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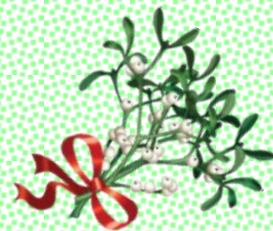
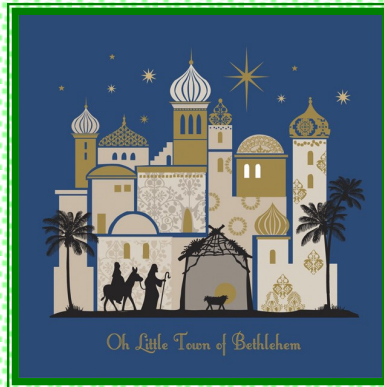
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER

2015

**A Happy and Peaceful
Christmas
to all our Readers**



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2015
AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES with STEANE

Sunday:

December 6th

AYNHO 11.0am Holy Communion

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Kirby Mr.Cheney)

Croughton: 4.0pm Christingle Praise

Evenley 6.0pm Taize Advent Communion

Farthinghoe 9.30 HC Hinton 11.0 MW

Sunday:

December 13th

AYNHO 9.30am Holy Communion

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

Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 11.0 HC Farthinghoe 10.0 FW



Christmas Services



Sunday

AYNHO – 10.0am Holy Communion

AYNHO 5.0pm Lessons & Carols

December 20th

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy Mrs.Pusey.Mr.Leigh.Mr.Sutton)

Evenley - Lessons & Carols 3.0pm

Croughton-Evenley & Farthinghoe 6.0pm Lessons & Carols.

Christmas Eve

3.30pm Family Carols at Croughton

5.0pm Crib Service at Farthinghoe

11.0pm Communion at Croughton

Christmas Day

AYNHO 10.30am Holy Communion

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

Farthinghoe & Hinton 10.30 Evenley 10.0am

Sunday

December 27th

Benefice at CROUGHTON 10.0am

Home Communion

Monday Nov.30th

11.00am

15, The Square

Prayer Group

Thursday 10th

2.30pm

15, The Square

Choir Practice

Friday 18th

Bible Study Group

Monday 14th

10.15am @ Mrs.D.Haggart 1,Millers Lane

Church Cleaning

Thursday 17th

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 January 2016 by and before Monday December 14th to:

Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692

Email: syban@btinternet.com

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**This NEWSLETTER is issued by St.Michael’s Church Aynho
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From your Rector

Happy Christmas to all our readers, I pray that you may all have a joyful and Christ filled Christmas. Not forgetting that it is Christ-mas, thank fully we haven't yet got to the stage of wishing people a happy festival, for Christmas is about Christ and the coming of the Christ Child. A child whose parents knew all about the problems of invading forces taking over their country. Of massacres on a ruler's whim and the fright of having to flee home and family and seek refuge in a foreign country. Most of this sounds sadly all too familiar today.

Christmas is a time for giving, it started with the giving of the gift of the Christ child, Jesus. Bringing joy not only to his parents, but also a joy for the whole world. Joy in the sense that in his example of self giving and sacrifice, Jesus laid a pattern for humankind to follow. A pattern of looking out and looking up, rather than inward and just thinking about one's self.

A selfish world only cares about itself, its family, its friends, its country. But a caring world thinks about others, it will put the needs of others above the need of self. It will give the shirt of their back, turn the other cheek to find a solution and avoid conflict. The old fashioned word for this might be charity, which talks not of the coin we drop into the carol singer's box, hoping they might move on, but charity meaning love for others. All of the world's major faiths share this common bond of looking out and looking up. This is easily lost in a secular world which looks only to self for the answer and for ones own interest. In recent years surveys of the amount we spend on Christmas gifts vary from £400-£600 per person. I don't know which figure to believe but what I do know is that many, many people will have little or nothing spent on them and no love showed to them. So why not this year, put some charity (love for others) back into Christmas and put a little more than a few coins aside to help others and show them some love.

So may you all find true joy at this time of year and have a Joyful and Christ filled Christmas. And I look forward to seeing you at the many Christmas and carol services this Christmas time.

God Bless Simon

Posada or Travelling Cribs Posada is a Spanish word for 'inn'.

Posada celebrations originated in Mexico where two young people would be chosen to dress up as Mary and Joseph. They would travel around their village telling people about the forthcoming arrival of Jesus, and asking if they would give him a room. Today we do not send two young children around the village, but we send the nativity figures of the Holy Family to visit your homes, also known as travelling Cribs. They are looking for somewhere to stay each night in December until Christmas. If you could give them a home for the night please contact:

Shemil Mathew 07401 587151 or myself 01869 810903 to book a nights visit.



November's Remembrance – Thank you

- For your support to the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. Through our house to house collections we raised over £600 for the national appeal. Well done Aynho.
- To June Alsford for creating a wonderful Memorial Cross for the Church with her hand made ceramic poppies on a timber cross – it is a work of art and is in memory of all those Aynho men fallen in the World Wars. It will be treasured for all time during Remembrance tide.
- To all those who gave so generously to the War Memorial refurbishment appeal. Between us all we made a bit more than the target of £4,000. The first phase of work has been completed and the Memorials look great again. They will be improved in a second stage of work next year.

YOUR FRONT COVER :

This shows a selection of *Children's Society Christmas Cards* which will be on sale in Church or direct from Sybil at No.32 Roundtown. Prices range from £3.00 - £3.75 for 10 cards.

**All for YOUR ENTERTAINMENT:
In Aynho Village Hall, Cartwright Hotel or the Sports Pavilion.**



ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society) December 2nd 7.30pm Village Hall.
The 4th of November was a very special birthday for Margaret Taylor. It was the penultimate one to getting a telegram from “you know who”. Ian helped in no small measure with the celebrations, presenting a cascade of musical items. These ranged from Berlioz, Mozart, Bach, Puccini and Chopin to Rachmaninov, Saint-Saens and Haydn. An impeccable presentation with many delightful, yet relatively unknown pieces. Thank you Ian for a splendid programme. Douglas will be presenting the December session on Wednesday 2nd with mince pies. Visitors welcome.

Contact: Bob Mann 810264



PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - December 2nd 7.30pm Cartwright Hotel
At the next meeting on December 2nd John Credland APAGB will give a presentation on “Salon des Refusees” and there will be a Members Evening on Jan.6th entitled “My best 3 images of 2015”. All at The Cartwright Hotel. 7.30pm Just come along and meet us

Contact: John Branton www.adandd.co.uk



GARDENING CLUB 7.30pm Village Hall
It was good to see so many of you at the AGM of the final G.C.evening of this year. The quiz was lots of fun and thank you to Amanda to organising it. Our first event of 2016 will be Wed.13th Jan. Val Trinder will be 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. In the meantime the Committee wish all members of the Aynho Gardening Club a very Happy Christmas.

Contacts: Annabel Bellamy 810847 or Kath Arnold 811868



W.I. – It’s “Party Time” on Friday 4th December.

Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152



AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY 7.30pm Village Hall
Contacts: Rupert Clark 810603 ru.clark@btinternet.com Peter Cole 811261

KNIT & STITCH (& “cuppa”) Contact: Glenwys Wormald 810880
A “Happy Christmas” to all “Knitters & Stitchers” We’ll see you all again in the New Year.



WRITER’S GROUP - Saturday 12th December 10.0-12.30. V.H.Committee Room
November’s meeting produced some fascinating things to do before people die with some equally interesting “Best thing I ever did” stories. Examples on the web page. Our next meeting will be followed by our annual Christmas lunch at the “White Lion” Kings Sutton. We are still happy to accept new members so do feel free to come and listen and see if you would like to join the group. This month we will be “Looking Back” with our traditional anonymous pieces and trying to guess the writer.

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346

HEALTH WALKS

10.0am Thursday from the Sports Pavilion



We continue to have lots of walkers. The countryside has been wonderful this autumn. Whether you want to walk 3 miles, 6 miles or just wander round the track a few times you will be made very welcome and don't forget those wonderful refreshments.

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. Next Production December 4th "Mr Holmes"

Contact Keith Gelder at keithgelder@tiscali.co.uk

A.S.R.A.NEWS

Pavilion Café I will be running the café in the sports pavilion on Christmas Eve from 10.0am-2.0pm and welcome residents to come and join in with a bit of Christmas cheer and a spot of lunch or just a hot drink and a cake.

Hope to see as many as possible, especially if you are new to the village.

Park Club Draw

Our collectors will be out in the New Year collecting for the Park Club Draw.

For those of you who are new to the village this is a monthly draw (£12 paid in January gets you an entry every month). Half the proceeds are paid back in prizes (currently £80) and half goes to the upkeep of the sports pavilion and grounds. If you have any questions or would like to know who your collector is please call me on 810019.

Our winners this year so far:

January	Kay & Andy Anderson	February	N.Stacey, College Fields
March	N.Gallagher, College Fields	April	J.Ashbrook, Portway Gdns
May	I.Wilson, Butts Close	June	V & P Tustain, Butts Close
July	A.Richardson, The Butts	August	D.Middleton, Raincliffe Cl.
September	T & M.Greenhill, The Butts	October	P.Clark, Cartwright Gardens
November	P.Clark, Cartwright Gardens who kindly returned the cheque and asked for the money to go towards the tennis court maintenance – Thanks Pippa! And...yes they did shake the bag!!!		

Numbers are drawn at the Parish Council meeting on the 1st Monday of every month.

If you are stumped for a Christmas gift for someone, get in touch and we'll make them a voucher for a draw number.

KAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS – Aynho Parish Council

would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very

“ Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”.

Village Clean-Up – Thank-you to all who attended



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 .

Tour de Trigs Challenge – 5th & 6th December

Ian Calderbank from 15 The Butts, Aynho will be attempting the above challenge with Andrew Fairbairn & David Stevens to raise funds for the charity “**Shelter**”. It involves a 50 miles in 24 hours (approx.15 hours in darkness) hiking/orienteering exercise known as the Tour de Trigs (www.tourdetrigs.org.uk) challenge on 5/6 December 2015. They are aiming for the full 50 miles. However, since its inception in the mid 1960s, less than 30% of past participants have achieved this. There are however a “Taster” Section of 15 miles and a “Taster” section of 30 miles for which certificates have been awarded. The test is not just one of endurance but also to navigate from grid reference numbers (using maps and compass, no GPS). If you would like to sponsor them and make a donation or would like more details you can contact Ian on 10869 810291 or visit virginmoneygiving site by copying into a browser

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/threegenerationsIanAndrewDavid>

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Charlton Girlguiding

Do you have a daughter aged between 5 and 14 whom is free on a Friday evening? Come and join other girls from the area at one of the 3 Girlguiding groups that meet in Charlton Memorial Hall
For further information please contact the relevant unit leader:

1st Charlton Rainbows - girls 5-7

1st Charlton Brownies - girls 7-10

1st Charlton Guides - girls 10-14

Fiona Brown fbrown@btinternet.com

Lara Winston lara84@live.co.uk

Kay Stevens maxi-mum61@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list please visit <https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Winter Lunch Club December dates; 3rd 10th 17th 12.15pm-1.30pm



Thursday 17 December will be the last lunch before Christmas and as usual we will serve some Christmas goodies. If you plan to come to lunch with extras friends/family, please let us know so that we can prepare enough food

Winter Lunch Club will restart in the New Year on Thursday 7 January 2016. If there should need to be any change to the above, we will put a notice on the rear side door of the Village Hall and the village website as soon as possible. Amanda 810341



A MESSAGE from GIGACLEAR

We are thrilled to announce that Aynho is now connected to the Gigaclear network and soon customers will be able to enjoy ultrafast fibre broadband.

We would like to say a big THANKYOU to everyone who was involved in the successful launch of our ultrafast broadband service.

We are inviting you to join us at our official Demonstration day on Saturday 28th November at Aynho Village Hall starting at 11.0am until 4.30pm to give you the opportunity to come and try out our service first hand.

BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Plant of the Month – The Poinsettia

The poinsettia belongs to the Euphorbia family and is, in fact, a small shrub or tree which was once thought of as a weed. It is a native of Southern Mexico where it can grow to 10 - 15 feet in height and has leaves that are 6 to 8 inches across. The red leaves are not flowers but bracts and are produced to attract insects to the tiny flowers around which they grow.




From the 14th to the 16th centuries the Aztecs used the sap to help control fevers and the leaves to make a reddish/purple fabric dye for clothing. Joel Roberts Poinsett, botanist, physician and the first United States Ambassador to Mexico discovered the plant in 1828 sending cuttings back to his plantation in South Carolina and Poinsettia Day is still celebrated in the USA to mark the anniversary of his death. There are many names for the poinsettia and legends. The Aztecs called the poinsettia 'Love Stars' because they thought the bracts were coloured by drops of blood from an Aztec goddess who died of a broken heart. In Mexico and Guatemala, legend says that a poor girl called Pepita had no gift for the baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve service so picked some weeds growing at the side of the road. She put them by the nativity scene in the Chapel and immediately they turned into bright red flowers. This was thought of as a miracle and the flowers became known as the 'Flowers of the Holy Night'. Other names include the lobster flower, flame-leaf flower and in Spain the Easter Flower.

Did You Know?

- The poinsettia didn't arrive in the UK until the late 1800s.
- Although it is not poisonous if eaten, it can cause mild nausea or vomiting not only in humans but in pets as well.
- People with a latex allergy may suffer an allergic reaction to the sap.
- There are over a 100 varieties of poinsettias now, but red is still the most popular.

Don't forget to save those postage stamps from your Christmas Cards – bring to church, take to Marlene, 10, Portway Gardens or Sybil, Roundtown. They will go to Katharine House Hospice.

Make sure you book this very first date for your 2016 Diary!



Licensed Bar

**AYNHO
QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT**

Aynho Village Hall
Saturday 5th March 2016 at 7.30pm
Maximum of 4 in a team

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Michael Johnson, 27 Blacksmiths Hill
mjohnson.deepdale@gmail.com
01869 811175
Kay Anderson, 11 Portway
kaynho178@gmail.com
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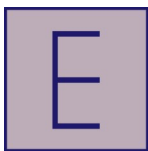
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CAROL SINGING ON THE GREEN

Thursday 24th December 2015

@

5.00pm

**Come and join us for a festive sing-a-long
followed by complimentary seasonal refreshments
in the Village Hall**

(Children must be accompanied)