



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NOVEMBER
2015

This is the month for
'REMEMBERING'



ALL SOULS" NOVEMBER 2ND

To remember all those loved ones who have departed this earthly life.

(Service at Evenley Sunday November 1st 6.00pm)

"GUY FAWKES" NOVEMBER 5TH

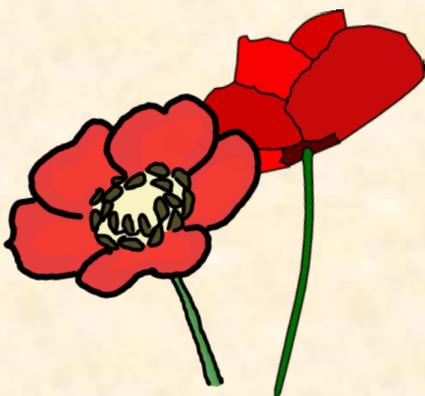
Remembering the man who failed to destroy the Houses of Parliament 410 years ago!



"THE TWO WORLD WARS" NOVEMBER 11TH

Remembering all those who gave their lives to save our country and give us a peaceful land to live in.

(Service at Aynho Sunday November 8th 10.15am)



From your Rector: November A Month of Special Services.

It starts with a special Service of All Souls on **1st November** when we remember our loved ones departed and light a candle for them. The theme of candles is continued through the month with the weekly evening candle prayer service. **November 8th** sees our communities gathering around war memorials as we remember the fallen, those who gave their lives for others.

A special family service will take place on **November 15th** at 4pm at Saint Michael and All Angels church **Farthinghoe** where we will be blessing our Christmas Cribs before they start their journeys around our villages on their way to our Christmas Crib services. If you have a Christmas Crib, you are invited to bring it to this service for a blessing. During the service we will also be making Advent candle wreaths in preparation for our count-down to Christmas. During Advent, the 24 days before Christmas, the blessed cribs, also known as the 'Holy Family', will be traveling around various homes in our villages. Here they offer your family a chance to be part of the Christmas preparations, echoing the journey Mary and Joseph took on their way to Bethlehem. The end of their journey in our parishes are special family services on Christmas Eve, more details next month.

If you would like to offer the 'Holy Family' a room for the night please let me Simon (01869 810903), Shemil 07401 587151, Carrie O'Regan (01280 702300) or *Helen Boswell (see below) know before 22nd November so their route can be planned.

On **22nd November** we will be holding our annual 'Toy' service at 11am in Evenley. Each year we collect toys for children's centres in Banbury which support families with young children in the local area. Many of these children will receive few gifts for Christmas and our donations are used for presents and in the play areas of the centres. New or used toys, games, books, DVDs for babies and children (up to aged 10) in **good working order** are gratefully received. **We cannot accept any soft toys thank you.** Donations may be brought to the service in Evenley or contact Carrie on 01280 702300, carrieoregan1@btinternet.com for collection.

Advent Sunday **29th November** sees the start of the new churches year as it counts down to Christmas. This will be marked with a special Advent Carol service at Aynho. This will be a service of Advent Carols and Readings in candlelight enhanced by the support of the Benefice Festival Chorus. This is a new venture this year and I would want to encourage everybody to come and enjoy the celebration.

Unique Fair Trade Advent Calendar opens window of opportunity

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 32-page Christmas story activity booklet illustrated by Sophie Allsopp and designed to be used every day in Advent.

Behind each of the 24 windows there is a Fairtrade chocolate star and a few words from the Christmas story. As well as celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the calendar makes a charity donation, from every sale, to Traidcraft Exchange and the Funzi & Bodo Trust.

The picture on the cover is a beautiful illustration of Jesus, Mary and Joseph travelling together. It reminds us that all families are on a journey of discovery together in the season of advent. The accompanying booklet, which has a page for every day of advent, has a traditional nativity scene as the last illustration but the sense of travelling together is summed up by the first image and the calendar cover as families make their journey through advent. We would love you to help someone celebrate the real meaning of Christmas this year by giving them a Real Advent Calendar.

The Real Advent Calendar is available directly from our on-line shop, from larger Tesco stores and select retailers. Supplies are limited so buy early. <http://www.realadvent.co.uk/>

CANDLE PRAYERS

Candle Prayers simply means your local church will be open from 7:30-8:00pm, 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.

*In Aynho during December a colourful wooden Christmas Crib with all the figures of the Nativity can travel from house to house. This set is particularly suitable for children aged 1 -11. They are encouraged to play with the figures as they set up the scene.

If your children would like to offer the "Holy Family" a room for a night or two in December then please contact Helen Boswell tel. 01869810224 or boswellhd@btconnect.com by November 23rd so that a rota can be arranged.

Church News cont/ **MANY THANKS** to Barbara Watkins for organising the Craft Fair and raising over £700 towards the church window restoration fund.

AN OUTSTANDING EVENING of Handel's music presented by Fiori Musicali was enjoyed by those who attended at the church. Although the events main aim was to bring top class music to Aynho over £200 was raised through ticket sales and donations.

Help the Syrian Refugees - **BARNABAS FUND** (supported by Aynho Church Council) has formed **OPERATION SAFE HAVENS** which finds countries willing to provide visas for Christians from the Middle East to settle and become self-sufficient. It flies refugees to places where they are welcomed by communities and churches. For example – 157 Syrians recently settled in Poland. The fund assists with basic needs. Is this an opportunity for you to give some help to deserving refugees from the Middle East, thus helping them to avoid people traffickers and an uncertain and dangerous future? On Sunday November 1st there will be a collecting bowl at the back of the church – or contact me – Anne Usher 810673. (Also see display on notice board in the porch.)

THE BIODIVERSITY GROUP

This **November 5th please think 'HEDGEHOG'** and check your bonfire very carefully before lighting it or, better still, build your bonfire on the day! Thank you.

The Common Toad

Common toads vary from dark brown, grey and olive green to sandy-coloured. They have broad, squat bodies, a warty skin and tend to walk rather than hop. They are widespread throughout mainland Britain living in and around damp areas in gardens, parks, scrubby areas, woods, fields and ditches. They are creatures of habit and can often be found in the same place again and again, however, because they blend in with the background and can remain motionless for hours they are difficult to spot. They live solitary lives only coming together for breeding in March when they will frequently walk long distances so they can return to the ponds they developed in themselves. The female lays double strings of eggs (up to 5,000 of them) which are fertilised by the male as she lays them. These hatch after about 10 days and the tadpoles then metamorphose into tiny toads (toadlets) over the next 2 months. Toads are nocturnal, foraging for prey at night and spending the day in a small hollow they excavate. They eat flies, insect larvae, ants, spiders, slugs and worms while larger toads may take slow worms, small grass snakes and harvest mice. They do not have teeth so swallow their prey whole. As a defence against predators toads stretch out their legs and inflate their bodies to make themselves look as large as possible. Tadpoles, toadlets and toads also produce a toxic, foul tasting substance through their skin which is enough to put most predators off although grass snakes and hedgehogs are not deterred. Common toads hibernate in October, typically under deep leaf litter or in logs, drainpipes or burrows and occasionally in mud at the bottom of a pond, although they tend to live away from water for most of the year. Although still common their numbers have recently fallen (it is thought up to 20 tons are killed on the roads every year) and they have been included as a Biodiversity Action Plan priority species. They can live for up to 40 years.



Did You Know?

- The colour of the toad varies according to the colour of the soil in its habitat.
- A toad stalks its prey until it is close enough to shoot its sticky tongue out and catch it. To help swallow its food, it blinks to push the food down.
- Male toads croak and produce a high pitched 'qwark, qwark' sound when mistaken for a female by another male. Females make no sound at all.
- A toad sheds its skin regularly and then eats it.
- Handling toads with bare hands is not recommended.



How often do you get a letter through the post with a stamp? If and when you do, and am sure you will at Christmas, then please cut off the stamp, with no more than 1cm around each one, and drop them off to Marlene at 10, Portway Gardens, or Sybil at 32, Roundtown and they will be taken to Katharine House Hospice. Each kilo collected is worth £11.00. It does take a lot to make up this quantity but if we all do it -every little helps! Also received - foreign currency and old greetings cards.

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A.S.R.A.News

Park Club Winners – August Mrs.Doris Middleton & September Mr & Mrs.Greenhill.

Dog Poo Bags – Supplies are still available for Aynho residents from Halcyon, 11 Portway. Just knock on door
or help yourself from the brown box under side porch.

Football – Just to let residents know we have 2 youth teams playing this season –
under 14s Saturday a.m. and under 13s Sunday a.m. –
both from Brackley Town.

WRITER'S GROUP Saturday 14th November 10.0-12.30. V.H.Committee Room

October's meeting produced some very enjoyable stories of sports cars and other vehicles before a tasty lunch and a fascinating presentation about Oxford Writers with a journey through the city along the Thames. Needless to say Alice in Wonderland featured strongly. This month we hear "two things to do before we die" or "the best thing we have ever done"! We would welcome more members, so feel free to come along and enjoy the stories and decide if you'd like to have a go. Check website for a taster.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

HEALTH WALKS 10.0am Thursday from the Sports Pavilion

The long walk hit a high on Oct.8th with 21 walkers, and there were plenty on the medium and track as well. The refreshments at the Pavilion are special, and, I will let you into a secret, you don't have to go on a walk to enjoy them. Just stroll over to the pavilion mid morning on a Thursday for a coffee, tea and delicious cake. You can be sure of a warm friendly welcome and a good chat.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

Croughton Cinema opens for its new season. Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall

Friday nights 7.30 for 8.0pm. Members & Under 16 £3.00. Non-Members £5.00.

Licensed Bar. Next Production "The 2nd Exotic Marigold Hotel" November 20th

Contact Keith Gelder at keithgelder@tiscali.co.uk

A Halloween "Code"



If you are happy for the children to knock on your door "trick-or-treating" could you leave out a Halloween decoration near your front door or a lit-up pumpkin in a window. If, however, you do not wish to be disturbed then ensure no decorations are visible on the night of Oct.. 31st. Parents please advise your children accordingly.

This should ensure no one is hassled or worried.

From your Parish Council

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP Sunday 22nd November 2.0 – 4.0pm

Please come and help us keep Aynho tidy. Meet at the Sports Field, bags & gloves provided. Tea and cake available.

PARKING

Please do remember to try to park carefully in the village with consideration to your neighbour. We are aware how hard it is sometimes but please do your best to think about others.

TERRY BENBOW MEMORIAL Following on from the unveiling of the Memorial Stone in dedication to Terry Benbow at the children's playpark in September, the Parish Council would like to express their thanks to the family and all those who attended the afternoon's events. In commemoration of Terry the park will now be known as "Terry's Park".

Contact details:

Sadie Patamia is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on Mondays & Thursdays from 3.0-6.0pm on 07887548774 or sadie.patamia@aynho.org. The postal address is 25, Brackley Road, Croughton NN13 5PP. You can find us on facebook & twitter @aynhopc.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2015

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

Sunday:

November 1st

All Saints

AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey. Mrs.Kirby)

Farthinghoe 9.30am said HC. Hinton 11.0am F.W

All Souls

6.0pm Benefice All Souls TAIZE Worship at Evenley.

Monday 9th

AYNHO - Candle Prayers 7.30pm

Sunday:

November 8th

Remembrance Sunday

Services

AYNHO 10.15am Remembrance Service

(Sidespersons: Mrs Bellamy. Mr.Cheney. Mr.Sutton.)

Croughton 10.50am Evenley 10.45 on The Green

Farthinghoe 6.00pm Hinton 10.50am

Sunday

November 15th

AYNHO 10.0am Benefice Service

(Sidespersons: Mrs M.Chong Mrs Pusey Mr.Leigh)

also Crib Blessing & Pizza Praise 4.0pm. at Farthinghoe

(see Rector's Letter)

Sunday

November 22nd

AYNHO 10.30/11.0am Family Service

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy. Mrs Kirby)

* Croughton 9.30 HC. Evenley 11.0 FW-**Toy Service**

Farthinghoe 6.0pm E.S. Hinton 11.0am HC

Sunday

November 29th

Advent Carols at AYNHO 6.0pm

Hinton 9.30am said H.C.

* check for venue

(HC – Holy Communion. FW – Family Worship ES – Evensong)

Home Communion

Monday **Oct.26th & Nov.30th** 11.00am 15, The Square

Prayer Group

Thursday 12th 2.30pm 15, The Square

Choir Practice

Friday 13th

Next P.C.C.Meeting

Monday 16th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Bible Study Group

Monday 16th 10.15am Mrs.Kirby The Butts

Church Cleaning

Thursday 19th 9.45am onwards

Bell Ringing – Tuesdays at 7.30pm 1st Evenley 2nd & 4th Kings Sutton 3rd Tuesday Aynho.

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

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 Warden: Graham Gibbs 01869 819727

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Items for December 2015 by and before Monday November 16th to:

Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692

Email: syban@btinternet.com

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GIGACLEAR – Almost there! – as at 19th October.

Cabinet & Live Date

Work on the Cabinet on Charlton Road is almost complete- Gigaclear are now waiting for Vodafone to install a “box of tricks” and the cabinet should then be live! Gigaclear expect to be able to make the first live connections in November and forecasting that the network build will be completed by end of November.

Road Closure Blacksmith’s Hill

Gigaclear have applied for a formal road closure to complete the works required at the bottom of Blacksmith’s Hill which has been granted. The works are scheduled to start November 10th Please note they may still need to replace the main cable from the top of Blacksmith’s Hill down as a result of the original cable been cut off when the original contractor was stopped from working.

Current Work Plans

Work in The Square, Roundtown and Aynho Court are now almost complete. Gigaclear then intend to do the installations for College Fields, Banbury Road and the bottom end of Charlton Road before linking these up with the network in Blacksmith’s Hill. Connection to The Hill will also be done during the road closure period.

Boxcom

Once the Cabinet is live Boxcom will connect those residents who have placed an order with Gigaclear to arrange individual connections. If you have not placed an order and would like more information please visit www.gigaclear.com

“Snagging List”

As the project comes to an end the Parish Council will be raising snagging issues with Gigaclear. If you have any arrears of concern on the completed works please do email or write SADIE and if possible send a photo sadie.patamia@aynho.org The reinstatement works do come with a 2 year warranty.