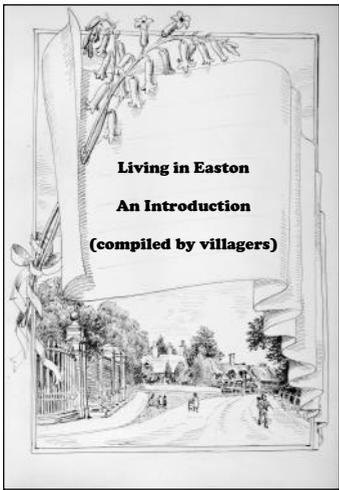
Lucky me!

The school is currently looking to recruit new governing members to our Local Advisory Board from our local community. If you are interested in supporting our school, please contact our school office for further details.



Mrs D Payne

Early years/KS1 teacher



Living in Easton
An Introduction
(compiled by villagers)

New to the Village?

Please let me know if you are aware of anyone who moves into the village. We have always warmly welcomed newcomers and I am now very happily taking on this role. We can also provide the introductory booklet 'Living in Easton' which has lots of helpful information.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



News from The Consumer Association Royal Mail delivery text scam exposed: how a scammer tried to take £4,000

Which has been inundated with reports of delivery text scams. More than 2,000 delivery text scams were logged in our scam sharer tool last year, and over a quarter of them are fake Royal Mail delivery texts.

While we would never recommend engaging with a scam text message, we went along with one of these Royal Mail delivery text scams to show what happens. The scam text message was from an unknown sender, it asked for payment of a delivery fee and included a link to a website to make that payment. The website had a very similar look and feel to that of Royal Mail's, it even included links to Royal Mail's social media feeds. Our reporter entered in some false details on the website and used a pre-paid card we'd set up with HyperJar, a prepaid card, and money App. Nothing immediately happened. But two weeks later, our reporter received notifications for multiple attempted payments, totalling more than £4,000. The scammer attempted another barrage of payments over the next few days.

We reported this particular scam to Royal Mail, and it said: *'We remind our customers that Royal Mail will only send email and SMS notifications in cases where the sender has requested this when using our trackable products that offer this service. In cases where customers need to pay a surcharge for an underpaid item, we would let them know by leaving a grey Fee To Pay card. We would not request payment by email or text. The only time we would ask customers to make a payment by email or by text is in some instances where a customs fee is due. In such cases, we would also leave a grey card telling customers that there's a Fee to Pay before we can release the item.'*

How to avoid a text scam

- Don't follow any links – the most effective way to avoid text scams is to ignore links. Clicking on links could lead you to download malware and malicious software.
- Don't share information – treat all messages requesting sensitive information with suspicion. Legitimate organisations will never text you to ask for your personal or banking details. —————>

- Only use official contacts – if you're unsure, contact the company that claims to have sent it. Use the official contact details listed on their website.
- Don't reply. Replying to a fake text, calling the number or clicking suspicious links only lets scammers know your number is being used.
- Report it – you can report scam texts by forwarding the message to 7726, which is a free reporting service provided by phone operators. This information is then shared with police and intelligence agencies.

Keep Safe on Social Media

I have previously warned of the need to be careful when posting information on social media. Over Christmas there was a classic example of this on Nextdoor Easton.

Someone (not a resident of Easton) posted that they were looking for help around the house. In doing so they included the name of the house. A possible candidate expressed interest and asked if they could call round. The answer was yes but said they would be away for two days, giving the times they would leave and return.

This information, indicating that the house is likely to be unoccupied, is valuable to any would be burglar. With the name of the person, the house and knowing that the postal district is Woodbridge, for a small fee one of the telephone directory services would provide full address details. Alternatively if the house has been sold in the last thirty years details are likely to be on sites like Rightmove and Prime Location. The advantage of the latter being not only that it is free but in the event that the burglar does not have satnav they could print off a handy map showing the location.

John Owen

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon? It had great food but no atmosphere.

What's small, red and whispers? A hoarse radish.



HELP! Will someone please take the joke book away from my husband. Ed.

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Do you have something to put in the magazine?

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... and search Easton

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For more information on your local villages, visit the parish websites:-

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www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

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