



Easter Blessings to you all



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2014

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

Sunday:
April 6th
AYNHO 11.0am Communion
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Grey Mr.Croft)
Farthinghoe 9.30am HC Hinton 11.0am FW
Evenley 6.0pm TAIZE SERVICE

PALM Sunday:
April 13th
BENEFICE at CROUGHTON 10.0am
Pizzas Praise at AYNHO 4.30pm.



Holy Week
Compline 7.0pm
Monday-Aynho Tuesday-Croughton
Wednesday-Farthinghoe
Thursday – Maundy Meal at Evenley

GOOD FRIDAY
AYNHO 11.0am Evenley 11.0am
Hinton 2.0pm “An hour at the Cross”



EASTER SUNDAY
April 20th
AYNHO 11.0 Holy Communion
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby. Mr.Cheney Mr.Leigh Mr.Sutton)
Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 11.0 FW
Farthinghoe 9.30 HC Hinton 11.0 HC

Sunday:
April 27th
AYNHO – All Age Service (see Rector’s note)
(Sidespersons: Mrs.J.Pusey Mr.Leigh)
Croughton 9.30am HC Evenley 11.0am HC & Baptism
Farthinghoe 6.00pm Evensong
Hinton 11.0am HC

Home Communion at Aynho Monday 28th 10.30am 15, The Square

Prayer Group Thursday 3rd 2.30pm 15, The Square

Choir Practice Friday 4th

Bible Study : Monday 7th 10.15am “Friars Well”

Church Cleaning : Thursday 10th 9.45am (note 2nd Thursday)

Bell Ringing –Tuesdays at 7.30pm 1st Evenley 2nd & 4th Kings Sutton 3rd Tuesday Aynho (no ringing during Holy Week)

Annual Church Meeting APRIL 10th 7.30pm in Church

Next P.C.C.Meeting May 19th 8.0pm in Church

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 May by Monday April 14th to Sybil at 32, Roundtown. Tel:810692

Email: syban@btinternet.com

Rector's Easter Letter

I don't know about you, but for me there is nothing more annoying in the middle of a great film to have the words

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flashed up on the screen. The pumping in your heart and adrenaline rush, all get diverted into disappointment and the scramble for the remote to find out when the next episode will be. Yet as we slope off to bed or go to work the next morning, the importance fades as our busy lives take over. For Christians, Easter can be very much like that. We are reminded of Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday, then after a short break to have the episode continue on Easter Sunday, with his joyful resurrection. Three days, we can cope with that. But after Easter we find ourselves waiting for the final episode, the

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promise that Jesus left, that he would return again one day. Today there is the danger that in our busy world we have forgotten that there is still one more episode to see. One final climax where all the story lines will be resolved. Today as the world fragments into little splinter groups, surely we all need more than ever is to have a ray of hope, something to look forward to.

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God's promise to the world is still awaiting that final episode and it is something we should all be able to draw hope from. It is not that the director or program coordinators have forgotten to schedule the final show, but that the final program will be a show-stopper so God wants nobody to miss it and it will be worth all the wait.

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Looking forward to seeing you all at final block buster

Happy Easter

Simon

Palm Sunday 13th April

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus entering into Jerusalem on a donkey and being greeted by crowds who waved palm branches like banners in their joy. This year, Palm Sunday falls on a Benefice Sunday when all our five village churches meet together to worship. As this is a special Sunday we will be meeting for **10am at All Saints School, Croughton** to start our service with the blessing of the Palm Crosses and then we process to church, re-enacting in a small way Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. At church we will listen to a dramatised telling of his passion, the last week of his life before his death. Refreshments follow the end of the communion service.

Palm Sunday Praise 13th April

On Sunday afternoon you are invited to celebrate Palm Sunday for ALL the Family at Pizza Praise **at Aynho. 4.30pm**. Come along to hear and explore the Easter Story.

Holy Week 14th -19th April

Holy Week is between Palm Sunday and Easter and is the most holy week of the Christian year. Each day there are special services in each of our five churches as we relive Jesus' final week. This has always been a time when Christians made extra efforts to attend church.

Compline Services – 7.0pm

Compline Service is a short service of Night Prayer or Prayers at the End of the Day. It's the final short said church service of the day. The English word *Compline* is derived from the Latin *completorium*, as Compline is the completion of the working day.

14th Monday Aynho . 15th Tuesday Croughton. 16th Wednesday Farthinghoe

Maundy Thursday 17th April

7pm Benefice Maundy Communion Meal.

Sign up in church or email me the.revd.simon@gmail.com to come to the Maundy Thursday communion meal by Monday 14th March. All Welcome but places limited.

This will take place in Evenley Village Hall from 7pm and combines a simple 3 course meal with a Communion.

Good Friday 18th April

Is the day that Jesus died on the cross. It is only 'good' because his death was followed by his resurrection and proof of his power over sin and death. We celebrate Good Friday at 11am with an All Age Service in Evenley Village Hall and a **Service at 11.0am. at Aynho** followed by Hot Cross buns.

In the afternoon we have '**An hour at the cross**' at Hinton-in-the-Hedges between 2pm and 3pm as we remember the last hour that Jesus suffered before his death.

This is a reflective service for adults.

Easter Sunday 20th April

On Easter Day the church is bursting full of life and joy as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. All our preparations during Lent come to fullness and completion as we welcome our Lord's new life into ours. Our churches are full of flowers and colours and the coming of the Paschal Candle signifies Jesus' presence with us and his disciples. The empty Easter Egg reminds us of the empty tomb. The Egg full with sweets reminds us of the gift of new life that Jesus brings. Come and join the celebration.

New ALL AGE SERVICE for AYNHO

Come and join the celebration at 10:30am with activities and Easter Egg Hunt followed by a short All Age Family Service at 11am. Starting **Sunday 27th April** at St. Michael's.

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Handel	-	Nell dolce dell'oblio
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“Thank-you” To all friends in Aynho from the Picton Family for all the cards they have received and for the special service offered in Jack's memory. **Narayana**

BIODIVERSITY GROUP

With the arrival of a lovely warm spring, all of nature is bursting in to life in celebration of the coming summer. The Biodiversity Group will certainly be seeking to enhance the habitat around the Sports Field. Here are some other tips from Natural England to give nature a helping hand:

Brighten your garden with flowers to provide pollen and nectar for bees, butterflies and other insects all year round. Many garden plants are as good for wildlife as wild flowers are. These include aubrietia and flowering currant in spring; buddleia, lavender and thyme in summer; and sedum, Michaelmas daisy and hebe in autumn.

Have a variety of trees, shrubs and climbers or a mixed hedge which will give food and shelter to wildlife. Good small trees for blossom and berries include rowan, crab apple and hawthorn. Ivy provides shelter for nesting birds, plus autumn flowers for nectar, and winter berries for birds and small mammals; moths love honeysuckle.

Create a pond or just use an upturned bin lid or a sunken washing bowl filled with water. Make sure it has one sloping side to allow creatures an easy way out, and add lots of plants.

Leave a pile of dead wood in a shady spot to make a home for anything from beetles to other useful mini-beasts.

Build a compost heap, which is good for everything living in it and growing on it. Compost heaps also shelter many useful creatures, like slow worms that eat slugs.

Provide food and water for birds all year round.

Bird of the Month

House Martin

House martins have glossy blue-black upper parts and white under parts. They are similar to the swallow, but have a white rump, white feathered legs and a shorter, less forked tail. They are fast, highly manoeuvrable and specialists at catching their prey of flies, beetles and aphids on the wing. In April they return to the UK often feeding over wetlands for a while before returning to their traditional nest sites. They nest in colonies, with both birds building the mud cups under the eaves of houses, under motorway bridges and even under circular lamp column shades. Nests are frequently used for several years, often by the same adult birds or juveniles. The female lays 4 – 5 eggs and both birds take it in turns to incubate them and feed the young. Sometimes juveniles from the 1st clutch will help feed the young of the next. They remain here through the summer returning to the sub-Saharan savannah in Africa in September or October. Once together, house martins are paired for life. Although still numerous and widespread, recent moderate declines earn them a place on the amber conservation list. In 2012 Aynho had 35 nests with breeding birds in!



Did You Know?

- It is estimated that a house martin can eat up to 3,000 flies a day.
- It is illegal to tear down their nests which are protected by law as is the nest of any wild bird during the breeding season.
- Traditionally house martins nesting on your house were considered to be a lucky mascot.
- A Danish car ferry held up to 9 house martin's nests for more than a decade. The birds boarded the ferry immediately it docked after its 2 hour round trip and successfully reared all young on more than one occasion.

Continuing....."ST.MICHAEL'S CHARITY SUPPORT" - "TEAR FUND"

TEARFUND is a Christian organisation inspired by the values of love, hope and transformation to the poor in the world regardless of race, religion, nationality or gender. It was founded in 1968 from the Evangelical Alliance with the aim of bringing Christian compassion together with practical action in the fight against poverty wherever the need is greatest. Recognising that the needs of those living in poverty are complex, the charity operates through local churches. These churches are aware of the specific requirements of the surrounding community and are best placed to meet them. Although physical well being is vital, the charity also works towards making lasting changes in lives to escape poverty.

Most of its work is long term but since 1994 **TEARFUND** has a department that works with other charities in the face of disaster.

What happens on Wednesday nights in your Village Hall



A.R.M.S. (Aynho Recorded Music Society) Wednesday April 2nd 7.30pm

The March meeting was presented by Gill and started with two requests by members of the society. These were the "Blue Danube" waltz and "The Grand March" from Aida. The practice of including "special request" is actively encouraged by your committee. Gill followed with a programme which featured: "Rhapsody No.6" by Liszt and then "Finlandia" by Sibelius. Grieg's "Morning Mood" and "Meditation" by Massenet. The session concluded with the "Cello concerto" by Elgar. Altogether a very pleasing selection with some interesting and informative comments by Gill. Doris as usual was totally "on the ball" with the technical side. After the refreshment break Douglas introduced his friends, comprising a sextet of two cellos and a violin, two flutes, a piano and soloist. Eleven short pieces were performed, interspersed with some delightful singing. A very pleasant evening

Contact: Bob Mann Tel:810264



Photographic Society Wednesday April 2nd 7.30pm

This meeting will be our A.G.M. and will be followed by a presentation from John Credland APAGB on "Audio Visuals".

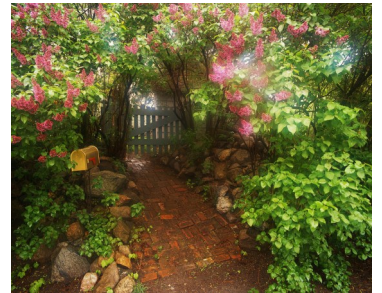
Meetings are held at the "Cartwright Hotel", and a warm invitation is extended to all.

Contact: John Branton www.adanddd.co.uk

Gardening Club

Wednesday 9th April. Michael Jackson will be giving us an illustrated talk about 'Aspects of Garden Design'. In 2011 Michael did a wonderful talk on designing his own garden and no doubt this talk will be as interesting and informative. His talk will be based on three very different gardens in which he has been involved. The meeting starts at 8pm in the Village Hall and new members will be very welcome.

Our Gardening Club trip on **Wednesday 14th May** will be to the **Botanical Gardens in Birmingham** where there is a great deal to look at and enjoy; there are four stunning glasshouses, 15 acres of beautiful gardens including a shrubbery and a pleasure garden. There is also a tea room, a shop and a gallery – so plenty for everyone.



Jean Skuce will be taking names and money at our meeting in April. The cost of the trip will be £19.00 per person and the coach will leave from the bus stop at 9.30am and we should be back in Aynho around 5.30pm.

Thinking ahead - the Gardening Club will have a table at 'Maytime in the Square' which will take place on **Saturday 17th May**. If you can pot up any extra seedlings - both flowers and vegetables - these would be very welcome, as would any perennials if you are dividing plants in your borders.

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

Women's Institute – Wednesday April 16th 7.30pm

"Vegan Cuisine" by Lucy Hodges



Tea Hostesses: Mrs.Kath Arnold & Mrs.Barbara Williams

Contact: Barbara Watkins Tel:811152

Aynho History Society – Wednesday April 30th 7.30pm

"It will do him more good than going to school" Child labour in 19th Century Oxfordshire

Speaker: Liz Woolley – back by popular demand.

Contacts: Rupert Clark Tel:810603 ru.clark@btinternet.com Peter Cole Tel:811261

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE SURVEY 2014 – Your Chance to have your say!

Hopefully by now you will have received a copy of the Parish Council's 2014 Village Survey Questionnaire. This follows on from the 2008 Village Needs Survey which helped inform the Parish Plan. If you have not had a copy please email the Parish Clerk ataynhopc@gmail.com or give her a call on 07887548774.

If you have already completed your survey – thank you for take the time. If you are yet to complete the survey we would be most grateful if you would spend the 8-12 minutes it takes to complete the survey.

Every 5 years about one third of the village population changes and it is important that your Parish Council understands the views and expectations of the Residents. The information collected will be used by the Parish Council - but the data and comments will only be used on an anonymous basis. That said we would be grateful if you would indicate as a minimum the street in which you live so that we can understand more clearly any issues. We would also like to hear what you like about the village as well!

You have 2 ways to complete the survey – which will close on 4 April:

Online. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/aynho> where you will find an electronic version of the survey. Completing the survey online will help the Parish Council collate all the results. If you do the survey online and do not give your address could you please email the Parish Clerk ataynhopc@gmail.com and let her know you have completed the survey.

Paper Questionnaire. A member of the Parish Council will have delivered a paper version of the survey by about 14 March which you may prefer to complete. They will then return at a later date to collect the survey from you. If you have not had a copy please email the Parish Clerk ataynhopc@gmail.com or give her a call on 07887548774.

Last time the survey was completed we had over 75% of household complete the survey and we be most grateful if you would spend a few minutes letting us know your views.

Annual Village Meeting. – Monday 28th April

The Annual Village Meeting with the Parish Council will take place on Monday 28 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. At the meeting the draft results from the Village Survey will be presented. All residents of the village are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY!!!

UNDER 12? WANT TO BE A LOCAL CELEBRITY!

Aynho Parish Council are very pleased to announce that work will commence on the redevelopment of the Children's playground in mid to late April and last around 8 weeks

Once the work is complete we will hold a "grand opening" to which residents, supporters and press will be invited.

We'd like to offer the chance to officially open the playground to a child resident in the village - if you know someone under 12 who'd like to "cut the ribbon" please email or call Fi Burge with your nomination and a reason why they should be chosen, we will publish the name of the winner in next month's newsletter. It will be a lovely day and something for the child and their family to remember!

This is a fabulous opportunity for the village to benefit from new and much needed facilities and all of us on the Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has made a donation in time or money to help make the project happen

We still need to raise the final £2000 or so to finalise the project and we also need volunteers to help lay the surface protective matting under the play equipment as well as various small jobs that will need doing - painting signs, benching, planting etc. so it's not too late to get involved!!!

Fi can be contacted on 01869 819 999 or fi.burge@btinternet.com or via Sadie aynhopc@gmail.com

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 e mail address is environmental.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 07887548774 or aynhopc@gmail.com. The postal address is 25 Brackley Road, Croughton, NN13 5PP, or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter (@aynhopc)

AYNHO VILLAGE HALL committee remind you to please continue using your



POST OFFICE facilities regularly. TUESDAYS 1.30 – 3.0pm.

Library Van Friday April 4th at The Butts. 11.40 to 12.00.

Further activities which take place in your VILLAGE HALL:

Line Dancing. Belly Dancing. Ballet Classes. Musical Minis. Bujin kai.

Art Classes. Writers Group. Bowling. Tap Dancing.

MAYTIME in AYNHO. The Square (Village Hall if wet)

Saturday 17th May 2.0pm. with

- Town Crier & Crowning of the May Queen
- Charlton Cherries Maypole Dancing.
- Aynho Morris Minors (Dancing)
- Stalls: W.I.Home made Refreshments * Crafts & Game Stalls * Gardening Club Plants.
Stall enquiries £5.00 each Fiona 01869 819999 followed by
- BARN DANCE to “Apricot Pie” at 6.0pm – 9.30pm. Licenced Bar.
- Chilli Supper (Cowboy Mince for Juniors)

Tickets in advance, which include food, before May 5th £10 adults £6 children after May 5th £10 adults £7 children.



To the young people of our village

If this half page was kept for you each month – **would you fill it?**

What with? Your interests.

- what you would like to take place in the village ?
- what you have been doing at school?
- a poem or short story,
- a drawing or maybe a photograph.

Send me your comments via syban@btinternet.com or through the letterbox of 32, Roundtown



A message from Michael Johnson who organised the recent Quiz & Curry Night.

“The Quiz & Curry Night seemed to be a great success as I have had lots of positive feedback, so, a big Thank you to all those who helped out or donated prizes – all help, big or small, and all donations were very much appreciated and the event raised over **£725 for A.S.R.A.**”

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

ALSO...

A little group of local mums with small children 0 – 4 years 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”

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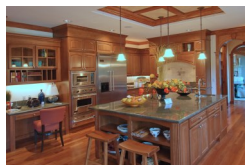
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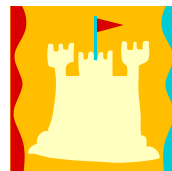
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Contact Cameron on 07975 948457 or 01869 810019.

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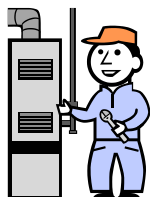


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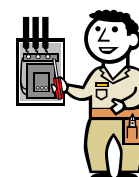
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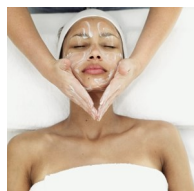
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