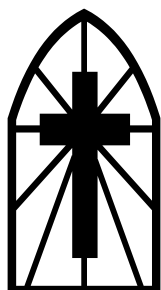


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SO IS
"MOTHER'S DAY"
MARCH 30TH



MOTHERING SUNDAY

FAMILY SERVICE

11.00am

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2014

AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES with STEANE

Sunday:
March 2nd
Sunday before Lent

AYNHO 11.0am Communion
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Grey Mr.Croft)
Farthinghoe 9.30am Communion
Hinton 11.0am Family Worship
Evenley 6.0pm TAIZE SERVICE

Ash Wednesday 5th

AYNHO 9.30am Croughton 7.0pm
Holy Communion with Ashing

Sunday:
March 9th
Lent 1

AYNHO 9.30am Communion
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby. Mr.Leigh)
Croughton 9.30am Communion
Evenley 11.0am Communion
Hinton 6.0pm Evensong



Benefice Pancake Praise at Croughton Village Hall 4.30pm.

Sunday:
March 16th Lent 2

BENEFICE 10.0am
FARTHINGHOE

Sunday:
March 23rd
Lent 3

AYNHO 11.0am Matins
(Sidespersons: Mr.Sutton Mr.Cheney.)
Croughton 9.30am Communion
Farthinghoe 6.00pm Evensong
Hinton 11.0am Communion.

Sunday:
March 30th
Mothering Sunday

AYNHO 11.0am Family Worship
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy. Mrs.Pusey)
Croughton 10.0am F.W. Evenley 11.0am F.W
Farthinghoe 10.0am F.W Hinton 11.0am F.W



Home Communion Monday 24th 10.30am 15, The Square
Bible Study : Monday 10th 10.15am 32, Roundtown
Lent Courses Thursdays 7.0pm at 15, The Square
Prayer Group: Thursday 13th 2.30pm 15, The Square
Church Cleaning : Thursday 20th 9.45am **Choir Practice** Friday 21st
Bell Ringing –Tuesdays at 7.30pm 1st Evenley 2nd & 4th Kings Sutton 3rd Tuesday Aynho
Forthcoming: **Annual Church Meeting APRIL 10th**

Information about the life of our church or baptisms or wedding enquiries from our

Rector - Revd. Simon Dommett Tel:01869 810903. Email:the.revd.simon@gmail.com

Sign up for our weekly service news and updates with "Pews News" on the subject line or just write in the message and be put on our weekly mailings.

Church Wardens: Graham Gibbs 01869-819727 Anthea Cowley 01869-810629

***** * **Items for April by Monday March 17th to Sybil at 32, Roundtown. Tel:810692**
Email: syban@btinternet.com

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Letter from your Rector

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the month of March we also enter the season of Lent as the preparation for Easter. This starts on Tuesday 4th March (pancake day) and we celebrate this with an open house for pancakes round at the Rectory in Aynho. Shrove Tuesday is followed by Ash Wednesday, when we will have two services with imposition of Ashes as tradition dictates. The mark of a cross is placed on your forehead as a sign of our mortality and repentance with the words 'remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return, repent of your sins and turn to Christ'. The Ashes used in this ceremony are made from burnt palm branches used at the previous year's Palm Sunday procession.

This will be followed by a Pancake Praise family time on Sunday 9th March at 4:30pm in Croughton Village Hall. Come along with the whole family for some fun, games and worship, including a helping of pancakes for the children.

Lent has traditionally been a time of abstinence or fasting, and if you are giving up something like chocolate or beer for Lent then why not give the money saved to charity or church, then you will have a double gain for the little bit of pain.

Around our 5 villages we will be holding our traditional Lent Bible Studies, to which everybody is welcome. These last for about an hour and involve lots of chat, biscuits and drinks. Please see details later in the newsletter for times and places.

Towards the end of Lent and the financial year, the church holds its annual elections for Churchwardens and PCC members, this is part of the governance of the local and then national church. To vote in these elections people need to have their name on the list of church members called the Electoral Role. Application forms and qualifying requirements can be found on the application forms in the churches.

The month of March ends this year on Mothering Sunday 30th March. All our churches will be holding Special Family Mothering Sunday Services suitable for the whole family. I hope that you will be able to come and pick up a small bunch of flowers to give as a token thank you for all that mothers do for our families.

Take care and God Bless

Revd Simon Dommett

Quiet Day.

In the busy rush of life getting some quiet can be hard to come by, yet we all need space and time to reflect and get our breaths back. I invite you to join me for a day of quiet reflection and refreshment on Monday 31st March (10am-4pm approx) at Stanton House, near Oxford. There are twelve (12) spaces for the day at a cost of £22 (payable on the day) includes refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea. Please let Simon Dommett 01869 810903 or Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300 know if you would like to book a place ASAP.

Shrove Tuesday 5th March

The Rector and his wife (Simon and Heather) invite you to come to an Open House and Pancakes at the Rectory, Aynho Court, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BD. Please feel free to drop in any time from 6pm to 8pm and sample freshly cooked pancakes and Rectory hospitality. Warning of advanced numbers welcomed but do just drop in if you can. Looking forward to seeing you, Simon & Heather. 810903

For your MUSICAL DIARY - FIORI MUSICALI are once again bringing their sacred Baroque Music to St. Michael's Church on Friday **16th May**.

St. MICHAEL'S CHURCH FETE – 14th JUNE

Once again we will be holding our church fete at the Sports Field (weather permitting)

Although it is still a long way off we have learned from previous experience that we need to start getting resources and making plans early.

Therefore we will be holding an initial meeting on Tuesday 11th March to get the ball rolling. The venue "Holly Cottage" (30 Roundtown) at start time 7.30pm.

Anyone who is willing and able to man a stall or help in any way, whether they are regulars or new to the event should contact a committee member or please confirm your interest of being involved to

KATHY WHITE Tel:810418 or email kathywhite@talktalk.net

GRAHAM GIBBS Tel:819727 email aynhogibbs@hotmail.com

" It is a lovely introduction to others and is good fun despite the hard work".

ST.MICHAEL'S ANNUAL CHARITY SUPPORT – "BUNGOMA"

A link between the Anglican Diocese of Peterborough and Bungoma was formed by their two Bishops, the late Bishop Ian Candy and Bishop Eliud Wabukala – now Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya" Around 30 individual churches and schools in our diocese are linked – supporting various projects.

Bungoma is a district of Kenya Western province close to the Uganda border with a population of around 20,000.

In addition to support from our Church, our **local school at Charlton** has links with a primary school in a village called WAMONO and here they have helped to build a well and school buildings. Primary schools like this take children up to 14 years. Most schools are bursting at the seams with not enough teachers, rooms or teaching and learning equipment.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The final figure for 2014's Children's Society Box Collection is **£414.12**.

Very many thanks to all those in Aynho who kindly have a box in their home for those odd bits of change.

If there is anyone else who would like to have a box please contact me by phone on 01869 819727 or e-mail: aynhogibbs@btinternet.com **THANKYOU**.

PANCAKE PRAISE

Come as a family and enjoy fun, games, songs, worship and NOT FORGETTING PANCAKES at Croughton Village Hall (off Wheelers Rise, behind the school) on Sunday **9th March**. What a great way to start Lent. We hope you can come

Lent Bible Studies (Offers of other venues invited)

Mondays 10:45am at 1 Rudge Way Evenley

Tuesdays 10.00am at "Greenbank" 2, Hinton in the Hedges.

Thursdays 7.00pm at 15, The Square, Aynho.

Summer Holiday Club

Looking ahead to the summer our Holiday Club run at Croughton School. It will run from Monday 4th August to Friday 8th August with a special Family Praise Service on Sunday to round it all off.

A.R.M.S. (Aynho Recorded Music Society) Wednesday March 5th 7.30pm



For our February Meeting Keith produced a splendid mixture with the entire emphasis being on Russian composers. There were dance themes by Shostakovich, Rachmaninov's "Prelude in G minor" and his "Piano Concerto No.1. Three works by Borodin followed including the ever popular "Polovisian Dances" and his moving work "The Steps of Asia" which brought the first half to its conclusion.

Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin Waltz", "The Polonaise" and his "Symphony No.5" followed by a short extract from "Swan Lake" preceded Rimsky-Korsakov with the haunting strains of "Sheherazade" bringing a delightful evening to an end.

Contact: Bob Mann

Tel: 810264



Photographic Society Wednesday March 5th 7.30pm

At this meeting Chris Palmer ARPS will give a presentation on "The Prints & Paper". Looking ahead our A.G.M. will take place April 22nd.

All meetings at the Cartwright Hotel, and a warm invitation is extended to all.

Contact: John Branton www.adanddd.co.uk

Gardening Club - Wednesday 12th March 8.0pm

A first time again for the club, Michael Brown will be giving a talk on "Death in the Garden". He will tell us about poisonous plants – some of which will be growing in your garden – also Myths, Magic, Passion and Murder – come and find out more.

Remember too to note, and book, outing May 14th to

Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Book your ticket with Jean – Tel: 810034.

Contact: Annabel Bellamy Tel: 810847 or Kath Arnold Tel: 811868



Women's Institute – Wednesday March 19th 7.30pm

"The History & Memories of Witney Blankets" by Valerie Burton

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Jill Wightman and Mrs. Fiona Hodges

Contact: Barbara Watkins Tel: 811152



Aynho History Society – Wednesday March 26th 7.30pm

Speaker: Mr. Bob Harris- "Lord Nuffield and Morris Motors of Cowley"

Contact: Rupert Clark Tel: 810603 ru.clark@btinternet.com

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NEWS from A.S.R.A & PAVILION CAFÉ

PAVILION CAFÉ

We are still looking for someone to provide refreshments for the walkers every Thursday. If you fancy doing a spot of light catering every week either for your own business or voluntarily, please get in touch with Kay on 810019.

This can be for this year or longer term if preferred.

Thanks to everyone who has taken many jobs off me this year for *Maytime* arrangements. Please do come and support this event and The Quiz and Barn Dance – all raising funds for ASRA which keeps the pavilion and field maintained. It's really important that you let us know via The Village Plan and The Village Meeting what developments you would like to see there. The amenity track is a direct result of past plans and proof that your voices are heard if enough people want the same thing. Kay.

PARK CLUB

Thanks to everyone who has played this year. There is still time to join if you have missed your collector. Contact *Valery* on her **NEW** number 819476.

Last year's lucky winners who all won a cheque for £76.00 were:

January Sarah Harding Bowmans Lea (kindly donated back)

February Pam Cramb Roundtown.

March Robin Cox The Butts

April Liz Short The Butts

May Kate Howells Croughton Road

June Anne Usher The Square

July Hazel Bradford The Butts

August Hilary Gray The Alsmhouses (kindly donated back)

September Mandy Faull The Glebe

October Brian Croft The Bothy *November* Rob Brooks Charlton Road *December* Ian Wilson Butts Close.

PHOENIX CARDS – Host a Coffee & Cards or Wine & Cards Party and get a free hostess gift plus 10% of sales to a nominated charity of your choice.

Contact Kay on 01869 810019.

From 24th March – 24th April Cameron Anderson is available for

GCSE/AS/A Level Tuition in Maths & Physics. £10 an hour. References available.

Contact Cameron on 07975 948457 or 01869 810019.



TIME FOR A CHANGE?

I am a local Business Mum looking for 5 working partners to work part time – £200-£1000pm or full time - £1000-£3000 + pm, without having to compromise career, business or family commitments. If you would like to find out how, with team help and support, you can build a flexible business from home then please get in touch with me **SARAH McCLAREN**

07900-913513 Or email foreverbefree@outlook.com

A little group of local mums with small children 0 – 4years have started to meet up in the Sports Pavilion on Thursdays at 1.0pm. If there are any mums in the village that would like to come along please get in touch with **SARAH** (07900-913513). We have toys for the little ones to play with and

tea/coffee/biscuits/cake – plus a “good natter”



WINTER LUNCH CLUB

On Thursdays in the back room of the Village Hall 12.15pm-1.30pm

Dates in March 6th 13th 20th and the **final date** for the season March 27th



The Winter Lunch Club has provided a warm, friendly place to meet for a simple home cooked lunch in the back room of the Village Hall on a Thursday during the winter months.

The profit after expenses (hire of village hall and ingredients) will be shared between

St Michael's Church, Village Hall, tennis court on the Playing Field and Myeloma UK.

We should be back in October – so until then thank-you to everyone who has come to the lunches and supported W.L.C and a huge thank you to Amanda Leigh for her help each week and Annabel Bellamy who has helped at very busy times. Amanda Limb

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU to the lovely two Amandas and Annabel, also to Angus and all who came to the Thursday Lunch Club on the 23rd January for making it such a special day.

CECILIA

Your last chance to book for the AYNHO QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



Aynho Village Hall

Saturday 8th March 7.30pm doors open 7.15pm. Licenced Bar

MAXIMUM 4 persons per table. £10 per person includes meal & quiz

Tickets from: a) Michael Johnson Blacksmith Hill.(Tel:01869 811175)

b) Charlton Post Office

c) Park Draw Club Collectors

All proceeds towards the **Aynho Sports & Recreation Association**

AYNHO VILLAGE HALL – There will be a short Annual General Meeting on

Monday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

If you have any comments to make about the running of **your** Village Hall or activities organised, then please come along and tell us.

For all activities in your Village Hall – see Village Hall Notice Board or contact the

Bookings Secretary – Amanda Limb.810341

DO YOU USE HEATING OIL? – Aynho Heating Club

THE BIODIVERSITY GROUP

As I sit here, writing the text for the March Newsletter, I am wondering if this very windy, wet weather will ever end. I am looking forward to March. "In like a lion and out like a lamb". The Spring Equinox on 21st March will herald the start of longer days and British Summer Time begins at the end of the month. Our wildlife, which has been in hibernation throughout the winter, will start to reappear: hedgehogs, grass snakes, frogs and toads will be on the move. Look out for queen bees searching for food on warm days. If anyone spots a "mad, March hare", please join our Facebook page and share the experience with us.

Les

An Unsung Hero - The Earthworm

There are four different groups of UK earthworm – **compost earthworms** – prefer warm moist environments with fresh compost – are bright red and stripy, **epigeic earthworm** – lives in top soil and leaf litter and do not make burrows are bright red or reddy-brown but not stripy, **endogeic earthworm** – live in and feed on soil - make horizontal burrows which can be very deep – are often pale colours, **anecic earthworm** – make permanent vertical burrows – feed on leaves which they drag into their burrows – largest UK species – are dark red or brown colour at head end.

An earthworm is a cold blooded animal which is covered in hairs and bristles to help it move. It doesn't have eyes but can sense light and dark along the length of its body. It breathes through its skin which must remain moist to absorb oxygen. It does not have a heart but has 5 pairs of aortic arches which act in a similar way. It eats its own weight in live and dead organic matter every day and plays a vital role in mixing up the different soil layers and converting valuable nutrients into to a form that plants can use.

Worms are hermaphrodites but 2 worms are still needed to reproduce. They achieve sexual maturity after about 6 weeks and reproduce by laying tiny capsules. These can lie dormant in the soil for months or even years until conditions are right when between 2 and 10 small translucent pink worms will emerge. There are at least 25 species of British earthworm, ranging in length from 3cm to 12cm. Their average life span is 4-5 years although they can live for up to 10 years.

Did You Know?

- Worms have existed for about 600 million years.
- They are about 1,000 times stronger than people (relatively speaking, of course!).
- There are about 3000 different types of earthworm globally.
- One acre of land can contain around 1 million worms and these can break up about 50 tonnes of soil.
- Worms never over populate. They regulate their breeding actively in line with their environment, availability of food and space.



Lob Worm (Anecic Group)
The largest UK worm growing to 12cm.



Don't forget: **AYNHO HEALTH WALKS – THURSDAY MORNINGS**

Library Van Friday March 7th 11.40-noon The Butts, Aynho



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Morris Dancers!

Adderbury Morris Dancers welcome you to join them. No experience necessary.
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ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

"Maytime in the Square" & Barn Dance
Saturday May 17th

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THE MILESTONE SOCIETY REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1105688

Aynho Village Hall Saturday 15th March 10.30am to 3.30pm

Theme for 2014—'Milestones plus' Milestones remain our main concern but they are linked to other interesting topics, wayside furniture and marks. This year's programme explores some of these links.

PROGRAMME—MORNING Peter Gulland: 'Turnpike Trustees at work'

The turnpike trustees had various responsibilities. What did they actually do?

Roger Templeman: 'Milestones and benchmarks'.

Why do some milestones have benchmarks? What are they for? How do benchmarks differ from trig points? Roger will explain.

AFTERNOON David Webb: 'An alphabet of roadside furniture'

David will illustrate an A _ Z of things that can be found on the roadside.

Derek Turner: 'Hybrid stones and curiosities from Oxon and beyond.'

A quick trawl through waymarkers that are not quite milestones and other road related things about which there is something curious.



£2.50 MEMBERS. £3.00 NON-MEMBERS. Tea coffee & biscuits available from 10.0am and during the lunch break.

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Glebe Parking

The top dressing of the area has been delayed due to the very wet weather. The top dressing will consist of grey gravel that can be used to level any hollows plus grass seeding that should be completed hopefully before the end of February. Once we have a potential weather window we will write to all houses in the immediate area with at least one week's notice.

Dog Fouling

APC have received several complaints recently about dog fouling. Please clean up after your dog. We have many bins in the village so there is no excuse not to. APC are discussing the problem with SNC and would like to remind you that a fine is possible if you are caught not cleaning up.

If we all report dog fouling to SNC it may be possible to try and get this issue resolved. The email address is envcirmntal.protection@southnorthants.gov.uk

Street Doctor

please ensure that any hazards or issues within the village such as pavement and road repairs clearing blocked street gullies etc are reported to NCC Street Doctor. This can be done online at -

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/roads/streetdoctor/Pages/Step1.aspx>

The more people that complain about these things, the more likely it is that something will be done.

Contact Details

Sadie Patamia is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on Mondays and Thursdays from 3pm—6pm on 07887 548774 or aynhopc@gmail.com The postal address is 25 Brackley Road, Croughton, NN13 5PP, or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter (@aynhopc).

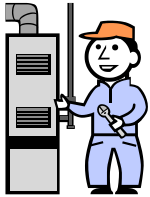


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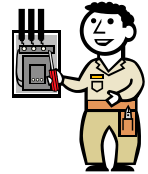
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