

# Easton Parish Magazine



*January 2021*

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Dear Friends,

As we enter a new year, one is inevitably drawn into a reflection of the last one, 2020, which this time last year heralded the beginning of a new decade, indeed a year to look forward to with renewed hope and expectation. Who could have foreseen what was waiting for us? By March we were about to experience a way of life unknown to any of us and a new vocabulary ie lockdown, COVID19 and mass testing to name a few.

For the Church the changes were profound, faced with closure and no services, and when the doors were finally opened no hymns. Then just as we were getting used to a new style of service, we were closed down again. But Church people are nothing if not resilient as new electronic services via Zoom were introduced, unfortunately beyond my IT skills, but not to the thirty plus who joined in each Sunday—a service style that continues and, who knows, a glimpse of the future.

By now the Christmas festivities are winding down, the turkeys consumed and the crackers pulled, and we look forward to a new year full of hope and great significance, a new year which sees the start of a vaccination programme and the pandemic held at bay, where life assumes normality and we can once again enjoy the company of loved ones and friends.

So, friends, we have much to look forward to in 2021, but let us not forget the staff of the NHS, the carers and those who supplied essential services to society in 2020 and remember with love all who were bereaved during that year.

Have a special 2021 and God bless you.

John Bradfield  
(Lay Elder and Churchwarden at Parham)

# *Church Matters*



## *Cover for Graham*

We are so grateful to Revd Deirdre Parmenter for standing in for Graham while he is ill. With her help we have been able to cover most services. However, with further restrictions in Tier 4, services will have to be mostly online from Boxing Day onwards. We will try to keep you informed of any changes.

## *Church and Zoom Services*

On 3rd January there will be a Zoom service for Epiphany at 9.30 am and our Zoom services will continue every Sunday for the foreseeable future. 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](mailto:bill78@btinternet.com)).

## *Christingle and Carol Services on Zoom*

These services had lots of participants and were obviously appreciated. If you have Zoom or can download it, do give the Sunday service or any special services a try.

## *Thanks to all our Supporters in 2020*

2020 was a year unlike any other and services in church were rare. We could not have Sunday Cafes after March and the May Fair and the Christmas Fayre could not take place. However, the PCC would like to thank anyone who contributed to keeping the church running in 2020 (and I would like to thank the PCC for their continued support).

At church we would like to thank those who helped with keeping the church cleaned thoroughly for services, doing small jobs of maintenance and helping at the services we have been able to hold.

Our thanks go especially to Clare for managing to produce the Parish Magazine every month in testing circumstances and whilst undergoing her treatment at the hospital. As a result of the pandemic, the magazine had to go online so that distributors didn't have to go round the village delivering copies. We may revisit this when we are allowed to do so as we know some people really prefer a paper copy.

*Jane Woodbury-Eggs*

## **Parish Magazine Subscriptions**

*We will not be asking for subscriptions for the parish magazine for the time being as printing costs have reduced considerably as the magazine is now distributed mostly digitally.*

*However, in these 'lean' times for the church which has been unable to undertake the usual fundraising through the wonderful village events we miss so much, if you are able, we would ask if you would kindly make a donation to the church in whatever form you wish.*

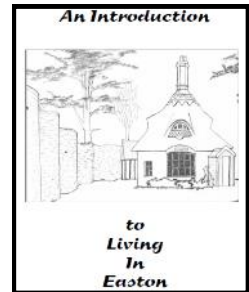
*If you wish to pay by BACS, please contact me by email (clareeowen@tiscali.co.uk) and I will send you the church bank details. Alternatively cash or a cheque made payable to Easton Parochial Church Council and posted through Malcolm Plews' door at Easton House in the middle of the village or to Jane Woodbury-Eggins at Bickley, Harriers Walk.*

*Many thanks and happy New Year.*

*Ed*

## **"Living in Easton"**

For many years now, Charles Pollock has kindly produced this excellent information booklet which introduces and helps newcomers to the village. He has done a sterling job but is now standing down from this responsibility. As a village, we thank Charles for all his hard work in this task.



As no-one else has come forward to take on said task (it's not too late!), I have taken it over from Charles, but I need your help.

**Please will you let me know if anyone new moves into the village so that I can make sure they receive the book. It is free of charge. My telephone number is 745015, email [clareeowen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:clareeowen@tiscali.co.uk).**

Clare Owen

## ***Church Zoom Services in January***

Sunday 3rd	9.30 am	Epiphany
Sunday 10th	9.30 am	
Sunday 17th	9.30 am	
Sunday 24th	9.30 am	
Sunday 31st	9.30 am	

Contact Bill Clarke to register at  
[bill78@btinternet.com](mailto:bill78@btinternet.com)

### **Pastoral support**

Although we are unable to visit, members of the Ministry Team and others are available at the end of the phone to listen or to pray with you.

Canon Graham Hedger	01473 737280
Canon Deirdre Parmenter	01728 748145
Jackie Clark	01728 723623
Carol Cooke	01728 747625

### **Supporting others**

For those who are in self isolation it can be a disturbing time. We continue to work with each Parish Council and other village groups to develop a support system via telephone and email, to remove some of the isolation. Also, to provide practical support such as collecting and delivering groceries.

### **Remembering others**

These are very challenging times for many people, who face the possibility of the loss of jobs and livelihoods. Britain already has a large number of people who need the help and support of foodbanks. If you are able, when on your very occasional visit to a shop please continue to place an item in the foodbank collections. Please continue to remember in prayer all those who are continuing to work for our safety and wellbeing, especially those who are providing essential services.

# **Easton Parish Council**

## **Next Scheduled Meetings -**

- **Thursday January 14th 2021 - Ordinary Meeting - 7.30pm**
- **Thursday January 28th 2021 - Budget meeting - 7.30pm**
- **Thursday March 12th 2021 - Ordinary meeting - 7.30pm**

In line with government restrictions and guidelines - meetings will need to take place 'virtually'.

Meetings will be virtual via 'Zoom', if you wish to join/attend please follow the instructions on the website, you will then receive the invite link from the Clerk to be able to join the meeting on the night.

Easton residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend meetings and can speak regarding Agenda items during the public forum at the beginning of each meeting. During this forum reports can be heard from the District and County Councillors. The rest of the meeting forms the business of the Parish Council. Members of the public are welcome to stay, with the exception of confidential items, but may not contribute unless invited to do so by the Chair. Please be aware that filming and other reporting might take place at the meeting.

## **Notice and Minutes**

Agendas for all meetings are placed on the Parish Council notice board situated in the village car park and online (see 'In this section'). Agendas are usually published a week in advance with a minimum of 3 days in advance. Minutes of Parish Council meetings are placed on the Parish Council notice board and online, see 'In this section'. A hard copy can be obtained from the Clerk upon request.

**<http://easton.suffolk.cloud/>**

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



## **Scam : Call Blocking Services**

Call blocking services can be a useful tool in helping consumers screen out nuisance or unwanted calls. But we are seeing an increase in the bogus selling of these services.

Consumers are being cold-called by rogue companies using aggressive sales tactics and often offering sub-standard cold call blockers. Or, worse still, taking their money for no product or service in return.

Some fraudsters have claimed to be from the Telephone Preference Service, or to be working with the Government.

If you want information on call blocking devices you may wish to look at advice by Which? Ofcom also has a comprehensive guide which explains the different types of nuisance call and message and includes advice on what action you can take to protect yourself and who you can complain to.

## **Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service : Smoke Alarm testing**

Working smoke alarms save lives, but only if they are in the right place and working. One alarm on every floor is a minimum and remember to test them weekly.

## **From an Easton Resident : Email DPD Scam**

We have previously mentioned DPD scams. Recently reported by an Easton resident [abridged]:

“The wording was designed to create a panic response when received and had two ‘click on’ buttons for replying. It had been laid out to look official - but there was no DPD logo.

- 1) Sender was: lisadonegan5@hotmail.com (although it was headed DPD.CO.UK)
- 2) The email arrived 30/11/2020 asking for urgent action.
- 3) It was not addressed to me personally by name, only to my email address. If it had been from a genuine source it would have my name on it as well.



- 4) It stated my parcel was on hold at the local depot because when they tried to deliver it today I was not at home, yet I have been in all day!
- 5) Panic mode!! 'You must reply by 1/12/2020 or the parcel will be returned to sender' - it didn't mention who the sender was (I would have expected a company name).
- 6) There were two buttons to click on, one to rearrange delivery, the other to change delivery address.
- 7) It stated The parcel could be collected from the depot at Frogmore Industrial Estate, Acton Lane, Park Royal, London, NW10 7NQ. (As if I would want to drive that far??)."

DPD scams should be reported to: [phishing@dpgroup.co.uk](mailto:phishing@dpgroup.co.uk)

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Anyone who wishes to report anything of a similar nature please contact me on: [jkowen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jkowen@tiscali.co.uk)

John Owen

### Feeling a little deflated ...



One night daddy balloon tells baby balloon he's too big now to be getting into bed with him and mummy balloon, and said enough is enough. You must sleep on your own.

Baby balloon goes to his own bed but wakes in the night and can't get back to sleep.

So he crawls into bed with mummy and daddy but can't quite fit. He unties daddy balloons knot and let's out a little air but still can't fit.

So he unties mummy's knot and let's out a little air, but to no avail.

In the end he unties his own knot, let's out a little air, and then snuggles down between mummy and daddy balloon and falls asleep.

In the morning daddy balloon wakes up and he is not happy.

He turns to baby balloon and says to him crossly, you've let me down, you've let your mum down, but worst of all son, you've let yourself down!

# Was this the best April Fools' joke ever?

*Fascinated by local history, I was intrigued by this! It was originally published on the internet on 1 April 2007 and when I contacted the author, Simon Knott (see at end of article), he pointed out the date of publication. This is an edited version for you to enjoy.*

John Owen

## Ipswich Underground Railway

Little survives today of the former Ipswich Underground Railway, but once its tunnels and platforms thronged with Ipswich people travelling beneath the streets of their proud town. Today, the tunnels are filled in and the stations have found other uses, but still the memories remain. This site is an attempt to record as much evidence as possible of those days, before they disappear for ever.

### A brief history of the Ipswich Underground Railway

In 1920, the first post-war Conservative Government proposed a network of Underground Railways in British towns and cities, to be operated locally but managed centrally from Whitehall. Work went ahead on a number of pilot projects, among them Ipswich, under the auspices of the Eastern Underground Railway, a semi-autonomous company set up by central government.

The colossal cost of the project soon became clear, and the Government, now heading onto rocks under the failing command of the ageing Prime Minister Bonar Law, decided to abandon the project. Local authorities were given the opportunity to take it over, and much to the surprise of Whitehall, Ipswich accepted, one of only three local authorities to do so.

The Eastern Underground Railway became the Ipswich Underground Railway in 1922, and the Borough quickly set about expanding the system to provide a clean, fast, safe and rapid transport network underneath the Borough. Celebrated local architect Hector Munro Cautley designed several stations in a lively style that crossed mock-Tudor with Art Deco. By 1930, fifteen stations had been completed, mainly in the south and east of the town. However, the recession of the early Thirties called a halt to this expansion.



Former site of Fore Hamlet Underground Station, Duke Street (now Loch Fyne at Mortimers)

The revival of the Ipswich Underground was to occur in a quite remarkable manner. In 1933, the newly-elected Ipswich Borough Council consisted largely of Communist sympathisers, and even a few party members. One of its first acts was to send a message of support to Joseph Stalin and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Stalin was so pleased with this kick in the face for

Baldwin's government that he set about funding the expansion and completion of the Ipswich underground. A number of fabulous stations were constructed, among them Gainsborough, Margaret Catchpole and Fore Hamlet, to the designs of the major Soviet architect Vladimir Mayakovsky.

The Second World War put a stop to this expansion, and the war itself took its toll on the infrastructure of the system. Bombing of the docklands area destroyed the main tunnels linking the east side of town with the town centre, and their replacement would have been prohibitive.

In 1950 it was decided to abandon the system, and replace it with over-ground trolley buses. One short stretch of line connecting the Cornhill station with the Ipswich mainline station and the spur to St Matthew's, remained in use until 1968, until they were closed and filled in for the deep foundations of the Greyfriars complex.

Some of the stations were demolished, but others found new uses, as shops, banks, a pub and even, in one case, a church. In the Autumn of 2006 I decided to hunt down the surviving evidence of the Ipswich Underground system, and you can see some of my photographs above. I hope to continue adding to this site, and offers of original photographs, memorabilia, or even just memories, are most welcome - you can contact me here

<http://www.simonknott.co.uk/ipswichunderground.htm>



Former site of Cornhill Underground Station, Tavern Street

## Darkness

In this winter of your soul,  
When the light begins to fade,  
Remember it's in darkness  
Each one of us is made.

In the shelter of the dark  
Can you feel into your roots?  
Can you listen to your heart,  
To unspoken, silent truths?  
The dark invites us inward,  
To reflect, renew, restore.  
It reminds us who we are inside,  
In our buried deepest core.

The dead leaves are all gone now,  
Your branches are laid bare,  
You feel the cold against your skin  
As an ice wind chills the air.  
It may be cold and dark outside  
But remember deep within,  
In the cover of this darkness  
Your soul's rekindling.

Find solace in this winter,  
Let the darkness tuck you in  
Allow your roots the time to grow  
Deep and strong before the spring.  
As sure as dawn turns into day  
And dusk turns into night,  
This winter of the soul  
Will soon give way to light.



A Wellfield

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## **Do you have something to put in the magazine?**

Contributions to the next Parish Magazine should arrive by the 20th of the month before, either by email or by handwritten piece, please.

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**... and search Easton**

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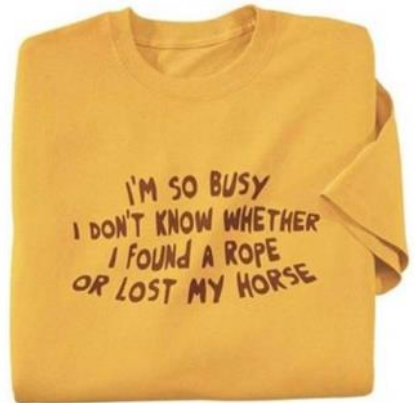
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