

Easton Parish Magazine



Happy New Year!



January

2022



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Reverend Graham Hedger's Letter

Many people use January as a time for new beginnings. For some it is a time of resolutions, though sadly many don't even make it past the second week of the year. Others use it as a time to take stock, perhaps start an early spring clean. I have already started on my filing system which gets an annual purge. But most years I also look at all those clothes I no longer wear (or fit into). So, along with many others, I will be making a trip to a charity shop. I'm told that January is a good time for them as people make room for Christmas gifts or recycle unwanted gifts.

Years ago, one of the development charities used the strap line 'live more simply that others might simply live'. It is a sentiment that has stayed with me through the years, even if I have found it difficult to implement. Every so often I take down from my bookshelves a book that was written 40 years ago. It is called 'The Freedom of Simplicity'. The author is an American Quaker who looks at different aspects of life and takes the reader through a series of exercises and challenges aimed at reducing the clutter in our lives so that we have more time for God.

I always find it a challenging read because life never seems to be simple. I accumulate all sorts of things that I say are important for my work or that might come in handy one day. But it is not only possessions that clutter up life. I'm good at filling my time with a range of activities which shut out the opportunities for quiet and peace that enable us to seek God. Talking to many people I find that they are in the same boat. It is as if by surrounding ourselves with possessions and activities we close off part of our spiritual nature, so it is harder to listen to the promptings of God.

So, this year, as well as a major clear out of 'stuff', I'm going to look at all that goes on in my life in an attempt to live more simply and hopefully closer to God.

With best wishes for 2022.

Graham

Church Matters



"Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves.
Protect the rights of all who are helpless".

A good thought for the New Year from Proverbs chapter 31.

Revd Canon Graham Hedger's retirement

Graham was not due to announce his retirement until January, but news "got out" from the Diocesan Office. We will be sad to see him and Sue leave us, but understand his need to make the decision for next year.

He will be retiring on 30th April 2022. After Christmas the Archdeacon will meet with the churchwardens to discuss the processes relating to the vacancy.

Graham wrote: "Advent is a season of hope, which culminates in the wonderful festival of Christmas. It is a time of assurance of God's love, and it is that sense of hope and comfort that we take with us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. It has been a joy to be called to be a priest in this benefice and I look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming months."

Church Services

On 2nd January there will be a benefice Holy Communion service at Campsea Ashe at 9.30 am.

In Easton there will be a service of Morning Prayer (BCP) on 9th January at 11.00 am and also a benefice service of Holy Communion in Easton Church on 30th January at 9.30 am.

Services on Zoom

There will be a Zoom morning service on 16th January 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).



Discussion Group

At our last meeting we had fun discussing the importance of "bread" in the Bible and finding out about bread, diet and meals and the symbolism of bread in the Old and New Testaments. Our topic for January is "water" and we are due to meet on Wednesday 5th January at Bickley, Harriers Walk at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome.

Thanks to all our supporters in 2021

2021 was a another strange year. After lockdown we gradually picked up and had regular services with a particularly good Harvest service with lots of children participating. The Taizé services held in Easton Church through the summer were a joy and were attended by people from all around the deanery. We thank Revd. Wendy Gourlay and her team for putting them together.

Sadly there were no Sunday Cafes, May Fair or Christmas Fayre. However, the PCC would like to thank anyone who contributed to keeping the church running in 2021 both financially and in helping with cleaning, flowers and general tasks. We could not manage without you.

Our thanks also go to Clare for producing the Parish Magazine every month in spite of the circumstances. As a result of the pandemic, the magazine went online so that distributors didn't have to go round the village delivering copies. Many people prefer to have the magazine in this format, but if you need a paper copy, please let Clare know.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins

Sunday Café

We are keen to re-start the Café, but with the ongoing uncertainty at the time of going to press, sadly are unable to commit to this for obvious reasons! We will see what the next few days bring and advise you by email and/or notices around the village if we are able to go ahead in January. Watch this space!

Clare Owen and Colin Haysom

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 invite 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 when 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 January 2022

| Date | Time | Service | Church |
|-------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Sunday 2nd | 9.30 am | Benefice Service of Holy Communion | Campsea Ashe |
| Sunday 9th | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer (BCP) | Campsea Ashe |
| | 9.30 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Brandeston |
| | 11.00 am | Morning Prayer (BCP) <i>Sidesperson: Jayne Gibson</i> | Easton |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Communion | Parham |
| | 11.00 am | Morning Prayer (BCP) | Hacheston |
| | 6.30 pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) | Marlesford |
| Sunday 16th | 9.30 am | Morning Worship | Zoom |
| | 9.30 am | Holy Communion | Marlesford |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Communion | Kettleburgh |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Parham |
| Sunday 23rd | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer | Brandeston |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Communion | Hacheston |
| | 6.30 pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) | Kettleburgh |
| Sunday 30th | 9.30 am | Benefice Service of Holy Communion <i>Sidesperson: Colin Haysom</i> | Easton |
| | 5.00 pm | Candlemas | Marlesford |

Mid-week service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Hacheston 5th January at 10 am
Compline is said in Marlesford Church at 5 pm every Wednesday

Changes to Services

Hacheston and Parham services of Holy Communion [HC] have been swapped so that Hacheston now has HC on the fourth Sunday and Parham on the second. At Brandeston the PCC has asked for the introduction of a non-Eucharistic service instead of a second service of HC. So from this month services will be at 9.30 am. There will be a service of morning worship which will take different forms. This means that the early morning service of HC will no longer take place. As many people like the traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer, the service will alternate each month between traditional and modern language.

What's On in January



Village Hall

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

50+ Keep Fit Class 10-11am
Pre-booking
Contact Clare Hassler on
01728 621247 / 07769 716761

Pilates for Riders with Dawn
7—8 pm
Pre-booking
E: dfkcoaching@hotmail.com

Wednesdays:

Pilates with Kelly
Advanced 9.15 am
Beginners/Intermediate 10.30 am
Pre-booking
E: pilateswithkelly@hotmail.com

Table Tennis
6:30pm £5 per session
Contact John on 746644

Thursdays:

Yoga 6.30—7.30 pm
Pre-booking essential
E: yogavicky2019@gmail.com
See poster page 8.

Fridays:

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

Parish Council Meeting
Monday 24th January
7.30 pm
Village Hall

Mobile Library
Wednesday 12th
12.25—12.45 pm
Easton Farm Park

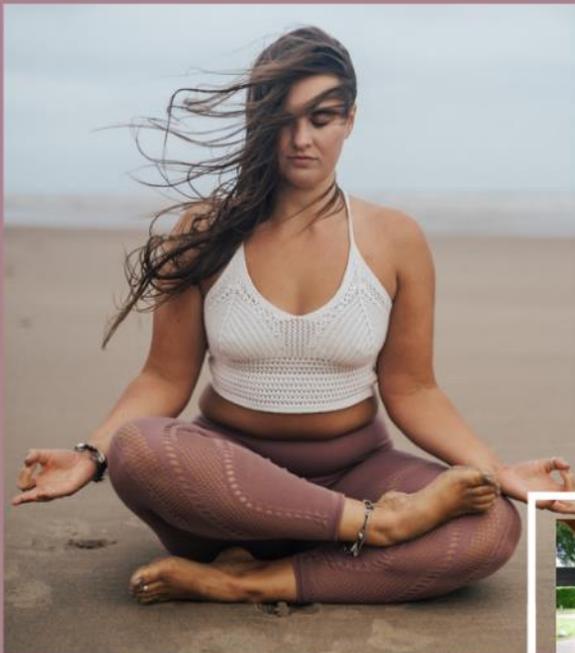


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DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

December 2021

Just when we were all hoping the Covid pandemic was moving firmly into the rear view mirror, the world has been confronted with a new variant of the virus called Omicron.

Originally from Southern Africa and thought to have occurred due to a mutation in the virus in a patient with long term Covid infection and HIV, the omicron variant is now very much here in the UK and case numbers are rising.

I believe it is right that we have introduced restrictions on international travel once more, and reintroduced mask wearing on public transport and in shops. These are modest restrictions, but ones that will help to save lives.

Through 2020 and 2021 I have continued to work on the frontline of the NHS throughout the pandemic. Sadly, I have seen people die from Covid who would otherwise still be with us today.

When the single best way for us to protect ourselves and each other from the virus is to be vaccinated, I am always surprised when people decide not to be vaccinated. It's strange how those unvaccinated Covid patients in our hospitals reject the wisdom of medical science one day, and then fall on its mercy the next.

Some 90% of Covid sufferers requiring the most specialist care are unvaccinated, and three quarters of those Covid patients in intensive care beds have not been vaccinated. Sadly this means that the casualties of anti-vaccine sentiment are not just the anti-vaxers themselves, or those whom they infect, but all those whose operations are delayed or whose examinations and cancer tests are postponed as a consequence.

It is perhaps for these reasons that our friends in Europe are considering the introduction of mandatory vaccines – for example, in Austria, compulsory vaccinations start in February. Though this may sound appealing to those at the end of their tether with anti-vaxers, there remains a line between sensible policies to protect the vaccinated and self-defeating policies that will do more harm than good, and it is my opinion that the approach being considered in Europe is a step too far in crossing that line.

Whilst I do support mandatory vaccinations for all of my fellow health and care workers, I do not support this as a policy for the general population. We must do better to persuade people of the benefits of vaccine and therefore encourage its uptake. The vaccination argument needs to be won by logical argument and persuasion.

So, as we contemplate a challenging start to the new year, with Covid cases on the rise once again, let's protect ourselves and each other by getting vaccinated and persuading those who are hesitant or sceptical of vaccines to do likewise.

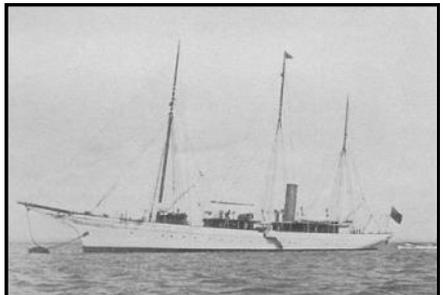
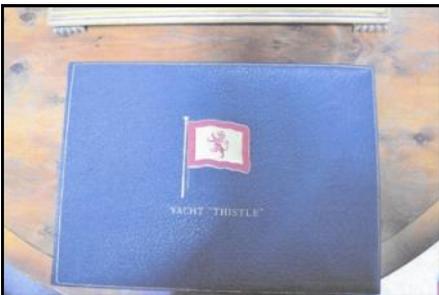
Easton's History

The Guest book from the 12th Duke's 2nd Yacht Thistle

Due to researching the history of the Hamilton Family since coming to live in the village, the contacts made have proved especially helpful over time. A relatively short time ago I received an email from the National Museum of Scotland, stating that the owner of the guest book for the Duke's fourth iron steamship was willing for me to visit and look at this interesting record. I jumped at the chance and after contacting him discovered that the guest book was in the hands of the Northern and Clyde Yacht Club. Sue and I immediately travelled up to Scotland in our campervan and met their historian.

The 12th Duke was not only a member of that Yacht Club, but was their Commodore from 1862 to 1864 and his membership continued until 1890.

The title 'Guest Book', does not do justice to the craftsmanship involved in the whole concept of the book and the velvet lined casket which houses it. The wooden casket which houses it is beautifully made and inset into the top of the lid is a large silver plate, engraved by William G Miller, dated 1887, engraved neatly on bottom right.



It has perfectly preserved the blue leather-bound book. The leather cover is finely tooled around the edge in silver with the name Macle hose – Glasgow, in the centre of the bottom silver line. Macle hose was a famous printer publisher and Glasgow University holds a Special Collection of 2,000 University books produced by him. They ceased trading in 1982. Each individual page within the book contains a different watercolour painting also by William Miller (see below two of the pages) and dated 1867. It is fortunate that Miller produced both the paintings and silver plate.

We were allowed to carefully examine each page and also to photograph each page separately.

It is not possible with the confines of the magazine to reproduce all the pages of the Guest Book. However, a full copy has been placed on our village website www.easton.onesuffolk.net under the title “The Four Iron Steamships of William Douglas-Hamilton Kt. 12th Duke of Hamilton 2nd Duke of Chatelleraut”.

It was a wonderful privilege, not only to see it, but also to have been able to hold it and appreciate the delicate engraving and painting.

The yacht club no longer own the Guest Book and it is now in private hands.

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Brian Boon

EASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Firstly, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

And so we come to the end of another term at Easton School and what a busy month we've had. We have made the most of the traditional activities by starting off with glitter and glue day. What a fabulous day we had decorating the school ready for the Christmas festivities. The arrival of the Elves in classrooms also added to the excitement and to find out what mischief they would get up to over the next few weeks.

We were treated to a flute concert by years 4, 5 and 6. It is great to see the progress they have made from when they started to learn back in September.

We began rehearsals for our Christmas play and I am delighted to say we were able to perform this at Wickham School under the usual restrictions. The audience were delighted to see the children perform and the children were thrilled to be on stage. They worked very hard and it was wonderful to see how happy they were to perform 'The Simplest Christmas Play Ever'. Some of the younger children had never performed to an audience before.

We were also very happy to be able to hold our traditional carol service at the church. A big thank you to Jane Woodbury-Eggins for her help with the service and for the prayers at the end.

The ESA paid for a virtual panto this year, Cinderella. The children loved the interactive show and enjoyed the popcorn! So we thank them for this and hope that next year we can be back in the theatre to see a live performance, but it is great to be able to support theatres in this way.

We took part in the Santa Dash, a national schools event, and it was good to get outside for a run in the sun after the Christmas parties!

The whole school joined in with the traditional Christmas dinner. Thank you to Hazel Class for preparing the sprouts. A big thankyou to our school cook Debbie for the yummy dinner and thankyou to the ESA for the chocolate treat.

And our final Christmas festivity was the ESA Christmas market in the school playground with songs from the children, hampers, games, books and cakes and a special visit from Father Christmas. They raised a huge £900!

Hazel Class (Reception and year 1) have enjoyed their literacy topic 'instructions'. They loved reading the instructions to make their own cakes, not so keen on the tidying and washing up afterwards. They have finished their Geography topic on maps with a treasure hunt for a partner, some of the treasure was found! They were very keen to write letters to Bauble (class Christmas elf) and retelling the Nativity through role play and writing.

Rowan Class (years 2 and 3) have finished off their Guy Fawkes topic by inviting Framlingham Fire Service into school. The children burnt their Guy and the houses of parliament with the Fire Service safely putting out the fire. We are very grateful to them for giving up their own time to visit the school. The children also enjoyed getting inside the fire engine and finding out more about what the Fire Service do and the equipment they use.

Oak Class (years 4, 5 and 6) have been busy learning about writing a newspaper report in the style of a reporter. They have been building on their fraction knowledge in order to solve a fraction recipe to make cakes, which was a great success. They have been practising their parts for the school play, our year 6 narrators did us proud!

And finally ...

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

The image shows the cover of a booklet titled "Living in Easton: An Introduction (compiled by villagers)". The cover features a detailed black and white illustration of a village street scene with a gate, trees, and buildings. The text is centered on the cover.

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



Fake celebrity endorsements



Fake celebrity endorsements remain a popular method of drawing people into scams and fake products online – a familiar famous face placed in an ad can draw the eye and instil an element of trust.

Fraudsters know this and use it to their advantage, impersonating a host of celebrities online with alarming regularity.

Adverts for CBD gummies using Andy Murray's name are fake as Jane (not her real name) found out. Jane placed an order for £29.99 on her Sainsbury's Bank credit card but was alarmed to see a sudden additional payment of nearly £200 for further products. She informed the bank of the error but the transactions still went through. The bank investigated and eventually Jane was refunded

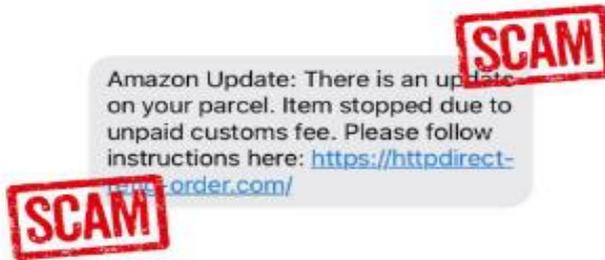
Other celebrities regularly targeted include Dragons Den duo Deborah Meaden and Peter Jones.

Websites selling these products using celebrity names and/or images can be [reported to the National Cyber Security Centre](#).

Phishing attempts (such as emails pointing to scam sites) can be forwarded to: report@phishing.gov.uk.



Courier Fraud



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If you receive a scam text message report it by forwarding it to 7726.

If you think you might have already responded to a text message scam and provided your bank account details, contact your bank immediately.

Report all scams.

John Owen

New Year Greetings

Jane and Charles Pollock (previously of Almond Tree Cottage but now residing at Allonsfield House in Campsea Ashe) would like to wish their friends and acquaintances in Easton all the very best for the New Year.

Christmas Tree

On behalf of everyone in the village, many thanks to the Parish Council for once again providing and installing the Christmas tree on the village green, together with the beautiful lighting.



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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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