

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## EASTON PARISH CHURCH.... IN LEGO?!!



Recent visitors to St. Peter's Church may have noticed an astonishing model of the building, made entirely out of Lego. This has been constructed by Charles Nixon, who explained that it took about 6 months to build during the Spring and Autumn of this year. "It is a very therapeutic hobby and is ideal in the dark months," he said. "The model consists of about 3,000 bricks. I started with the Lego Architect set but had regularly to add to this with specialist bricks for the spire and windows".

Charles explained that the hardest part was to get the proportions right without a plan. The building of the aisles was particularly tricky in that they kept collapsing without constructing pillars to take the weight, but this is just how it is in the actual church. "It's remarkable to realise" he said, "how much detail and expertise went into the construction of the original church all those hundreds of years ago. Also, the building into the aisle wall of the spiral staircase had to be accommodated with round bricks on the exterior, just as in the actual church. Next, the angle of the spire was problematic because Lego just don't make any bricks at that angle. I had to rebuild the base of the tower three times in order to get sufficient width to support a reasonable height spire. I have managed to get most of the windows in proportion and have placed a battery candle inside to light up the church. I hope villagers enjoy it". We are sure they will - and what an amazing challenge to take on!

## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JANUARY

<p><b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Epiphany Sunday)</b>            09.30 COV Parish Communion (Revd. Dr. J Rawlinson)            09.30 SPA Morning Worship (Ms. J Dighton)            10.45 KIM Family Service (Lay leader)            15.00 STO Evensong (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany 1)</b>            09.30 TIL Family Service (Lay leader)            09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev Dr. Clifford Owen)            10.45 KIM Family Communion (Rev R Lancaster)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany 2)</b>            09.30 COV Morning Worship (Lay leader)            09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev R Lancaster)            09.30 SPA Parish Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)            10.45 KIM Matins (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany 3)</b>            09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev Dr. J Rawlinson)            09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Lay leader)            10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)            15.00 KIM Evensong (Rev R Lancaster)</p>

## THE 21st EASTON QUIZ NIGHT

Our annual quiz will take place on Saturday February 9th. starting at 7.30p.m. at Easton in the church - please note the change of venue. Cost is £7.00 per person, school age children £3.00, plus the cost of the usual fish and chip supper.

## 59 CLUB

**John Maith**

There was no winner of the monthly prize in October, the winning number being 56 and not held by anyone. Thus, November was a rollover £50 and was won by Marie Dunne, so congratulations to Marie who has recently moved to the village. After the December and January draws, we will commence a new round at the end of February, so I hope you will continue with your support. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

## ST PETER'S CHURCH QUINQUENNIAL REPORT

**Easton Parochial Church Council**

Every five years our church architect, David Llewellyn, writes a complete report on the fabric of the building; it is a guide to the repairs that are needed over the next five years. The PCC, which is responsible for the repairs, has just received the report which we discussed carefully at our last meeting. Our church building is shared with the village, it is our community centre and we all take certain responsibilities for maintaining it in a good and safe condition. From Medieval times the nave and aisle were the great 'hall' of the villagers for all their meetings and celebrations to the present day. The chancel was always the sacred space and is the responsibility of the patron; our patron is the Church Commissioners. In the Quinquennial Report the lead roof of the chancel was found to be in very poor condition and David Llewellyn has recommended that repairs are carried out in the very near future. Our other lead roofs were also found to be nearing the end of their life. These are the two major items we need to face in the near future; repairing the nave and aisle roofs for us will be a big undertaking and we need to prepare for this by looking for grant aid and to raise a sum of money ourselves to contribute towards this. The Church Commissioners need to be notified of the condition of the chancel roof.

Another item, the churchyard wall was rebuilt about 10 years ago and we need to continue replacing this in stages. Perhaps grants could be found for this too, or maybe it could be rebuilt in memory of villagers with a plaque set in the brickwork. This is an idea for you all to think about. A copy of the Quinquennial report is in a GREEN folder in the church for you all to read, it is very readable. The PCC welcome ideas, please share this with us.

## VISITING SUPPORT SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE



This service provides extra support for people over 65 when most needed, particularly when experiencing a difficult period such as a bereavement, ill health, financial worries, housing concerns, or perhaps negotiating around complex statutory situations. The service can support you to remain independent in your own home and access a variety of services. We provide information and can help you to fill out forms (including welfare benefits, blue badge and organise bill payments), assist with

choices in relation to housing and care provision, advise on falls prevention equipment and aids, connect you with social groups, leisure activities and volunteering opportunities. Call us on 01354 776110 or email [vssop@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:vssop@ageukcap.org.uk)

## AFTERNOON CREAM TEA AT BELMONT

Back in the summer, a number of Easton residents and friends attended an afternoon tea held at Belmont to raise funds for three charities with particular connections to local residents: Myotonic Dystrophy, Lymphoma Research and the Children's Oncology Ward at Addenbrooke's. The funds raised included a very generous donation from Andrew Grove & Co. and the money was shared equally between the three charities. Nina Wilson was delighted recently to be able to present a cheque for £500 to Ward Sister Carol at Addenbrooke's Hospital, being their share of the money raised.



***If anyone would like to contribute a short article on either a regular or occasional basis, please let Jenny Hyde know. All contributions will be most welcome! Deadline for February newsletter is 26th January 2019***