

Easton Parish Magazine



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON



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Reverend Graham Hedger's Letter

October always brings to a close the round of harvest festivals. Such services frequently provide a reminder of the goodness and generosity of God and so many people. Some churches use it as a time to reflect on generous living.

In the Church of England we address generosity under the heading of 'Giving for Life' where 'Life' stands for:

Labour - Reflects how so many people volunteer to do things within the life of our churches and the wider community.

Interactions – This reflects the smaller things of life, it might be that we reflect our generosity to others by purchasing Fairtrade products or giving an item of food for the local foodbank. It can even be as simple as bringing a smile to someone as we greet them.

Finances – Christians are encouraged to give regularly and proportionately from their income. Frequently the most sacrificial giving comes from people with the lowest incomes. Each of our churches is reliant on local support to enable it to continue.

Expertise – We all have different abilities and gifts. Sometimes we need special expertise to enable something to happen.

Why is this important? Generous living is a way of life for many, whether they regard themselves as people of faith or not. For Christians it is a matter of discipleship, living as Jesus intends us to live. Each of our village churches is a separate, stand alone charity. We are responsible for the fabric of the church, maintaining worship and contributing to the wider church. I and the members of each church councils continue to be grateful for all the support and help that people give to our churches. Like many charities and organisations we have seen a dip in income over the last eighteen months. In some places where people contribute via a standing order or membership of the Parish Giving Scheme the dip has been less.

Many of us will receive on a regular basis invitations from charities to leave a legacy to a particular cause. Our churches have stood for many hundreds of years, many of them supported through the legacies of others. I wonder whether you would consider leaving a legacy to your local church? In each of our churches there are leaflets explaining how this can be done.

Enjoy the month of October, as we move from summer into autumn, and wherever you go, try to bring a smile to the person you meet.

Graham

Church Matters



"There is no fear in love; perfect love drives out all fear."

This is John's reminder to us in his first letter (Ch 4 v 18)

Services in Church

The benefice service on the first Sunday of the month (3rd October) will be at Kettleburgh at 9.30 am. There is a Taizé service that afternoon at 4 pm at Easton but there will be no Zoom service that day.

The services at Easton will be Harvest Festival on 10th October at 11 am and Holy Communion on 24th October at 11 am.

Harvest

Graham is taking our Harvest service this year on Sunday 10th October at 11.00 am. The collection will be for Mary's Meals, but we are collecting tins and packet foods for those in need locally.

There will be drinks and nibbles after the service but unfortunately we cannot have a Harvest Lunch this year due to the restrictions still in place at the Village Hall.

Taizé

Our last Taizé service of the summer will be in Easton church on 3rd October at 4pm. This is a quiet, contemplative worship style and appeals to many people. If you have not given it a try, please do.

Sunday Cafe

We are absolutely delighted that our Sunday cafe is able to restart on 31st October - see page 8.

BCP Morning Prayer

There is no BCP service this month as we are celebrating harvest that day.

Zoom Services

Our Zoom services will continue on Sunday 17th and 24th October at 9.30 am. We are currently re-thinking when we have Zoom services, but if you would like to join Zoom services, please register with Bill Clarke so that he can send you the link (bill78@btinternet.com).

Discussion Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th October at Bickley, Harriers Walk at 10.30 am. Our topic will be an overview of the Bible - what it includes, how it is organised etc. New members are always welcome.

Jane Woodbury-Eggins



All Souls Day 2nd November

We will be holding our annual service to mark All Souls Day. This is a simple reflective service, which many find very helpful as we remember those who are no longer with us. During the service people are invited to bring a name card and place it by a candle as a simple act of remembrance. This year the service will be at Easton at 6pm.

Graham

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 October 2021

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 3rd	9.30 am	Benefice Service of Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	4.00 pm	Taize Service	Easton
Sunday 10th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival <i>Sidesperson: Colin Haysom</i>	Easton
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Hacheston
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Parham
	5.30 pm	Harvest Festival	Kettleburgh
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Marlesford
Sunday 17th	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Zoom
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Campsea Ashe
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Parham
Sunday 24th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Brandeston
	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Zoom
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
	11.00 am	Holy Communion <i>Sidesperson: Jayne Gibson</i>	Easton
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hacheston
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Kettleburgh
Sunday 31st	9.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Marlesford

Mid-week service of Holy Communion (BCP) at Hacheston 6th October 10 am

Compline is said in Marlesford Church at 5 pm every Wednesday

Friday Prayers: 4pm Kettleburgh

HARVEST CELEBRATION



at All Saints' Church

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER
11 am

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farms and gardens

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before or at the service

There will be drinks and nibbles after the service
(but no Harvest Lunch)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Sunday Cafe



Sunday 31st October

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.

We will be a little restricted in the number of people
we can welcome at any one time, so do bear with us.

If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask,
then please do so.

We can't wait to see you!



What's On in October



Village Hall

Mondays:

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Tuesdays:

50+ Keep Fit Class 10-11am
from 28th September
Pre-booking
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See poster on page 10

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

Fridays:

Yoga with Ellie 9.30—11 am
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Reflections on this year's
Maverick Festival
by organiser and Easton
resident Paul Spencer

Was it a big relief to have been finally able to hold the Festival this year?

It was a massive relief to be able to finally present the event. You may know that we held a virtual mini-festival online last year but nothing beats live music.

Were all of the performers originally booked for July able to make the rearranged date at the beginning of September ?

We largely had to start again from scratch with the line up. There was simply too much uncertainty for our original American and Canadian artists to commit to new tour dates in 2021. Fortunately, we found several other American artists who had later UK touring schedules and who were able to join us, plus of course a lot of home grown talent.

Did the darker evenings of September give a different atmosphere?

We had worried that the Maverick magic would not cast its usual spell in September, but a late burst of sunshine helped the vibe and the darker evenings only added to the excitement.

Was The White Horse extra busy over the festival weekend do you know?

I suspect that it was, but Vernon has done such a great job with it, I believe it attracts its own crowd now.

When do you start work on planning for next year's Festival?

Work has begun in earnest on booking the artists for next year's event. It is only nine months until we return on our regular dates which in 2022 will be the 1st, 2nd and 3rd July, and the UK tours by North American bands book up early.

What will be your abiding memory of Maverick 2021?

The smiling faces on our audience, many of whom had kept their tickets from 2020 and who were so pleased to be back with us, enjoying the music.

To read more about the Festival please visit www.maverickfestival.co.uk and especially if you haven't already been, why not think about getting yourself a ticket for next year. Day tickets are available if you want to have a taster but beware, you could get hooked!



Derek Balcombe

Easton Primary School



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EASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Back to school! The children are back from their summer break and have already settled in well to the new term. We welcome nine new reception children in Hazel Class. We have also had two new children join us in years 3 and 4. They have made new friends and are having a great time.

We welcome a new member of staff, Miss Meikle, who is the class teacher for Rowan Class (years 2 and 3).

At Easton our children are put into four house teams: Jade, Lightening, Crimson and Amethyst. They earn team points for a variety of reasons and aim to win the trophy at the end of term and a reward. The children enjoy finding out on a Friday morning who is in the lead. Each team is led by a year 6 pupil who encourages the younger children to earn team points and praises their team whenever possible.

We began the term with a 'meet the teacher' session to enable parents to actually see their child's classroom after all this time. We then had our annual welcome coffee morning to welcome our new parents and their families.

Year 5 and 6 went to Hilltop for their annual residential trip and shared this with children from Aldeburgh School. Some of the activities included orienteering, team building exercises, educational day trips out, and finished off with a disco. They had a wonderful time and some great memories were made. The staff were congratulated on the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children. The teachers were well behaved too!

Hazel Class (Reception and year 1) have had a new classroom arrangement to keep us in line with the new EYFS curriculum that came into force this year. There are lots of exciting areas around the classroom to keep them engaged with their learning and exploring new ways to do things. They have started their new topic on castles and have transformed the indoor house into a castle with a Suffolk flag to top it all off! We have a planned visit to Framlingham Castle next month.

Rowan Class (years 2 and 3) topic for this term is oceans and continents. In science they will be learning about food chains. They produced some wonderful work for their PSHE lesson this week looking at what they have achieved so far, all the children made their own medals and wore them proudly around their necks, and it looked like a scene from the Olympics!

Oak Class (years 4, 5 and 6) started the year with the most amazing self-portraits using pastels. Their work is incredibly detailed and all very scarily lifelike! Their topic this term is the Aztecs, always a favourite! In science they will be learning about life cycles. They have already started with their focus on caterpillars who seem to grow during the day! They are also looking at reproduction in plants and to experiment with what part of the plant can you take a cutting from to regrow. In computing, Oak Class are looking at making their own timetables games by programming on Scratch (a computer programme used for design)

If you have any expertise in any areas of the curriculum we would love to hear from you, we always welcome visitors to the school as part of our enrichment programme. We would particularly like to hear from you if you play an instrument and would play to the children in an assembly (just a one off, so no commitment needed). I know you're out there!

We have started practising our Harvest songs again. It has been wonderful to finally hear the children enjoying singing again and of course me! We are hoping to walk down to the church for our Harvest Festival celebrations and once again collect for a local food bank charity (FIND).

Mrs D Payne

Early years/KS1 teacher

As Halloween approaches, a word of warning ...



Thanks to Jackie Atkinson for spotting this gem.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



More than £355m lost to bank transfer scams in the first half of 2021

Fraud associated with credit cards has for years been the biggest threat. This has now been overtaken by transaction fraud which has increased in the first six months of 2021 by 71% and has incurred losses of £355.3m. Not only is more money being lost, but less is being repaid to fraud victims. Of the £355.3m lost to bank transfer scams in the first half of the year, just £121.7m was reimbursed to victims – just 42.4% of the losses. That's down on the 45.8% reimbursed in the second half of 2020.

What is bank transfer fraud?

Bank transfer fraud is also known as authorised push payment (APP) fraud. It usually involves scammers lying about who they are in a bid to trick victims into transferring money to them. There were 106,164 cases of APP fraud in the first six months of 2021, the majority on personal accounts. However, APP fraud can come in a range of guises and they're all increasing.

Impersonation scams

Losses from impersonation scams reached more than £129m, an increase of 123% compared to the same period in 2020. This type of scam involves scammers posing as your bank, solicitor, the NHS or an official body such as HMRC. In some cases, fraudsters use number spoofing to try to convince you they're real – this involves using technology so it appears as though the genuine person or company is calling you.

Investment scams

Almost £108m was lost to investment scams (up 95%), which can involve ads on social media for bogus investment products offering high returns to encourage people to part with their cash.

Romance scams

There was also a 62% rise in the amount lost to romance scams, which topped £15m. Fraudsters target people looking for love, often via online dating, befriending them before asking them for money.

Purchase scams

Finally, purchase scams were found to be the most common form of APP fraud. This is when the victim pays in advance for goods and services that are never received. They usually involve the use of an online platform, such as an auction website or social media advertising the sale of a popular product at a low price.

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An Alert from Terry Carlin, Chairman of Letheringham Parish Council (abridged)

There have been a number of garden thefts over the past few years with four homes affected in one early hours spate of break ins a few years back . The thefts occurred between two and three in the morning and this followed a spate of similar thefts that occurred across remote villages across Suffolk and into North Essex. Unfortunately, despite video images of the thieves (their faces covered) the police were unable to catch the culprits.

Very recently two residents in Letheringham reported a suspicious white van appearing between 2 am and 3 am outside their properties, and in one case on their property. The vehicle contained two men wearing high viz jackets. Both instances have been captured on CCTV [and the information passed to the police].

When the last spate of thefts occurred we could not understand how so many properties had been broken into in such a short space of time and concluded that the thieves must have undertaken some level of observation of potential targets before the thefts, so in this instance we suspect this is what may have been happening.

John Owen

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in the magazine?**

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