



**Aynho**

**The Apricot Village**

**NOVEMBER  
2014**



**Remembering  
with gratitude  
and pride**

**all those who died  
and served in the  
1914-18 War**



# ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2014

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

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**Sunday:** **AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion**  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey. Mr.Sutton)  
**All Saints** Farthinghoe 9.30am H.C Hinton 11.0am FW  
Croughton 10.0am Family  
**ALL SOULS TAIZE Worship at EVENLEY 6.0pm.**

**Sunday:** **AYNHO 10.15am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**  
**November 9<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy Mrs.Kirby Mr Leigh)  
Croughton 10.50 Remembrance followed by H.C.  
Evenley 10.45 Remembrance on The Green  
Farthinghoe 6.00 Remembrance Service  
Hinton 10.50 Remembrance Service



**Sunday** **AYNHO 10.0am BENEFICE Communion**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney.Mr.Leigh.Mr.Sutton)  
**Crib Blessing & Pizza Praise 4.0pm at CROUGHTON**



**Sunday** **AYNHO 10.30 for 11.0am Family Worship**  
**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** (Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy. Mrs.Pusey Mr.Leigh)  
Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 11.0am FW  
Farthinghoe 6.0pm ES Hinton 11.0am HC

**Sunday** **Advent Communion 6.0pm at CROUGHTON**  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>**



Home Communion Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 15, The Square. 11,0am

**Candle Prayers at Aynho October 29<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm.....**

**Bible Study** Monday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Mrs.Croft. The Bothy  
**Prayer Group** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm 15, The Square  
**P.C.C.Meeting** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Village Hall  
**Church Cleaning** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.45am (extra pair of hands always welcome)  
**Choir Practice** Friday **Oct.31<sup>st</sup> & Nov.14<sup>th</sup>** 6.30pm  
**Bell Ringing** – Tuesdays at 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Evenley 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Kings Sutton 3<sup>rd</sup> **Tuesday Aynho.**  
**Additional ringing:** Afternoon of **November 8<sup>th</sup>** and possibly Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### From the Parish Register:

Holy Baptisms: October 5<sup>th</sup>. Gemma Elizabeth Mathieson. Lily Rose Elizabeth Greener

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

**Rector -Revd.Simon Dommett**Tel:01869.81090 [Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com](mailto: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 Warden:** Graham Gibbs 01869 819727

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**Items for December by Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> to**

**Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com) Vol.585**

**Letter from your Rector:**

As the nights draw in and daylight hours fail, we come to the time of year when there is more time for thinking. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November we have a Service for All Souls for our villages at 6pm in the church of St. George in Evenley. Here we will remember loved ones from years past and light a candle as part of our remembering.

**Remembering War and Building Peace.**

This year with the centenary of the outbreak of WWI and especially this November on Remembrance Sunday, there will be a lot of remembering and out pouring of emotions.

For those who have been to London to see the sea of poppies around the tower of London, the impact of the number and scale of them is immense. In the physical laying out of the poppies to remember the lives lost, some thing of the physicality touches us deeply in our inmost being, our heart or soul if you like.

That link between physicality and emotions runs deep for many of our actions. In the wearing of a Poppy, in the shaking of hands with a touch on one’s shoulder, in all these and more, the physical conveys a deep meaning. This year more than most we will have mixed feelings as we remember, sadness, sorrow, regret, pride, thankfulness. There are questions raised should we be commemorating this centenary or not.

But with all this going on I found in one church a leaflet entitled ‘Remembering war and building peace’.To me that summed up maybe what we should be doing and may help us reflect at this time. Certainly we should remember and not forget, but not to celebrate war and conflict, but remember the effect not only WWI and WWII had and has, but the larger effect that war has and still has. But let us remember in the context of building peace and not more war. The people who gave their lives did so not to extend war but to stop war. And surely even today, maybe even more than ever before, we should never lose sight of that focus. That we do not fight for political gain, for religious belief or self interest in resources, but it is for the building of peace that we fight.

**Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> ‘Stir Up Sunday’**

Another thing we remember is the stirring up of the Christmas pudding or cake. This would take place on ‘**Stir Up Sunday’ Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** which gets its name **not** from the stirring of the pudding but from a prayer used in church that Sunday. “Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen”

The Rectory, will be hosting its annual open house from 4pm-7pm inviting you to come and ‘stir up’ our Christmas cake mix and to have a drink and a sausage. Heather and I look forward to seeing you then. God bless Simon

**Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>-Crib Blessing**

Special benefice service at 4pm At All Saints Croughton where we will be blessing our Christmas Cribs and figures before they start their journeys around our villages on their way to our Christmas Crib services. If you would like to offer the ‘Holy Family’ a room for the night please let me Simon (01869 810903) or Carrie O’regan (01280 702300) know. There will also be lists put up in churches later with more information

**Candle Prayers**

Candle Prayers simply means your local church will be open from 7:15-8:00pm, lit with candles, giving you the opportunity to come and enjoy the peace of these special places. You may want to light a candle for somebody or a situation, or just sit on your own for a few minutes. At 7:30 there will be a short opening prayer for those who want to join in followed by a time for personal space, then at about 7:50 there will be a short quiet closing prayer for those who want to join in. You are invited to come for as much or as little as you like, I just want to offer you some peace and space for prayer, private reflection or just enjoying the beauty of the place.

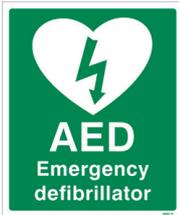
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**WINTER LUNCH CLUB** on Thursdays 6, 13, 20 and 27 November 2014  
in the back room of the Village Hall 12.15pm-1.30pm

No 'membership' required, anyone can come (young or old) and hopefully enjoy a simple home-cooked lunch in a warm, friendly place at very reasonable prices. Choose from soup, baked potato, another hot main dish such as Macaroni Cheese or a slice of Onion Tart served with salad, a hot pudding with custard, or a biscuit with tea and coffee. It has been lovely to see 'regular' faces lunching again and to welcome several new faces. October lunches were busy and as you all know, the profit from WLC this year is being put towards a Defibrillator for the village and at the time of writing this, we are already well over 25% towards the cost of the defibrillator which is great news. The cabinet and fitting will require further funds (see separate notice 'Defibrillator for Aynho').



Amanda Limb

## **DEFIBRILLATOR FOR AYNHO – WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?**

As many of you will have read in the October Newsletter, the profit from this winter's Winter Lunch Club is going towards equipping the village with a DEFIBRILLATOR. This is a device which can be used to help restart someone's heart in an emergency situation while waiting for the Emergency Services to arrive. A defibrillator can be used by anyone even with little or no training; instructions are given to you by the machine. It is planned to have awareness/training opportunities for villagers once we are a little closer to achieving the defibrillator.

The first decision that had to be made was whether the defibrillator would be a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) or as part of the equipment for a First Responder Team within the village. The Parish Council have taken advice on this and the recommendation from Heartstart, Brackley (affiliated to the British Heart Foundation and made up of members of the East Midlands Ambulance Service) is to have a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD). Many local rural villages have recently put a PAD in place eg Croughton and Fritwell. Chipping Norton currently has 3. Kings Sutton has several but attached to a First Responder Team.

Having a PAD will mean that the defibrillator needs to be housed in a specially designed cabinet that is vandal proof, locked and heated. When the outside temperature falls below a certain level, a small heating pad come on so that the defibrillator and shock pads are kept at optimum readiness. When you dial 999, you will be given the access code to open the cabinet. Some cabinets even have a digital phone to call 999 from. The exact type of external cabinet to use is being researched but the approximate cost along with fitting the cabinet will probably be around £1,500 in addition to the cost of the defibrillator which will be c £1,000. A suitable central village location for it to be located is also being worked on – if anyone has strong opinions on this, please let us know.

Possible grants are being investigated but if there is anyone in the village who would like to offer their support by making a donation towards the defibrillator fund that would be wonderful. Donations can be given direct to the Parish Council or to Amanda at Winter Lunch Club (back room of the village hall on most Thursdays 12.15pm-1.30pm). If you would like to make a donation by cheque please make it payable to Aynho Parish Council and write Defibrillator on the back. Thank you so much.

Amanda Limb – tel: 810341 (Winter Lunch Club)

Andy Anderson – tel: 810019 (Parish Council)

What happens on Wednesday nights :

**ARMS (AYNHO RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY) - November 5th 7.30pm**

The new season got off to a splendid start with "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar and the steady heartbeat of Pachelbel's "Canon" and Bach's "Air on a G string", which maestro Robert embellished with an unlikely story relating to Bach's tendency to compose naked at his chamber window. Common sense prevailed and we were treated to a selection of operatic works including "Flower Duet" by Delius, "The Pearl Fishers" by Biset "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Mascagni and the "Toreador's Song" by Bizet. After a convivial interval a further series of popular items which included Mozart's "Clarinet Concerto" "Minuet" by Boccherini and a performance a la Scott Joplin of "The Entertainer" "The Organ Symphony" by Saint Saens brought a thoroughly entertaining and informative evening to a close.

A very well presented and simulating programme was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Robert and thanks of course to Doris. Ian will be presenting the next programme.

Contact: Bob Mann 810264

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY – November 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

At our November meeting Rod Bird will give a presentation entitled 'What's new - looking at trends in the Photographic Industry,' after which there is a further Workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> November about 'Camera controls and composing photographs.' All the meetings are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Contact: John Branton [www.adandd.co.uk](http://www.adandd.co.uk)

**AYNHO GARDENING CLUB – November 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

For our final meeting of the year, on Wednesday 12th November, we will be starting with a short AGM to keep you informed about matters regarding your Aynho Gardening Club. This will be followed by a talk on Bee Keeping and countryside matters by George Fenemore of Clifton. The honey he produces is delicious and I am sure he will give us a very interesting talk. This will be followed by the usual buffet with time to enjoy a chat with a glass of wine. We would be very grateful if members would bring a something to add to the table; wine will be provided. Entry is £1.00 for the evening - please note that the starting time is **7.30pm**.

In preparing the 2015 Aynho Gardening Club programme we have referred to the completed questionnaires. If anyone has something to raise at the AGM - please contact Annabel on 01869 810847

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

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – November 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

Speaker's Subject: "Kracow – Poland's Royal City" Speaker: Pam Newali.

Tea Hostesses – Mrs.Hazel Croft and Mrs.Pat Calderbank



*Teddies/Blankets/Matinee Coats etc*

*Items knitted by AYNHO W.I.MEMBERS (and Sybil Stevens non-member) for the Charity "Greenfields Africa". This Charity works with pregnant mothers in the poorest areas of Uganda and Kenya. Mothers to be are given a bag of clothes, blankets etc if they attend an antenatal clinic three times. The scheme has produced great results in the fight against infant mortality and in the health of the mothers. The W.I. first heard of this charity through a group called "The Fish & Chip Charity" so called because mothers had only newspaper in which to wrap the baby.*

**Contact: Mrs Barbara Watkins 811152**



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**Knit and Stitch** If you fancy a couple of hours in the company of fellow knitters and stitchers please join us on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2 Portway Gardens, 2-4 pm. The hope is that we will meet fortnightly over the winter, working on our own projects. Don't be put off if you don't knit, crochet or sew very well.....there is bound to be someone who will be able to give you hints and tips. Of course, there will be a cuppa as well. Contact Glenwys 810880 for more details.



## BIODIVERSITY GROUP

As we all prepare to settle down for the winter, we can reflect on a good year of promoting Biodiversity at Aynho. We have recently planted 200 bluebell bulbs on the Sports Field. We will be awaiting their showing, next Spring, with great anticipation over the coming winter months. Please remember, if you find a juvenile hedgehog in your garden, place it in a box and phone Brackley Hogwatch on 07528 119416 immediately, and they will collect it and look after it over the winter months.



## Bird of the Month - The Great Spotted Woodpecker

The Great Spotted Woodpecker is the most widespread woodpecker in Britain. It is black with a large white shoulder patch, scarlet underneath the tail and is about the size of a blackbird. The sexes are similar except the male has a red patch on the nape and the female does not. In spring both birds excavate a nest hole in soft or decaying wood. The female lays 3 – 7 white eggs during the second half of May which both birds incubate. Both birds also feed the young and after 20 – 24 days they are ready to leave the nest although the parents will carry on feeding them for another 10 days. The great spotted has a varied diet which changes with the seasons. During spring and summer it feeds largely on insects such as ants, caterpillars and the larvae of wood-boring beetles but will also take other bird's eggs and young. In autumn and winter the birds switch to a variety of fruits, seeds and nuts and can be found more and more in gardens feeding on peanut and suet feeders. When probing a tree for food or drilling holes they grip the bark with their strong claws and use their stiff tail feathers as a prop. Migrant great spotted from northern Europe occasionally reach Britain in the autumn. They are bigger than our birds and have conspicuously white underparts. The great spotted woodpecker is not endangered continuing to expand its range partly aided by Dutch elm disease providing them with extra dead wood for nest sites. It is also adaptable, breeding from sea level to 9,000 feet.

### Did You Know?

- The tongue is so long that it coils around the back of the woodpecker's skull and is used like a harpoon to extract insect larvae from within trees.
- They have shock absorbent material at the base of their skull to prevent brain damage when they bang their beak
- They hit the tree at the human equivalent of 20 mph.
- Both sexes use drumming in territorial displays. Each drum consists of between 10 - 40 blows per second.
- Woodpeckers have bristle-like feathers over their nostrils help keep wood particles from being inhaled.
- Woodpeckers are solitary outside of the breeding season - they may choose to mate together the next year but equally may not.

**Wednesday's cont/.**

**AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY-** Reminder 29<sup>th</sup> October - 7.30pm in the Village Hall

"A History of Ditchley Park" presented by Mr.Michael Montague Bursar of Ditchley Park.

Then on November 26<sup>th</sup> you will be informed on

*"Twenty things you did'nt know about Aynho"*

and the Annual General Meeting will take place.

Contacts: Rupert Clark: Tel:810603 [ru.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:ru.clark@btinternet.com) Peter Cole: Tel:811261

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**From your PARISH COUNCIL - Gigaclear – REGISTER NOW!**

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**Meet the Parish Council**

The PC will be holding a drop in session on 15th November 10am-12pm in the Apricot Room at the Cartwright. Please come along to chat about Gigaclear, see the new website and discuss any issues you would like to. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**SNC are reviewing the conservation area in Aynho**

As you probably know Aynho contains a sizeable conservation area. SNC are reviewing this and intend to remove The Glebe from it. APC unanimously feel this should not happen. Please view the documents at <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/688.htm> and comment by 14th November

**Are you doing a Duke of Edinburgh Award???**

If so and you would be interested in doing some volunteer work around the village please contact Sadie

**Interested in being a Parish Councillor?**

APC have a casual vacancy. If you are interested in finding out more and joining us please contact Sadie

**A new website for Aynho**

It's on its way.....[www.aynho.org](http://www.aynho.org)

Watch this space!

**Contact details**

Sadie Patamia is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on Mondays and Thursdays from 3pm – 6pm on 07887548774 or [aynhopc@gmail.com](mailto: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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**JAMBO!!!!**

Simon and Heather invite you to a Kenyan Evening to hear about our trip and see some slides of our travels. Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> 7.0pm in Aynho Village Hall.

Tickets £10 to include Kenyan Meal and glass of wine. All in aid of Seth Children's Home and St.Nicholas Children's Home, both Homes we visited and want to support.

*Food – Music – Quiz – Raffle*

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**Week-end Sale.** 15<sup>th</sup> &16<sup>th</sup> November.**AYNHO SPORTS PAVILION** 10.0am-4.0pm.

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*Gigaclear have approached the Parish Council with plans to install Ultrafast Fibre Broadband in the villages of Aynho & Croughton. Provided 30% of residents in both the villages sign up to take their service, Aynho could have the new service live by mid 2015!*

To register your interest – which is without commitment – please go to:

[www.gigaclear.com/postcode-checker](http://www.gigaclear.com/postcode-checker)

Their website contains more information on the service that Gigaclear provides. Some background information is provided overleaf as well. Please note that their service, if also used for telephone calls, is very comparable to BT's superfast broadband prices – for what is a better product!

Gigaclear will also be visiting Aynho and giving a presentation with full details of their service on

**Monday 24 November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall\***

However if you are interested in their service – do register your interest now and do not wait until the village meeting – the sooner we reach the 30% level of registrations the sooner Gigaclear will start to take orders. Additionally the first 30% to order Gigaclear's service will benefit from a free upgrade to the next service level for 12 months!

Gigaclear have already successfully installed their network in some 9 Oxfordshire villages. Representatives from Aynho & Croughton have met with Gigaclear and it is clear they are committed to providing the service as soon as we can demonstrate the demand! *So please register your interest **now*** and the village will be able to benefit from the fastest broadband speeds in the country!

\*If you are unable to make the 24 November – Gigaclear will also be presenting in Croughton's Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 20 November

## Why & Who is Gigaclear?

*The information given here is only a brief summary and is intended to introduce you to Gigaclear – to find out more visit their website or **come to the village meeting on 24 November***

**Who is Gigaclear?** Gigaclear was founded in 2010 with the aim of delivering ultrafast broadband access to homes and businesses in rural communities. It has already connected some 9 rural villages in Oxfordshire in the past 3 years and has now announced plans to expand elsewhere – including Northamptonshire.

**What will Gigaclear provide?** Gigaclear will provide every property within the main core of the village a broadband connection and wireless router. Their service provides access to the Internet using a fibre to the premises (FTTP) service that is reliable, ultrafast (**\*much\*** faster than BT Infinity), and cost effective. This is not Gigaclear marketing blurb, Gigaclear were ranked as the UK's fastest internet service provider in 2013. You could have internet speeds of up to 1000Mbps – both up and down (Compared to BT current village speeds of about 4Mbps download & 0.3Mbps upload)!

**Can I use it for Phone Services as well?** Gigaclear have a partnership with Vonage – which would allow you to make all your telephone calls over your broadband line via a service known as 'Voice over Internet Protocol' (VOIP). You can keep your existing telephone number and cancel your BT line altogether – saving you line rental charges.

**Why now and why not BT?** The government is committed to ensuring all communities have access to superfast broadband by the end of 2017. Northamptonshire County Council decided they did not have enough funding to provide a subsidy to BT to provide the new service and after BT stated they had no plans for an upgrade for our village, Gigaclear volunteered to provide a technically faster and better solution than BT would have provided in any case!

**How much will it cost?** Gigaclear price is £38.50\* a month which is very comparable with BT's Superfast Broadband costs. There is no line rental with Gigaclear. If you also subscribe to the Vonage phone service this will be £8 a month including call costs. The same service with BT costs from £37-£51.40 a month and that's before BT's forthcoming price rise! Full details are on Gigaclear's web site and will be covered in detail during the Village Meeting on 24 November.

**Why is the Parish Council involved?** In the recent village survey over 85% of respondents stated that they wanted faster broadband sooner than 2017. The Parish Council is very keen to help this initiative as we need to encourage 30% of the community to register interest to make this project a reality. Gigaclear also want to have village representatives to help with the planning and communication with residents as it will require the fibre optics cable to be buried in small trenches across the village. Whilst it is for individuals to decide if the service meets their requirements, the PC is keen to support this project and feels it will be of enormous benefit to the village.

**How long and what would be the timetable before the village goes live?** We hope that we will get the 30% expressions of interest by end Nov 14. Gigaclear will then take orders via their website and directly via their sales team, who will visit the village. We could have a live service by Jun 15!

**Does registering commit me to taking the service?** No! But the more who register and the sooner you register the quicker the village will have broadband which is fit for purpose!

**I tried to register and it did not recognise my postcode?** Please email Sadie [sadie.patamia@aynho.org](mailto:sadie.patamia@aynho.org) with your name and address, including postcode.

**What if I have more questions?** Come to the village meetings to meet and ask Gigaclear directly:

7.30pm Thursday 20 November - Croughton Village Hall  
Or **7.30pm Monday 24 November - Aynho Village Hall**

**Where can I keep up to date with Gigaclear's plans for the Village?** The monthly village newsletter, the new Aynho Website at [www.aynho.org](http://www.aynho.org) (goes live at the end of Oct) or via emails sent out by Sadie to those on the email list - email her at [sadie.patamia@aynho.org](mailto:sadie.patamia@aynho.org) if you are not currently on her list.

\*Gigaclear's new price from December and not reflected on their website as yet .