HAPPY NEW YEAR

"A Winter Wonderland"
Shall we ever see these scenes again?
HAPPY NEW YEAR

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2016

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

*******************************************************************************

Sunday:
January 3rd
AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion
Epiphany
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby Mr.Cheney)
Farthinghoe 9.30 C Hinton 11.0 MW

Sunday:
January 10th
AYNHO 9.30am Holy Communion
Baptism of Christ
(Sidespersons: Mrs Bellamy. Mr.Leigh. )
Croughton 9.30 C Evenley 11.0 C Farthinghoe 10.0 FW Hinton E 6.0

Sunday:
January 17th
Benefice at Evenley 10.0am
Pizza Praise 4.00pm at Evenley.

Sunday
January 24th
AYNHO 11.0am Matins
(Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney. Mrs Pusey)
Croughton 9.30 C Evenley 11.0 FW Farthinghoe 6.0 E

Sunday
January 31st
Benefice at Aynho 10.30am (note time)
Visiting Speaker Becky Wills. Archdeaconry Diocesan Youth Minister.
(Sidespersons: Mrs Chong Mr.Leigh Mr.Sutton)

*******************************************************************************

Home Communion
Monday 4th
11.00am
15, The Square

Prayer Group
Thursday 14th
2.30pm
15, The Square

Choir Practice
Friday (to be arranged)

Bible Study Group
Monday 11th
10.15am “Rose Cottage” Banbury Road.

Church Cleaning
Thursday 21st
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
Assistant Curate: Revd Shemil Mathew 07401 587151 revshemil@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

*******************************************************************************

Items for February 2016 by and before Monday January 18th to:
Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol.598

This NEWSLETTER is issued by St.Michael’s Church Aynho and printed by HAMPTONS ESTATE AGENTS - Deddington.
Before Christmas, many of us will have written our annual Christmas letter to family and friends, giving an opportunity to look back over the year, when hopefully the good outweighs the bad. Now we look forward to a new year, I hope with eager anticipation. As we do so then many will be looking at their New Year’s resolutions wondering if they will do any better than the few days they managed last year.

Well that may well depend on you and what your resolution is. But why do we give up on the things we have started? Well the Church of England is keen to try and understand why it is that many of our children as they grow up stop attending church. They have commissioned a survey which is in two parts, the first is for those aged 16-30, asking what people of this age like and dislike about the church, its services and people etc. You don’t have to be a regular attendee, as the answers from those who either don’t come or rarely come are as valid as those who come regularly. The second half of the survey is for parents who have children aged 11-30, so that I qualify as my children are 25 and 27.

I would ask all who can to take a copy of the survey from church and then return it to me or you can return it to the C of E directly via a FREEPOST address.

Why our children stop coming to church is only one of the many puzzling questions in life. I am inclined to think that it is often linked with attitudes found at secondary schools towards those of faith, but this is only an opinion. On the other hand their deeds appear to be a ground swell of movement against the Christian faith. For example you may well have heard about how the short film showing people saying the Lord’s Prayer was banned from being shown in cinemas. When a short cartoon about Hindu God’s praying to protect the life of a young child was shown quite happily.

Maybe in 2016 we could all make a resolution to do something to help protect the freedom of people to express their faith. This could be simply a letter or a petition, calling for all faiths to be treated equally, or to allow people to express their faith at work by the wearing of crosses or other religious clothing. May 2016 be a year to make a difference, if only a small one.

Happy New Year
Simon

Lent Bible Studies
With Easter coming early this year, we find Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday 9th February) marking the start of Lent. This year we will again be holding our Lent Bible Study, Cuppa and Chat, and will be looking for people to host the meetings. If you could host a small group, we will come and lead the chat. Just let Shemil Mathew (07401 587151) or Simon Dommett (01869 810903 ) know ASAP.

Many thanks.

Tour de Trigs Challenge 5/6 December 2015

Thank you very much to those who have already sponsored Ian Calderbank for his attempt at the above challenge on 5/6 December 2015 with Andrew Fairbairn & David Stevens in a team "Three Generations" to raise funds for the charity Shelter. The challenge involved a 15, 30 or 50 miles hiking/orienteering exercise over 24 hours(approximately 15 hours in darkness). Their team aimed for the full 50 miles. However, since its inception in the mid1960s, less than 30% of past participants have achieved this.

The dropout rate this year was slightly higher. Only 27% of participants made their chosen full distance (15 miles for the “Taster”, 30 miles for the “Tester” and 50 miles for the full tour. Because of the terrible conditions (a gale courtesy of Storm Desmond, with severe gusts and very muddy and slippery underfoot in many areas), the organisers awarded certificates to anyone who completed the 50 miles irrespective of the time taken. Usually you must have done it within the specified 24 hours.

Only Andrew from Ian’s team made the full 50 miles with Ian forced to drop out at about 40 miles due to hypoxia (lack of oxygen) and David earlier with feet injuries. The team has raised well over £1900 to date for Shelter by their efforts and will keep their internet fundraising page below open for a little while longer in the hope of increasing that.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/threegenerationsIanAndrewDavid
CANCELLED AFTER PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2015

Due to family circumstances, I am currently having to spend more time in Scotland and because of this I am going to CANCEL Winter Lunch Club AFTER the pre-Christmas Lunch on Thursday 17th December. **Winter Lunch Club will NOT start up again on 7th January 2016** as advertised in the December issue of the village Newsletter. Amanda, Liz and Annabel have been wonderful in supporting WLC to keep it going up until Christmas but I feel that it is too much to ask them to continue indefinitely.

If it is possible to start WLC up again before the end of March, I will ring round all our regulars to let them know when, as well as putting up notices on the Village Hall notice boards and on the village website. Amanda—Tel 810341

******************************************************************************

BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Why not take part in the RSPB’s Big Garden Birdwatch over the weekend of the 30th & 31st January 2016. To take part simply spend an hour watching the birds in your garden over the weekend. Count the highest number of bird species seen at any one time. You can use pen and paper or the RSPB’s online counting tool. Submit your results to the RSPB.

**Spider of the Month - Pholcus Phalangioides (Daddy Longlegs Spider)**

This species has a pale yellow-brown cylindrical body except for a grey patch in the centre of the cephalothorax and are covered in fine grey hairs. They have 8 eyes: 2 small ones in the middle and 2 groups of 3 larger ones on each side. Adult males are about 6mm in length and the females about 8mm with front legs up to 50mm long which have 3 claws on the tip of each. They can be seen all year round in corners and on ceilings where there is little disturbance and thrive in houses where the average temperature is about 50ºC. As a defence mechanism, when disturbed, they shake and gyrate their bodies making it more difficult to see them. The peak breeding season is June. The females make excellent mothers carrying their egg sacs containing 20 – 30 eggs in their jaws until, after about 4 weeks, the eggs hatch. For the first week or so the spiderlings stay around their mother’s web benefitting from her protection but then disburse as part of their diet is other spiders including their brothers and sisters. It takes about a year for them to develop into adults shedding their skins 5 or 6 times as they mature. As well as spiders they eat small insects, woodlice and mites. When their prey gets caught in the web they flick more silk threads at it from a distance keeping themselves well out of danger. Once bound securely they kill and digest their prey with venom. The males live for up to 2 years and the females up to 3 years.

**Did You Know?**

- These have several other common names including architrave spider, long-legged cellar spider, vibrating spider and skull spider.
- They live on every continent except Antarctica.
- They are considered beneficial in some parts of the world as they kill and eat spiders larger than themselves including extremely venomous ones.
- The crane fly and the harvestman are also known as daddy longlegs.
A.S.R.A. NEWS (Kay’s Number for Pavilion Bookings, ASRA matters or anything else people need us for!!   0330 113 6008   Kay & Andy Anderson)

Pavilion Café
Not sure if you will get this newsletter in time but I will be back in the Pavilion Café on Christmas Eve from 10 – 2pm for snacks, cakes and hot drinks and festive cheer. I look forward to welcoming back some of my old and not so old regulars as well as any new villagers.

Aynho Sports Pavilion
The pavilion was broken into on the night of Thursday 3rd December. The brand new rear toilet window was shattered and the lock forced and an electric drill belonging to the handyman who was working there was taken. Other damage was done to the light sensor and the main door. If anyone saw anything suspicious that evening please let me know so I can pass any information onto the police. Thank you.

Park Club Draw
Our draw collectors will be out in early January. We hope that you will continue to help the funds of the sports field and pavilion by having a draw number. Unfortunately the brand new window will cost just slightly more than the insurance excess to repair so this money will undoubtedly have to come out of ASRA funds. We have made improvements to the pavilion recently with new kitchen and toilet flooring, new cupboard doors, lights, shelving and heating but if you would like to help us continue with this please feel free to have an additional draw number or make a one off donation.

You can save our volunteer collectors a trip by paying your subscription directly into our bank account. Its £12 per annum to A/C 00467143 S/C 30-11-08. Please mail me at kaynho@lineone.net to let me know and remember to put your name as reference please on the payment.

Aynho Community Facebook Page
If you are a Facebook user and wish to get updates and information about the village, share, sell, buy, moan, talk, inform, observe, advertise etc. please do join us. Look for the Aynho Community Group, just make sure you join the right one as the first one set up was a Page and not a Group. We have 87 users to date, please spread the word. Whilst not to everyone’s taste, this method of communication is invaluable in informing people of important information (such as break in’s, lost animals etc) relatively speedily. It will also replace my e mail round robin which is rapidly becoming out of date and quite time-consuming for myself.

Happy New Year from myself and ASRA. Kay Anderson

Library Van:  This will be the 8th January at ‘The Butts’ new time 11.30—12.00.

The Post Office
This is what you Post Office can offer you on Tuesday 1.30pm—3.30pm in the Village Hall. Cash withdrawals & banking: Car Tax: Bill Payments: all postal services including parcels: Travel Insurance: Foreign Currency and more.  Use it or loose it!
ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society)  January 6th  7.30pm Village Hall.
A splendid and highly individualistic “Douglas” presentation. The Rachmaninov “Piano Concerto No.” was followed by a collection of carols under the heading “Gabriel’s Message”. A Bach cello performance, “Gavottes 1 & 2” was followed by a collection of songs under the heading “Instante D’more”. A charming sonata by Ries and a Plain song performance by Fraternities Jerusalem, gave way to Purcell’s suites and thence to the interval, during which a tribute was paid by the committee to Doris who has diligently operated the music equipment from the very beginning of A.R.M.S in 2001. The second half was a DVD performance of anthems sung by the Holland Boys Choir backed by the Dutch Baroque Collegiate Choir, conducted by David Willocks. A thoroughly enjoyable item with “Zadok the Priest” being a major theme.
Excellent value Douglas
To join us or for more information: Contact: Bob Mann 810264

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - January 6th & 20th  7.30pm Cartwright Hotel
There will be a Members Evening on January 6th entitled “My best 3 images of 2015”. Then on January 20th Simon Lutter will lead a workshop on “Correct exposure” All at The Cartwright Hotel. 7.30pm Just come along and meet us
Contact: John Branton www.adandd.co.uk

KNIT & STITCH (& “cuppa” ) - January 7th & 21st
at 2, Portway Gardens. 2.0 – 4.0pm Contact: Glenwys Wormald 810880

WRITER’S GROUP - January Saturday 9th 10.0-12.30. V.H. Committee Room
At our December Reading we had some enjoyable memories of Christmas and some thoughtful poems. (Samples can be found on the village website).
We then drove over to the “White Horse” in Kings Sutton for our annual Christmas Lunch and had a very enjoyable meal Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

GARDENING CLUB - January 13th  7.30pm Village Hall
Our first event of 2016 will be Val Trinder showing us “More gardens we may have missed” Her talk will start at 7.30pm and we will be ready to re-new your annual membership (£10) prior to the talk..
Contacts: Annabel Bellamy 810847 or Kath Arnold 811868

W.I. January 20th  7.30pm. Village Hall
Subject: “Let’s Play Project” with speakers Deb Kevison & Sammy Bates.
Tea Hostesses – Anne Woodley & Linda Burke.
Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152
HEALTH WALKS – There will be walks on New Year’s Eve and on 14th January we will be meeting at the “White Horse” in Kings Sutton where we will finish for our Anniversary Lunch after our walks.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

Croughton Cinema - Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall
Friday nights 7.30 for 8.0pm. Members & Under 16 £3.00. Non-Members £5.00. Licenced Bar.

Contact Keith Gelder at keithgelder@tiscali.co.uk

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY 27th January 7.30pm Village Hall
Contacts: Rupert Clark 810603 ru.clark@btinternet.com Peter Cole 811261
SMITHS NEWSAGENTS – Early delivery to your door – any combination of days/weeks catered for – just ring Tel:01295 – 268499

BULLS HEAD GARAGE (Souldern)Ltd. Car & Light Commercial Vehicles Repairs- Services – M.O.T. Tel:01869 – 345281

A.L.LOAKES Banbury Oil Fire Boiler Services. Tel:01295-269718. Mobile 07966533524


GARY SHERGOLD - All types of plastering. No job too small. Over 20yrs experience. Full no obligation quotes. Tel:01280-705538.Mobile:07770414716. gshergold@bethere.co.uk

ANGELA EWENCE Beauty & Aromatherapy Treatments. Also CACI (non-surgical facelift) & Electrolysis. Fully Qualified & Babtac insured. Home Treatment. Tel: 01295 – 811359 www.angelashouse of beauty.co.uk

SANDY BILLY (BSc.(Hons) (MChs) Private Podiatry/Chiroprody Service Deddington Health Centre. Nair Care-Diabetic Foot Care-Insoles/Orthotics Corns and Callus (hard skin) Foot care & Foot wear advice. HP registered. Clinic/Home Visiting Service. Tel: 07792212988 email sandybilly@yahoo.com


ROSIE CLARKE PERSONAL TRAINING & TENNIS COACHING Based in Aynho One to One & group training. www.rosieclarkpersonaltraining.co.uk Individual/group tennis lessons/ group lessons. www.rosieclarktenniscoaching.co.uk Cardio tennis and holiday camps. Call: 07774 524780

BOUNCY CASTLES for INDOOR PARTIES. Amusements available for Fund Raisers Shows & Fetes attended. Tel: 01869 810808. www.aynho-bouncy-castles-co.uk Bookings taken all year round.

CREATIVE GLOO WEBSITE DESIGN Creative-bespoke & affordable. Websites for small businesses. Website: www.creativegloo.com Email: hello@creativegloo.com

DEDDINGTON FOOTHEALTH - Rosie Burland Dip.CFHP.MPS Prac. A professional and caring service providing routine footcare including trimming, corns, callus, ingrowing toenails, fungal and thickened nails. Deddington private surgery or home visits by appointment. Please call 075000 29727 Email: deddingtonfoothealth@gmail.com Web: www.deddingtonfoothealth.co.uk

UNIQUE INSTALLATIONS – Adam Richardson – Fully Qualified Kitchens-Bathroom Installer. Wall & Floor Tiling. For free estimate ring: 07768 398661 or email uniqueinstallations@hotmail.com Work guaranteed & previous work viewed.
SCALLYWAGS Dog Grooming Aynho. Contact Isabel 07860 387152
Diploma in dog grooming. Collection & Delivery by appointment if required
scallywagsdoggrooming@hotmail.com

INDEPENDENT CAREERS CONSULTANT – LAURA PHILLIPS B.Sc(Hons)
Tel: 01869 810040 Mobile: 07842 230753

T.J. PERSONAL TRAINING - One to one Small Group Training
Available within the stunning House & Grounds of Aynhoe Park House.
Motivating fun & highly effective fitness, Call TREvor 07876 337752 or trevorjoseph@gmail.com
www.tjpersonaltraining.com


ESTERVAN INTERIOR DESIGN Creating beautiful homes
Website: www.estervan.com. Email: info@estervan.com Phone: 07751 435805

SARAH McLaren – Looking for an extra income? Look no further, I am looking for those who are self-motivated and have a desire to exceed their current income. Flexible hours and home based this opportunity is ideal for fitting around the family! I have done this so why not you? If you would like to find out more please get in touch
SARAH McLaren 07900-913513 or emailforeverbefree@outlook.com

AIRPORT TRANSFERS - Local Taxi Hire – Business Accounts
6, The Glebe, Aynho. Tel: 01295-810172 www.spencercars.co.uk
info @ spencercars.co.uk

SPINE SPA – Anti-ageing technologies Spine & Joint Treatment – non-surgically
PETER OTTENS 14 East Wing, Aynhoe Park House. Mobile: 07597 552577
Why not just come for a chat if in any pain? Appointment only.
Email: info@dmtinstitute.london www.dmtinstitute.london

WRIGHTBUILD - Paul Wright - General builder & carpenter
available locally for house projects & renovation works. Free estimates.
Local village references available. Contact 07790 228081 or paul@wright-build.co.uk

Kay’s China Hire – I have a large quantity of vintage china tableware available for hire at very competitive rates with a percentage of every hire donated to A.S.R.A. You can contact me on either 01869 810019 or on kaynho@lineone.net if you would like it for your special occasion.

Join the 24 Fit Challenge. Tuesdays. 7.0-8.0pm Apricot Room. Cartwright Hotel.
£10 for 4 sessions including:
Physical Training for all fitness levels.......... Fitness Evaluation Coaching
Complete Body Transformation.......... Call HAYLEY on 07500.822823 to book your place.

****************************************************************************************************************************
NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

Thank you all of you who have advertised in our monthly newsletter for the year 2015.

If you wish to continue for the year 2016 please complete and return the enclosed form by January 11th 2016 to: Sybil Stevens, 32, Roundtown, Aynho.OX17 3BH

We wish you all a very Happy & Prosperous New Year.

Name:
Address:
Contact No:
Text: Remain unchanged Yes/No
New Wording:
Annual Fee: £12.00