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NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2014



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ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2014

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

Sunday:
August 3rd
AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby Mr Cheney)
Farthinghoe 9.30am H.C
Hinton 11.0am WW1 Commemoration Service –all welcome
Evenley 6.0pm Benefice Taize Worship

Sunday:
August 10th
Croughton -10.0am Holiday Club Celebration
(Holiday Club 4th -8th Croughton School)
Evensong at Steane 6.0pm with Preacher Eddie Smith
(A lovely occasion to remember when Eddie served as
a curate with us before moving to his next living.)

SUNDAY
August 17th
EVENLEY 10.0am BENEFICE H.C

Sunday:
August 24th
AYNHO 11.0am Choral Matins
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Grey. Mrs,Pusey))
Croughton 9.30am HC & Baptism. Evenley 11.0am FW
Farthinghoe 11.0am HC & Baptism Hinton 11.0am HC

Sunday:
August 31st
Farthinghoe 10.0am BENEFICE H.C

Home Communion at Aynho – Monday 25th (to be confirmed)

P.C.C.Meeting	Monday	4th	7.30pm in Church
Choir Practices	Friday	22nd	6.30pm
Prayer Group	Thursday	14th	2.30pm 15,The Square
Bible Study	Monday	None in August	
Church Cleaning	Thursday	21st	9.45am onwards
Bell Ringing –	Tuesdays at 7.30pm	1st Evenley 2nd & 4th Kings Sutton 3rd	Tuesday Aynho.
	August 30th	Visiting ringers 10.0-11.0am & 7.30 – 9.0pm	

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 Warden: Graham Gibbs 01869-819727

Items for September by Monday August 18th to Sybil at 32, Roundtown.
Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com

Rector's Letter

Remembering looking back and looking forward

You will not have been able to miss that this summer is the centenary of the outbreak of WWI. For many this is a troubling time, for surely we should not be celebrating the outbreak of the war, and yet neither can we forget the event or those who gave their lives in it. And so on 4th August 2014, 100 years after Germany invaded neutral Belgium, the event which triggered Britain's declaration of war to defend her ally, people are invited to mark the occasion by looking back and then looking forward. Your village churches will normally be open on this day so you might want to go there for a moment of quiet reflection. Much has changed in the last 100 years, but many problems remain. Much has been learned but there is also so much more to be learnt for our world to be a more peaceful place. As we commemorate this day, may we all find it in ourselves to pledge to work for a better world for all people regardless of age, gender, colour or faith.

The Church of England has produced a prayer for marking the centenary of the First World War which will be used in Church. You may want to pray it or just read it as you remember. A copy can be found in Church or in Pew News.

The Most holy Trinity Hinton-in-the-hedges will be hosts to a service of Commemoration on Sunday 3rd August at 11am to which everybody is invited.

Take care & God Bless SIMON



ANGUS LEIGH – R.N.L.I. KAYAK EXPEDITION (Can you spot him?)

Angus is paddling away on his expedition in aid of the RNLI. He set off from Cardiff on 24 June and, at the time of writing, has reached Aberystwyth. Although it is hard work, he is enjoying his trip very much. He has received a lot of help from RNLI stations in the form of kayak storage and advice on local waters. He has also been grateful for some wonderful Welsh hospitality (a huge thank you to Heather Dommett for her networking powers!) He has seen many puffins and a few formidable-looking jellyfish, as well as enjoying the company of a pair of dolphins alongside the kayak.

The Welsh coast has been very challenging, so it has taken Angus longer than anticipated to get this far. By the time you read this newsletter, he hopes to have progressed up the west coast of England towards Scotland. His final objective is still currently Inverness.

Angus is funding all expenses for the trip himself and has also raised over £1500 for the RNLI. A very large proportion of this sum has been donated by the people of Aynho and Angus would like to thank you warmly for your generosity. If anyone would still like to make a donation to the RNLI, see the link to Angus's Just Giving page below. Alternatively, a cash donation or cheque (made out to the RNLI) can be dropped off at 12 Bowmen's Lea in an envelope with your name. You can follow Angus's progress on his Facebook page (see link below). He is not able to access the internet every day, so has decided to focus on Facebook rather than Twitter. Thank you to everyone who has liked the page or commented: it boosts Angus's morale considerably! Amanda Leigh

www.facebook.com/cardifftoinverness

www.justgiving.com/Angus-Leigh

WELCOME

It is wonderful to welcome Shemil Mathew to our benefice of parishes following his ordination as deacon on 29th June at Peterborough Cathedral. Over the coming weeks he will be having a whirlwind tour of our six churches before sharing some of his story with us on 20th July. Following the service there will be a bring and share lunch at the Rectory Aynho, when you will be able to meet him in a more informal way. We expect Shemil to be with us for the next three years as he is trained first as Deacon and then in 2015 Priest. I am sure everybody will give him a warm welcome as he is very excited about meeting you and getting to know you.



Shemil writes:-

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and starting the new phase in my life alongside you.

I was born and brought up in the southern Indian state of Kerala in an ancient Christian family in the tradition of St Thomas. Before starting my ministerial training at Ripon College Cudesdon I worked some years with Church Mission Society and also spent a year as house dad looking after our son. My wife is currently a team vicar in the Bicester team ministry in Oxford Diocese and we have two children Thomas (3) and Catherine (11 months').

I enjoy cooking, gardening, fixing and recycling computers. We will appreciate your prayers as I enter the new phase of my ministry and training and as a family getting used to being a two clergy house hold.

ST MICHAEL'S CHARITY SUPPORT – Friends of the Clergy Corporation

The Friends of the Clergy Corporation is the principal charitable organisation assisting clergy in times of financial difficulty. They also help retired clergy and clergy widows and widowers, separated and divorced spouses and dependent children. Grants can be considered for whatever the need is. Here are examples of some of the things for which grants are given:- school uniforms, school trips, school travel expenses, music lessons and instruments, for help towards the cost of travelling to hospital, for extra heating expenses when there is family illness, for help towards the cost of a spouses funeral, sometimes for help towards the cost of a family holiday.

At St Michael's we think it is important to support this charity which supports our clergy in times of difficulty.

Helen Boswell

Looking ahead! SPONSORED "RIDE & STRIDE" Saturday September 13th

Calling all cyclists – whether you cycle regularly or just sometimes, what about getting your bike out and enjoying the beautiful scenery around Aynho and beyond and at the same time raising money for St. Michael's Church and the Historic Churches Trust. You can plan your own route with as few or as many churches you wish to visit. It's a great way to appreciate our lovely countryside, and meeting other like-minded cyclists along the way. So – "Get on your bikes"

For more information contact: PAT STUBBS – Tel: 810695.

What happens on Wednesday nights : (when not on holiday!)

ARMS (AYNHO RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY)

Next meeting will be on **Wednesday 1st October.**

Contact. Bob Mann 810264

Photographic Society Wednesday at **7.30pm**

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

Contact: John Branton www.adandd.co.uk

Gardening Club Wednesday August 13th at 8.0pm

Our next evening meeting will, as usual, be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Pauline Pears will be talking on 'Easy Ways to Make Compost'; this should be very interesting - after the amazing lush growth in the gardens during the late spring we

will all have plenty of composting material to put to good use in our gardens.

Do come along and learn more about this essential part of our gardening practice.

Also, please remember to bring along your completed Questionnaire as these will assist your Committee in planning the 2015 Gardening Club Programme.

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

AYNHO GARDENING Club—Flower & Vegetable Show
August 30th



Yes, it is that time of the year again – how quickly the gardening year flies by! With this Newsletter you will find the schedule for the annual show along with the entry form for all the classes. These are open to **all residents of Aynho**, not just Gardening Club members. Our gardens are full of plants and vegetables after all the rain at the beginning of the year followed by the recent warm weather – roses and other flowers have

really flourished so you will find plenty to enter. You don't have to be a prize-winning vegetable grower to take part!

Come along to the Village Hall and do please enter as many classes as you can to join in with a great village event. The show will be open from 2.30 – 4.30pm. There will be tea and cakes, a raffle and an auction.

Women's Institute – No August Meeting Contact: Barbara Watkins Tel: 821115

Aynho History Society – A Reminder - Wednesday July 30th "Lily of Aynho"

No Meeting in August – Summer Break.

Next Meeting Sept. 24th "Was Britain ready for The Great War"

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






STOP PRESS: An evening of Aloe & **Forever Living** Products in Sports Pavilion Wednesday 30th July 7.0pm. 15% of sales to A.S.R.A. Also present Kay's Phoenix Cards. For further details contact Sarah (see adverts page)

BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Plans for a nature area or trail on the Sports Field are taking shape. As you walk or run around the track, you may want to pause for a breather by the large mound. Although many of the flowers which bloomed so beautifully in early summer have now gone over, there is still plenty of colour on show. It is also apparent where the wild grass and flower area will be situated, which should attract voles and field mice, which in turn may attract birds such as barn owls. We can but hope. If you would like to become involved in this exciting project, please phone 810209 for more information.

The animal we love to hate – The Slug

A slug is basically a snail without a shell and did, in fact, evolve from the snail. They have two pairs of tentacles which can be regrown if lost. The upper tentacles detect light and dark and are sensitive to certain smells while the lower ones are used for feeling and tasting. They are hermaphrodites having both male and female sex organs and although some species of slug need another to mate with others can fertilise their own eggs. In its lifetime (on average 12 months) a slug can lay about 500 eggs which survive for years only hatching when the conditions are right. There are approximately 30 species of slug of which only four are the main pests. These four cause approximately £8 million in damage to vegetable crops each year. On average a UK garden is home to over 20,000 slugs and it is estimated that an acre of farmland can support over 250,000. Only 5% of the population are above ground at any one time; 95% are underground munching their way through seeds, seedlings and roots as well as laying eggs. Like everything in an ecosystem, however, slugs have a role. They are efficient composters breaking down rotting vegetation and turning it into nutrients for plants, as well as being a source of food themselves for many other creatures including beetles, slow worms, hedgehogs, toads, birds and especially frogs. If you must use slug pellets to control them (some think they are not a very successful method) follow the instructions carefully or you will be killing more wild life than just the slugs. As an alternative why not encourage some of their predators into your garden instead!

The Grey Field Slug Varies but is normally light brown with a chain of darker veins and blotches. Feeds most commonly on seeds and plants above ground and is a major threat to cereal crops.	The Garden Slug Brown in colour. Attacks both leaf and root crop, and is a major pest of potatoes.	Large Red or Black Slug The most common colour is black with an orange fringe. Sometimes eats seedlings on agricultural land.	Common Keeled Slug Black or grey. Feeds on newly drilled seeds underground badly affecting crops such as potatoes.	Leopard Slug (the best of the bunch) Brown or grey with brown or black spots & blotches. Can be up to 16cm long when fully grown. Eats fungi, rotting plants AND OTHER SLUGS!
				

Did You Know?

- Slugs transport oxygen round their bodies using a copper-based molecule called haemocyanin giving them light blue or green blood.
- Slugs have been present in the British Isles since the end of the last ice age.
- Slugs don't have teeth or tongues. They have a special organ called a radula that has thousands of tiny protrusions that help them grind up their food.
- One individual field slug has the potential to produce about 90,000 grandchildren
- The slime produced by terrestrial molluscs (slugs and snails) has interesting properties which have been utilized for centuries for the treatment of minor wounds and other skin disorders such as warts.

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PARISH COUNCIL - New playground now open!

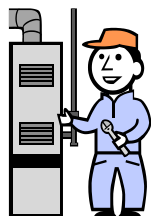
APC would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate the opening of the children's playground, the event was a great success, and special thanks to Frankie Bowe for officially opening the park. We would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to the project, it is a fabulous asset to the village to be enjoyed for many years to come. Aynho Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to Cllr Fi Burge for all the work she has carried out to make the new playground a reality.

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)



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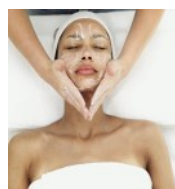
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