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Dear Friends

We often talk in Church about the 'good news' of the gospel (though maybe not as often as we ought!), the good news of the life and works of Jesus, and his death on the cross for our redemption. Being a follower of Christ, a Christian, places demands upon us - some we enjoy; our friends within the family of the Church and the many and varied aspects of church life - but others maybe less so, the constant fundraising struggle and the annual balancing of the books – or not!

So what does it mean in practice 'to take up your cross' or, to 'lose your lives for Christ's sake'? Well above all it means **giving** - willingly and joyfully "giving our **time, our skills, our treasure**" where and when it is needed. And there are many many people across all our seven parishes already doing this, but more help is needed, even from those who may not want to come to the services on offer, more love, support and generosity is needed.

So in this my penultimate letter of 2016 (yes really!) can I ask you to think about that, however much you give, whether money, or your time or in skills, as they can never compare to the enormous generosity of the God who created us, and who in Christ laid down his life for us.

Will you use the waiting time of Advent to consider if there is anything you can do for your Church, or if there is something more that you can do, by asking yourself if what you are already giving or doing adequately reflects the love that God has for humanity and for **you**. Any new offer of help, or an increase in an existing financial donation, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, will be an enormous encouragement to your parish Church and the small number of people that are striving to do their best to keep it open, as a loving, worshipping presence in your community, available to all.

With love in Christ
Deirdre



Church Matters

All Souls Day Service ~ In loving memory

A reminder that there will be a short service for remembering a loved one on Wednesday 2nd November at Marlesford church at 4 pm. This will be a simple, reflective service of music and prayer, with an opportunity to light a candle or bring a posy in memory of a loved one.

There will be refreshments after the service and an opportunity for a chat.

If you cannot be there and would like someone to be named in the prayers, please contact Revd Deirdre West.

Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday is 13th November and the service will be at 10 am.

There will also be a short Act of Remembrance on Friday 11th November at the war memorial in the church at 10.55 am.

Services

On 6th November the benefice communion service (with choir and organ) is here at Easton at 10 o'clock.

There will be an Advent service at Easton on 27th November at 11am with communion and advent hymns and, of course, the COSMIC club.

The benefice service for Sunday 4th December will be at Hacheston.

Discussion Group

The next Discussion Group will meet on **Wednesday 2nd November** at 10.30am at Ash Grove, Framlingham when we shall be looking at the short books of James and Jude in the New Testament.

New members are always welcome. We start with coffee or tea and sessions are quite informal.



PCC Meeting

There will be a meeting on 10th November at Almond Tree Cottage at 7.30 pm.

Date for your Diary

XMAS BAZAAR – yes it's almost that time again!

The Bazaar this year will be on Saturday 3rd December in the Village Hall from 11am until 2 pm. Please see page 6 for more details.

There will be stalls with Christmas gifts, homebakes, tombola, grand prize draw and children's activities. Also soup and rolls, tea, coffee and mince pies will be served, so you can eat as well as browse the stalls!

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Mary's Meals

Following our harvest donation, we had a letter from the charity expressing their "heartfelt thanks". It outlined the story of Gilbert, an orphan in Malawi who had to work everyday to get food. Since Mary's Meals has come to his local school, he is now going to school every day as he is guaranteed a nutritious meal and is able to learn. He says " I want to study hard and become President of Malawi, so I can develop the country and give food to my people". It is humbling to think how a donation can change a child's life.

Jane Woodbury-Eggs

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Flowers	Cleaning
5th Nov	Dot Blane	Dot Blane
12th Nov	Dot Blane	Dot Blane
19th Nov	Jean Kendall	Jean Kendall
26th Nov	Jean Kendall	Jean Kendall

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

Sunday Café

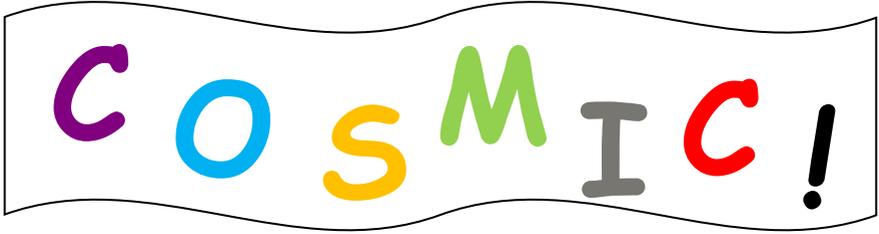
**Sunday 20th November
10-11.30 am
Village Hall**

Sunday Cafe in November is supporting Children in Need by giving all the profits from the morning to this excellent charity.

Please come along, even if you don't usually join us. You can come for a coffee and something to eat or just to purchase homemade goodies - both sweet and savoury.



It's ...



Calling all children!

Christmas is approaching so please come along and help us make our sparkly altar frontal for church on Sunday 27th November 11am-12pm at All Saint's church in Easton. There will be gluing, cutting and sparkles to make into a bright nativity scene.

Come for an hour of fun!

Emma Gibbon

T: 746866



COSMIC

(Children On Sunday Morning In Church)

Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday 3rd December
Village Hall**



11am — 2pm



**Christmas Gifts
Homebakes
Tombola
Grand Prize Draw
Children's activities
Soup and rolls, tea, coffee and
mince pies.**

Don't miss it!

In aid of All Saints Church

EASTON Community Speed Watch Group needs you!

Easton Community Speed Watch Group has been running for over 16 months. We've noted that the volume of traffic through Easton has increased over that time.

How can you help? By signing up as a volunteer to start in Spring 2017, we can remain actively involved in road safety in Easton through our regular presence. The more volunteers we have the less frequent the commitment.

How does it work? We operate in groups of 2-3 volunteers for 30-45 minutes per session, on a 4-5 week rota – the exact dates and times are decided by volunteers. Sessions can be carried out any day of the week so you can work around your other commitments. We take down vehicle details to pass to the Safer Neighbourhood Team for action. We are not permitted to operate in the dark or when the weather is poor, so you don't need to be concerned about getting cold or wet! We are fully insured and full training is given.

If you can find 30 minutes per month to help to keep Easton's roads safe or you know someone who you think would be interested in volunteering please get in touch.

What are the benefits of Speed Watch Groups?

- Fewer fatalities and serious injury collisions.
- Increase in road safety awareness by and for all road users.
- Enhancing the role of community members as volunteers.
- Raised awareness of anti-social road use.

Please contact: Easton CSW Co-ordinator – Jenny McEvoy.

Email: jenny.unicus@btinternet.com. Telephone 747366.



EASTON BELLES



Our AGM will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Formal business to be followed by a demo of 'Flowers for Christmas' by Lyn Tinkler. Visitors welcome to join us for the evening with a view to becoming a member in 2017.

Details of some of our meetings and speakers for next year's programme will be given in December's magazine.

Early in December members will be meeting at The Cretingham Bell for their Christmas Meal.

Enquiries: Janet Prentice T: 746808

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Your laptop secrets may get in the wrong hands

Scammers are buying second-hand laptops to carry out identity crime using personal information the previous owners believed had been “wiped” clean.

An investigation carried out by a national newspaper with the help of security firm Kaspersky Lab revealed that fraudsters can retrieve passwords, bank statements, email accounts and bank logins from victims from old computers they believed had all the data deleted from them.

The investigators bought three second-hand computers, each of which had been “formatted” and asked the cyber security experts at Kaspersky Lab to retrieve the information off them. From one hard drive researchers restored 117 user names and passwords for sites and email accounts. They also located pictures, videos and messages, both from the computers and from phones which had been backed up to them.

Tony Neate from Get Safe Online said: “This information would be like gold dust to a fraudster, formatting a computer is like ripping out the contents page of a book, all the chapters are still there, it’s just harder to find.

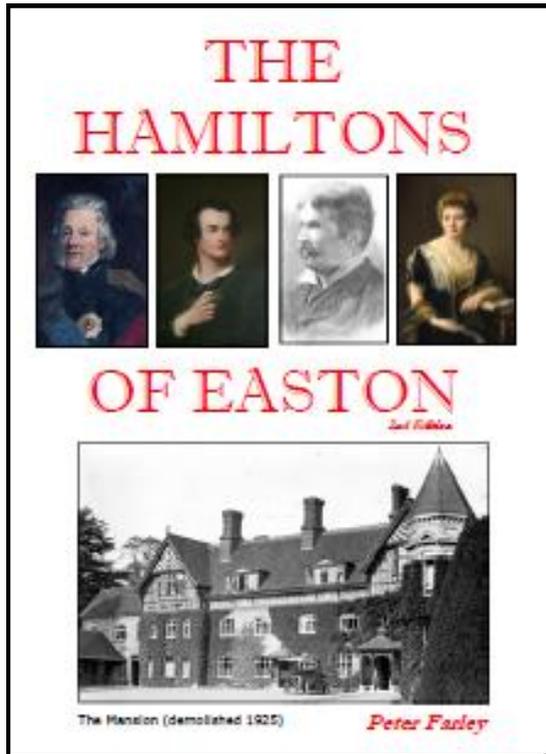
“If you want to be totally sure that no one can get anything off your hard drive, the best thing to do is take it out of the computer before you sell it on and smash it to pieces.”

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Telephone Scam

An Easton resident has received a call from a company offering a service to stop unwanted calls. It’s a scam. Remember you can register for this type service free of charge by contacting the Telephone Preference Service. Tel: 0345 0700707

John Owen



If you would like to know more about the fascinating history of our special village, this great little book by our dear departed friend, Peter Farley, is a must!

This is the 3rd edition of the book chronicling the lives of the Hamiltons — an important family in the history of Easton.

A limited number of copies are now available from Gil Farley. Please call her on 746856.

Cost: £5 per copy (in colour)

Makes a great Christmas present!!

(Any profits to All Saints Church)



LAST CALL! Shoebox Appeal

I know, I know, it can't be Christmas yet, but it really is getting closer and we need to act, especially if you want to support the Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal.

Please find a shoe box and fill it with items suitable for a family or for an elderly person. Suggestions are :-

Sweets/chocolates, gloves/scarves/hats, small games, wind up torch/radio, craft/sewing kit, socks/tights, candles and holders, shampoo/shower gel, toothbrush/toothpaste, brush/comb, safety razors, plasters, soap/flannel.

Additional items for families : pens/crayons, teddy/soft toy, screw driver/tape measure, colouring book/writing pad, hair accessories and a simple calculator.

Additional items for the elderly : tissues/handkerchiefs, pens/paper, small mirror, sensory items, reading glasses.

To create a family shoebox for £10 go to the website www.linktohope.co.uk for more information.

When your shoe box is full, please wrap it in Christmas paper and complete one of the forms - I can send one to you. Contact me on 621525. Sellotape £2 on the outside to help with transport costs and return to my by:-

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Thank you for your support.

Lynne Townsend
The Studio, Stud Farm,

Village View in November



Sunday Café
20th November
10-11.30 am
Village Hall

Easton Belles WI
Tuesday 22nd November
7.30 pm Village Hall

Mobile Library

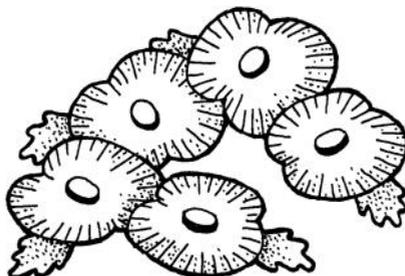
Wednesday 23rd November
12.20—12.40 pm
Village Hall

Rabble Chorus Community
Choir
Thursday evenings
8—9.30 pm
Village Hall
First session free!

Yoga Flow
Tuesdays
9.30 - 10.45 am
Village Hall
Contact Kat Hesse on 638604
for more information.

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Easton Pre-School
Village Hall
Mondays, Wednesdays or
Fridays 9.15am—3pm
Thursday mornings
9am-11.30am



Wellie Boots for November

Well, well. What an eventful period the last few weeks have been, but to reassure those of you have expressed your concerns and to mis-quote Mark Twain, “news of my impending demise has been severely exaggerated”. Mind you, over two weeks of a “holiday from hell” in Portuguese hospitals with a gall bladder infection was bad enough, but then Paul, staying in a nearby hotel, managed to dislocate his hip yet again, putting on his socks in the morning. Unfortunately he had locked the door the night before so after calling for help for an hour, it was necessary to call the fire brigade to break in through the window then summon an ambulance, all of which took almost another hour. Net result—same hospital, Paul on the fourth floor, me on the second—but at least we’re back home in England, although I’ve lost over a stone in weight.

But back to Easton and Wellie Boots. “Please to remember the Fifth of November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plot.” That must have been the first history lesson my mother ever taught me, but for a four or five year old it was very riveting. Whether it was poor young Guy Fawkes being hung, drawn and quartered, or the massive nationwide bonfires to celebrate the saving of King and Parliament I know not, but it was very impressive for a young lad.



Many gardeners seize this opportunity to rid their gardens of various garden debris and rubbish, but do be very careful. If your bonfire is already in place, do please remove it to a slightly different location before setting it ablaze. At this time of year, much of our garden wildlife is actively seeking refuge for hibernation or protection from the extremes of an English winter. All the gardener’s friends - frogs, toads, lizards, newts, shrews, slow worms, snakes, hedgehogs etc - all move slowly at this time of year and will object most strongly to being burnt alive. So take really very good care — we’ll need them in the spring. Cut down herbaceous stems and clear the tatty remains of annuals onto the compost heap, but do leave a little cover through the perennials that fade relatively elegantly (sedum, astilbes and grasses for example). They will provide winter interest as well as some much needed wildlife shelter—ladybirds especially appreciate winter quarters and will repay your hospitality by disposing of aphids in industrial quantities next year.

The colder weather is fast approaching, yet so far my dahlias have not been caught by the frost which turns the foliage black. As soon as this happens this year, up they're going to come to be stored in slatted boxes lined with newspaper to dry out, dusted with sulphur, covered with straw and stored in the garage over winter. Only don't tell those furry, four-legged varmints whatever you do, will you? Yes Delilah, I know I promised to do the same thing last year. So what? I didn't, so there, and this year I've suffered the consequences. The tubers must be so compacted underground that they produced loads of top foliage but fewer and much smaller flowers.



Now if your greenhouse has still not been prepared for winter, try this for a quick and very effective solution. Fumigation! Empty it completely, including all plants, and thoroughly wash down all the glass to allow maximum light access during short winter days. Then shut the windows and vents, light a sulphur candle in the middle of the floor, retreat outside at speed and shut the door. Wait until the smoke and fumes have completely dispersed (several hours later), by which time your greenhouse should be delightfully pest-free. Return any viable plants inside, check over any heating arrangements that will be needed in the next four or five months, and dispose of any unnecessary clutter to leave substantial bench areas for future cuttings and plantings.

Meanwhile, why not rake up all the DAMP leaves now starting to cover your lawn before they have the chance to do any damage (I don't bother with beds and borders, the worms will do an excellent job in dragging them underground where they will do most good). Tie up the damp leaves (but not roses, oak or evergreens) loosely in black bin bags, spike several times with a garden fork, throw into some odd corner and forget for twelve months or so, after which you should have excellent home made leaf mould, totally free. I put mine next to a pile of hard-to-compost refuse and twigs and together they turn that corner into a veritable haven for a myriad of overwintering and hibernating creatures.



But with bad weather in the offing, don't forget to keep your bird station well supplied. All the young birds you so gently nurtured during the summer now have to be sustained through some particularly stormy winter months, so keep at it with the nuts, seeds, suet balls and other treats. Not forgetting an available water supply for when the ponds ice over. Very essential. But as well as removing any submersible pumps in case they get damaged by the frosts, don't forget to kick the grandkid's footballs into the



middle of the pond and leave them there. No, no Delilah dearest, not the grandkids, much as you probably want to at times—I meant the footballs, which will stop the pond from completely icing over and allow noxious gases to escape and fish and other amphibians to survive.



Now is the time to consider making your last lawn cutting of the season, after which give the lawnmower a good rub-down and put it to bed for the winter. But before you do, with a petrol mower, don't forget to drain off the petrol. Being stored in a mower for five or six months apparently causes degradation and can often cause much trouble in the spring. Of course, if you can get it serviced now, you can then get someone else to do it for you. Incidentally, did you know the land speed record for a lawnmower is over 96 miles an hour? Honestly! But is there any truth in the rumour that an esteemed villager was recently arrested for being drunk in charge of a lawnmower in The Street? I understand it is not yet known if he had been "grassed up", but he was definitely "half cut".

Finally, we all know about the Easton Wiggle, but how about the Easton Snip? No, don't get alarmed guys, it's not what you think. With all this wet and damp weather around, there has been a virtual explosion of huge brown, sometimes black, slugs. So ... easy-peasy, one pair of scissors and snip right through the middle without even touching them. Instantaneous, and far preferable to a slow, painful death by pellets or other poisons. Meanwhile, I don't want to panic you folks, but who can believe next month will be bringing us not only Christmas, but New Year's Eve as well? How time flies! Talking of which, I hope you all put your clocks back on Sunday otherwise you're going to be very early for your appointments this month.

Continue all the good work, a rather chilly and under-the-weather,

Wellie Boots



PS: Has anyone out there any use for quince (up to 30/35 fruits)? Call 746181 if you have.



Don't forget!

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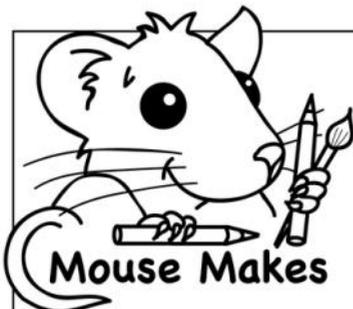
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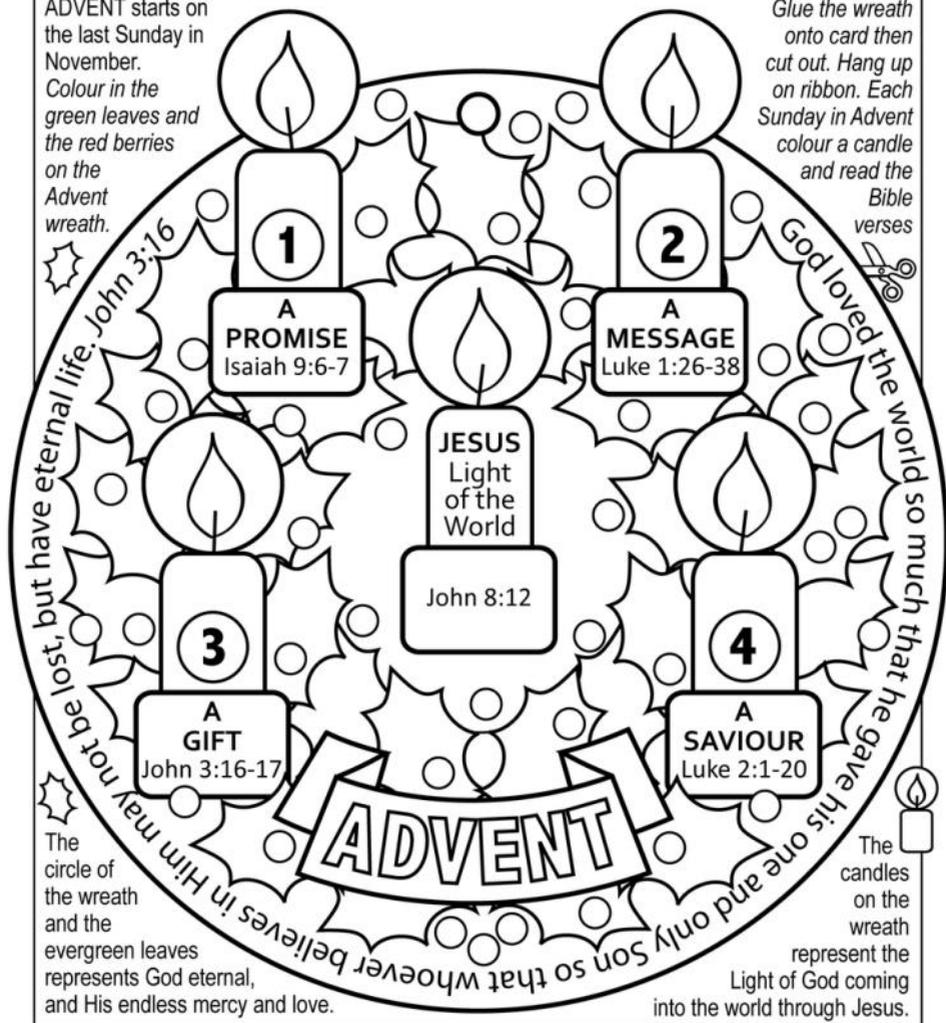


God's promise to the world,
God's message to Mary,
God's gift to us and
God's promise come true in Jesus.



ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November. Colour in the green leaves and the red berries on the Advent wreath.

Glue the wreath onto card then cut out. Hang up on ribbon. Each Sunday in Advent colour a candle and read the Bible verses



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A copy of the latest draft minutes of the Parish Council can be read on the back of the village notice-board.

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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