

Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016

"May the spirit

of Christmas

bring joy to

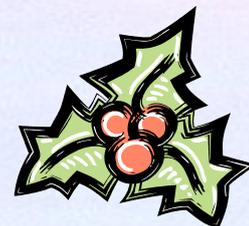
your heart

and happiness

to your home."



WISHING A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL





**ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2016**

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

Sunday: AYNHO - 6.0pm – TAIZE WORSHIP
December 4th Evenley 11.0am HC Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.0am MW

Sunday: AYNHO – 11.0am Holy Communion
December 11th
(Sidespersons: Mr.Leigh Mr.Sutton)
(After service - Interment of Ashes – Mrs.Patricia Tanner)
Croughton 4.0pm Christingle Praise & Baptism Evenley 11.0am HC

Sunday: LESSONS & CAROLS IN ALL CHURCHES
December 18th **AYNHO – 5.0pm.**
(Sidespersons: Miss Short. Mrs.Bellamy.Mrs Pusey.Mr.Leigh.)
Croughton 6.0pm Evenley 3.0pm Farthinghoe 6.0pm Hinton 6.0pm

Christmas Eve AYNHO 5.0pm CAROLS on the GREEN see notice
& 11.0pm Midnight Service
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy Mrs.Kirby. Mrs.Pusey)
Croughton 3.30pm Family Carols Farthinghoe 6.0pm Crib Service



Christmas Day AYNHO – 10.30am Holy Communion
(Sidespersons: Mra.Chong Mr.Sutton)
Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 10.0am All Age
Farthinghoe 11.00am HC Hinton 10.30am HC

Service on JANUARY 1st will be Benefice at Hinton-in-he-Hedges 11.0am.

- PCC Meeting** Monday November 28th 7.30pm in Church
- Home Communion** Monday November 28th 11.00am 15 The Square
- Bible Study Group** Monday 5th 10.15am 15 The Square
- Prayer Group** Thursday 8th 2.30pm 15 The Square
- Choir Practice** Thursday 8th 1.45pm in church
- Church Cleaning** Thursday 15th 9.45amonwards
- Bell Ringing** Tuesdays 7.30pm Evenley 1st Kings Sutton 2nd & 4th Aynho 3rd Croughton 5th
- Wedding 10th December

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

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Items for January 2017 by or before Monday 12th December to:
Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol.609
or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett.

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From The Rectory:

A Christmas Reflection (from Advent wonder)

Job description for an angel. To be a messenger, care giver, guardian and onlooker. The angel Gabriel is best known for bearing the good news of Jesus' birth, but before he spoke with Mary, he went to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, (Luke: 1:19). Here he describes himself with the Greek word 'paristano' which means 'stands.' Gabriel stands in the presence of God waiting to serve. He is God's servant messenger.

But on the night of Jesus' birth, the angels have a night off from their usual duties. Why?

Because this night is different: it is a night of joy and celebration; a night when the angels look deeply into the beauty and good news of a promised salvation. The scripture tells us that the field shone with the glory of God when the first angel appeared. This angel of the Lord speaks of '*good news of great joy*' of a Saviour's birth and then:

"Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'" Luke 2: 13-14 (NLT)

This vast host of angels are not the source of the light; they reflect His light. This is their honour: to be a mirror for God's glory. Paul, in his first letter to Timothy (6:16), describes this light as '*unapproachable*'.

But on this night, the angels help make the unapproachable approachable and they share this shimmering, dazzling, blinding light with shepherds, and, by song and story, with us.

They can't help themselves. They could not stop if they wanted to. This joyful news is no longer private, once spoken to individuals: Mary and Joseph; Elizabeth and Zacharias, even from God to Gabriel. This message of '*great joy*' is now publicly sung in a field to a group of shepherds by a vast army of angels. All are bathed in the Lord's overflowing light and glory which overpowers the darkness. It is boundless; endless; without limits.

Drenched in the light and carried by the song, the shepherds leave their sheep to run and see this promised Saviour in swaddling clothes and they encounter the Light of the World:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Overflowing with joy, they too can't help themselves — telling everyone they meet of Jesus' birth. Like the angels, the shepherds reflect His light to a world in darkness. The light is the message; the message is our gift.

In His season; reflect on Him; reflect His light and 'Shine like Stars'.

Rector's Thank You

I would like to thank everybody who has helped to support our churches in the past year in so many different ways, and to wish you all a joyous and Christ filled Christmas with family and friends; and extend a warm invitation to the many Christmas Services where we can celebrate together the gift of the Christ Child. I hope too that many families will enjoy inviting the Holy family into their homes with our travelling cribs in the run up to Christmas

Happy Christmas one and all
Simon

P.S. (sorry for the wrong time (10am) in the Christmas Cards of 1st January-

but the later start time (11am) gives everybody a little more sleep from the night before)



THE TRAVELLING CRIB.

If anyone would like to host the Aynho Travelling Crib for a night or two in December please contact Helen Boswell immediately. I would like to arrange the rota to start on Thursday 1st December. Tel: 01869-810224

email boswellhd@btconnect.com

ST.MICHAELS CAROL SERVICE – SUNDAY 18th December 5.0pm.

All children are warmly invited to this Carol Service in Aynho Church.



If you wish, please come dressed as a character in the Nativity. There will be plenty of dressing-up clothes available in church on the evening or ring Helen Boswell 810224 beforehand to say what you would like to borrow. There is no need to dress up if you don't want to. There will be an opportunity in the Service for the children to sing "Away in a Manger" and to look at the Crib.



BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Tree of the Month – The Conifer



Conifers are a group of trees that produce seeds inside cones and ever-green

needle-like leaves. The earliest conifers in the fossil record date from about 300 million years ago. The modern conifer order contains eight families and over 600 species, including pines, cypress, firs and yew. The Scots pine, the yew and the common juniper are the only ones native to Britain having colonised it after the last ice age.

Did You Know?

- Pine cones were the favourite food of the Parasaurolophus, one of the duck-billed dinosaurs that lived 60 million years ago. Their uniquely formed jaw and hundreds of teeth were perfectly adapted to eat the tough, chewy cones.
- Scots pines were planted to mark driveways helping travellers find their way. They were also planted around farmsteads to act as windbreaks.
- The Druids decorated pine trees in the wild with images of things they wished the waning year to bring – fruits for a successful harvest, love charms for happiness, nuts for fertility and coins for wealth.
- Children in Finland and Sweden make traditional toys called 'Cone Cows' using pine cones with sticks for legs. In Finland there is a park with giant pine cone cow sculptures large enough for children to ride on.
- The Egyptian staff of Osiris dating back 1224BC has a pine cone on it as does the Pope's sacred staff.
- Many yews in Britain are known to be over 1000 years old.
- The yew often starts growing again when it is about 500 years old.

The Aynho Network Group Christmas Fundraiser in aid of

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Friday 9th December 10.0am-Noon at "Cartwright Hotel" Aynho

Please along and bring friends, colleagues and neighbours and join us for coffee/tea with a Danish/mince pie and help us raise some funds for our local hospice.

£5.00 will include a raffle ticket. All proceeds to the Hospice.



BOOK EARLY It's that time again to remind you of our
AYNHO QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT on Saturday 18th March 2017
Licensed Bar. Maximum of 4 in a team.



£10 per person – price includes Meal & Quiz entry.

Tickets available from: Michael Johnson 27, Blacksmith Hill. Mjohnson.deepdale@gmail.com 01869 811175 and
Kay Anderson, 11, Portway kaynho178@gmail.com 03301136008
All proceeds towards Aynho Sports & Recreation Association

AYNHO CENTENARIAN



**Many congratulations to Margaret
on this wonderful achievement**

POPPY FUND



Thank you to all those who gave to the Poppy Fund this year, through our door to door collectors in the village we raised a wonderful £739.00 towards the national appeal.

A tremendous and generous effort. *Thank you.*

ADVERTS in NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all who have advertised during 2016. If you would like to continue through 2017 please contact Sybil on 01869 810692 or Email syban@btinternet.com

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Sports Field and Pavilion

Aynho PC is looking for a volunteer to take over the caretaking of the pavilion. Duties will include organising general maintenance of the Pavilion. A comprehensive list will be provided to anyone interested.

Without a new volunteer there is a chance the Pavilion will cease to be usable which would be a great shame for the village.

Are you and your dog acting lawfully?

Did you know that since April 2016 it has been a legal requirement to have your dog microchipped?

It is also an offence to allow your dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place. Dangerously out of control mean if your dog makes someone worried it might injure them so although you might not think your pet is dangerously out of control, it could be interpreted as being.

Not picking up after your dog has fouled is also an offence and you could be charged up to £1000.

Although by far and away the majority of dog owners in our village are considerate APC wanted to remind everyone of these facts. We would also request that all dogs are kept on leads whilst being walked on the Black Path (the path alongside the Children's Play area). This is a problem area for fouling and it has been noted and reported that dogs are off lead, running ahead of owners and fouling, possibly without the owner's knowledge. There have also been reports of dogs running out on to the road.

APC thank you all for your co-operation



Season's Greetings

Aynho Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contact details

Sadie Patamia is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on Mondays and Thursdays from 3pm – 6pm on 07887548774 or Sadie.patamia@aynho.org The postal address is 25 Brackley Road, Croughton, NN13 5PP, or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter

A.S.R.A.

Your collectors will be calling in the New Year for the Park Club Draw subscriptions.

The fee of £12 per annum (£1 per month) goes towards maintenance and care of the field and pavilion. Every month we draw a prize number at the Parish Council Meeting. This year it was £85 per month and with your support, especially those who use the tennis courts, track, pavilion or field, we can keep this going.

Your draw co-ordination is : Valerie Taylor West Tel: 01869 819746.

ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT



ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society) - Wednesday 7th December

Due to the correspondent being on holiday the autumn newsletter was missed sincere apologies to Robert. His contribution started the 15th year of the birth of The Aynho Recorded Music Society with a refreshing programme beginning with Grieg's "Piano Concerto" 1st Movement. This was followed in stark contrast by Scott Joplin "The Entertainer" and Henry Litolf's dazzling "Scherzo". The evening continued with items from "High Society" and after the convivial break by Bruch's "Violin Concerto". There followed Val Doonican's "Walk Tall" "King of the Road" and "What would I be". Grieg's 3rd Movement of "Piano Concerto" brought a most interesting programme to a close. Many thanks Robert.

The November contribution was presented by Ian. It was a dazzling mixture and a very full programme which started with the "Baroque" period, including Monteverdi, Purcell, Tallis and Gluck. We then moved swiftly into the "Classical Era" Schubert, Mendelssohn and Rossini. "The Romantic" period was represented by Tchaikovsky, Frank and Rubenstein. The solemnity was then shattered by George Formby singing "Aunty Maggie's Remedy" which was taken advantage of at the interval. We then heard very strong vocals from Pavarotti, Bryn Terfel and Aled Jones.

The second half started with Gilbert & Sullivan followed by Pavane, Puccini, Manuel de Falla and Villa Lobos. Victoria de los Angeles sang Puccini's "Sensa Mamma from the Opera "Suor Angelica" and in contrast the evening ended with Doris Day singing "Que Sera Sera".

Thank you gentlemen for maintaining the very high standards that have persisted since the first programme presented by Doris and Bernard. Thanks also to the committee for guidance over the past 15 years.

Contact: Bob Mann 810264



PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

7.30pm at the Cartwright Hotel. Everyone is

most welcome to attend, just come along and meet us all.

Contact: John Branton www.addphoto.co.uk



KNIT & STITCH & a CUPPA!

2.0 – 4.0pm. 2, Portway Gardens.

Our last get together of this year will be November 29th and then we will re-commence on January 10th.

(2 boxes of knitted "Snowmen" went to K.H.H. with chocs to fill their tummies!)

Contact: Glenwys Wormald Tel:810880

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB

It was good to see so many of you at the AGM and final Gardening Club evening of this year. Our thanks go to Josie Notley for her Christmas Decoration Demonstration, getting us in the mood for the Christmas season - she made it all look so easy.

Our first event of 2017 will be held on **Wednesday 11th January** – Malcolm Moodie will be talking to us about 'Orchids of Thailand'. His talk will start at 7.30pm and we will be ready to re-new your annual Membership (£10) prior to the talk.

In the meantime **the Committee wish all the Members of the Aynho Gardening Club a Very Happy Christmas.** With best wishes Annabel Bellamy 01869 810784



W.I. CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME - Friday 2nd December

Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152

WRITER'S GROUP - Saturday 10th December 10.0am – 12.30 Village Hall

At our last meeting we welcomed Sandra from the village. This makes three new members this year all of whom have produced some very enjoyable pieces. With 16 members present at the last meeting we had a real treat as people asked "Is that really what I meant to do?" or including the words "bags" "cheese" "uploads" or in some cases "load up". This was followed by lunch to celebrate our 20th Anniversary at the "White Horse" Kings Sutton.

This coming month we will have Halloween or Christmas to inspire us.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346 or via Community Page



HEALTH CLUB WALKS with delicious refreshments after in the Sports Fields Pavillion.

We have had some lovely walks this last month and we continue each Thursday. On January 12th we celebrate our 5th Anniversary with a lunch at the "Cartwright Hotel". Aynho Health walks start from the Pavilion each Thursday at 10.00 am. Track, medium or long to suit all tastes and fitness



Contact: Keith McClellan 01869-810346 or Kathy White 01869- 810418

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY 7.30pm Village Hall No December Meeting

**Contact: Rupert Clark 07808 763261 Email: rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com
or Peter Cole 01869 811261**

CROUGHTON CINEMA – Friday December 16th Croughton Village Hall

. Doors Open 7.30pm Next production: "Spy in the Sky" starring Helen Mirren

Members £3.00 Non Members £5.00 Under 16s £3.00. Licenced Bar. All welcome

WINTER LUNCH CLUB



Dates for **December 1st 8th 15th 22nd** in the back room of the village hall. Time: 12.15pm-1.30pm. On Thursday Dec.22nd there will be some Christmas goodies on the menu. If you plan to bring extra friends/family please try and let me know in advance if you can then I can make sure there will be enough food. We will take a little break after the 22nd over the New Year and start again on Thursday 12th January. If you would like any

further information contact **Amanda tel:01869 810341**



Once again as this year draws to a close - our thanks, on behalf of St. Michael's Church, to all who have contributed to the production of this Newsletter, especially Simon at Hamptons, Estate Agents, Deddington and the 22 people who deliver to your door each month.

Also thank you to the kind people who voluntarily collect and deliver medicines to the patients of the Deddington Health Centre. A service so much appreciated.

Last, but not least, to the 2 Amandas for preparing and serving delicious lunches at the Winter Lunch Club – so much appreciated by all who attend.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

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CAROL SINGING ON THE GREEN

Saturday 24th December 2016



Meet 5.00 pm
(outside the Cartwright Hotel)

**Come and join us for another
festive sing-a-long.**

ALL WELCOME

(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

**Finish in the Village Hall for
complimentary seasonal refreshments.**

**Donations in aid of
Children's Society**

Thanks to the Cartwright Hotel for sponsorship

