



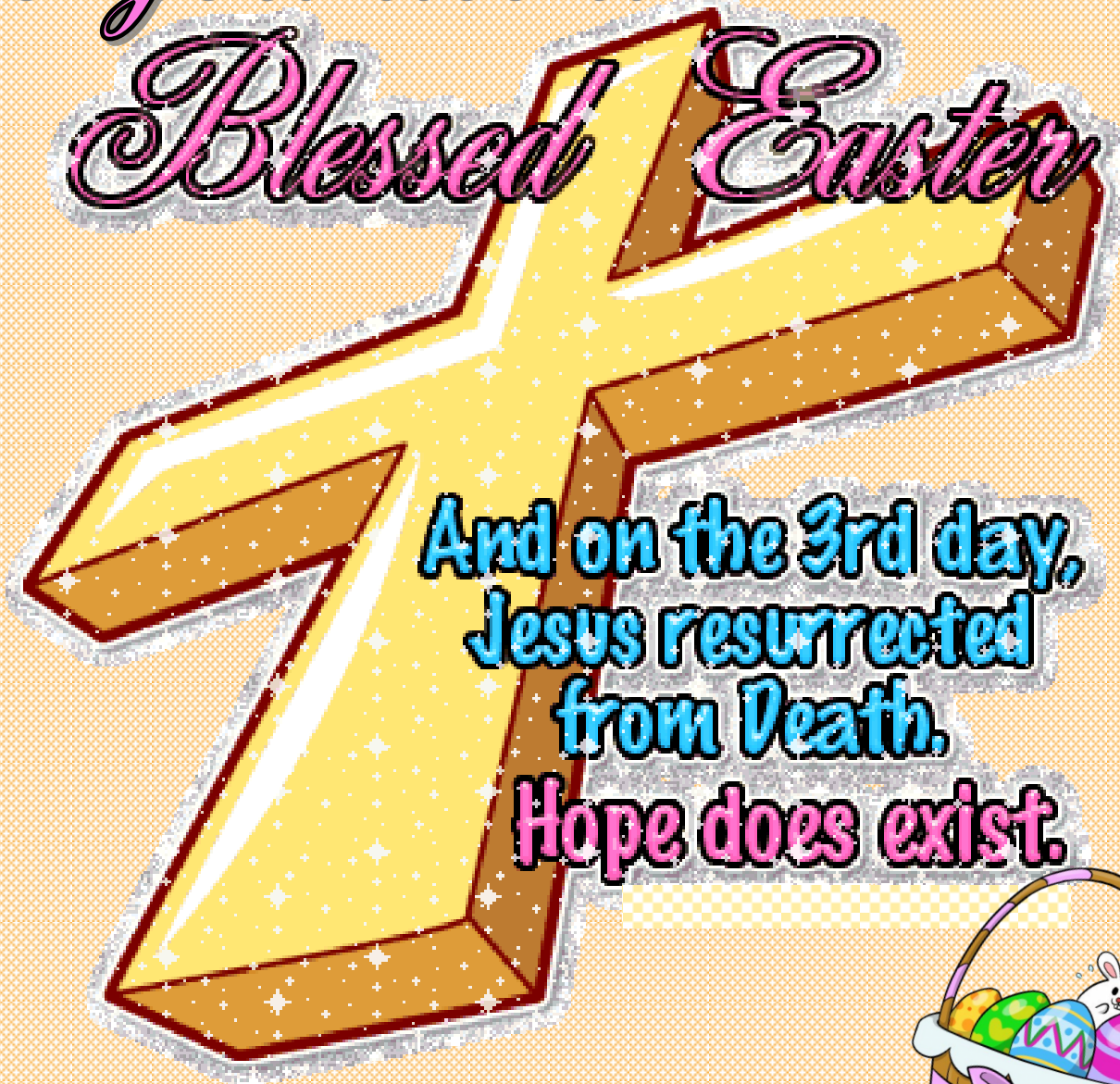
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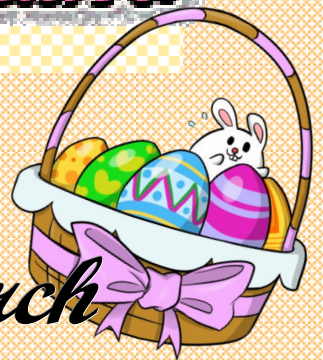
MARCH 2016

*To you all a
Blessed Easter*



**And on the 3rd day,
Jesus resurrected
from Death.
Hope does exist.**

Easter Sunday 27th March



*and
Mothering Sunday
6th March*

ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2016
AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in-the-HEDGES with STEANE



Sunday:
March 6th
Mothering Sunday

AYNHO 11.0am Family Worship*
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey Mr.Leigh)
Croughton 9.30 HC Farthinghoe 10.0 FW Hinton 11.0 FW
Evenley 11.0am FW

Sunday:
March 13th

AYNHO 9.30am Family Communion*
(Sidespersons: Mrs Bellamy. Mr.Cheney)
Evenley 11.0 HC Farthinghoe 9.30 HC Hinton 6.0 ES

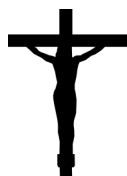


Sunday:
March 20th

Benefice at Croughton 10.0am (see Rector's letter)
4.30pm Pizza Praise at Farthinghoe

Tuesday 22nd

Compline @ AYNHO 7.0p.m.
21st Farthinghoe 23rd Croughton 24th Maundy Meal Evenley.



Good Friday 25th

AYNHO 11.0am Evenley 11.0am Hinton 2.0pm Hour at the Cross



Sunday
March 27th
Easter Sunday

AYNHO 11.0am Easter Family Communion
(Sidespersons: Mrs.Chong. Mrs Pusey Mr.Leigh Mr.Sutton)
Croughton 9.30HC Evenley 11.0 FW Farthinghoe 9.30am HC
Hinton 11.0am HC

*Refreshments served after Services – new help always appreciated list for volunteers in porch.

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Women's World Day of Prayer – 4th March at Hinton Church

Lent Meetings –	Thursday evenings	7.30pm.
Home Communion	Monday Feb.29th	11.00am 15, The Square
Bible Study Group	Monday 14th	10.15am Lower Aynho Grounds
Church Cleaning	Thursday 17 th	9.45am onwards
Prayer Group	Thursday 22 nd	2.30pm 15 The Square
Bell Ringing –	Tuesdays at 7.30pm	1 st Evenley 2 nd & 4 th Kings Sutton 3 rd Tuesday Aynho.
“	Weddings: 27th Feb & 5th March (Fireworks?)	

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 April 2016 by and before Monday March 21st to:

Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com Vol.600
or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett.

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From your Rector - EASTER

One of the interesting things about Easter to me, is that it moves about. To many this is frustrating not least to schools and their holidays. But to me it is great as it shows that the power of Easter is not tamed. Christmas has been fixed as one date, 25th December, yet it too slowly moves through the week a day at a time, in a very predictable way. Such that it has almost been overtaken by secular society, people know when it is, if not what it is truly all about. With Easter people neither know when it is, let alone what it is and so it evades the onset of consumerism.

Easter reminds us of a defining moment in world history and understanding. For many we focus rightly on Easter being the day that Jesus rose from the dead. Yet this in some ways is only a small physical miracle. If all Easter contained was the story of a body being resuscitated, it would be no great deal. But Easter is far more than that. Jesus' resurrection was a fantastic thing that changed the world. But he didn't just come back from death to die again in a physical sense. His earthly resurrected presence showed the reality of there being life after the end of our physical life here on earth. Sure, he came and shared some of our world again in a physical way. He ate and slept and talked with many people, but if that was all then he might have touched a few hundred or thousand of lives before he died again.

Yet Jesus didn't die again, he is alive as much today as that first Easter day. Not with us in this physical world, but in the spiritual world, in a place referred to by many as Heaven. However we are not alone and left behind, for he sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, to be a continuing reminder, if we need it, of this promised new life. A life that brings light and hope into the dark places; a life that walks beside us and with us through our journey of life. A life that changed the way the world can see God, a life that cannot be neither tamed nor contained. There is an advert which says 'why have velvet when you can have silk,' I say why have bunnies when you can have the real thing! Happy Easter Christ is Risen, he is risen indeed, Halleluiah.

Rev Simon Dommett 01869 810903

This month sees our website having its second anniversary. We can be found at www.astwickvale.co.uk. Here you will find details of services and events as well as information about Baptisms, Christenings, Thanksgivings, Weddings and Funerals.

The time after Easter is also the time when the church elects its representatives to help run the church. Two very important roles are played by the Church Wardens who are elected on an annual basis. The Rector and they are supported by The [Parochial Church Council](#) (PCC) who look after the general running of the Church and oversees the finances. The PCC consists of various members; the Rector; the Readers; 2 Churchwardens; Deanery Synod Representatives; and 6 or 9 other Members. Elections for all these offices take place in April by members on the Electoral Roll at the Annual Parochial Church meetings. Now is the time to look around to see who you will elect. Have you thanked your PCC and wardens and Rector for all they have done this past year? Have you asked then if they will stand again or are a new pair of hands needed?

It is in your hands.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Aynho 11th April 7.30pm

Mothering Sunday 6th March. All warmly invited to this Family Service. Come and receive a posy of flowers.

Palm Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. This year we start our Palm Sunday procession at 10am from All Saints School in Croughton, with the blessing of our Palm crosses. We will then process the short distance to All Saints Church, the service will start when the procession arrives. At church, in the context of a Communion Service, we hear again the telling of our Lord Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, remember his last supper and passion, before spending the next 7 days, of Holy Week in our final preparations for Easter

Steane Special Summer Sermon Series

Come along and enjoy the beauty of Steane Park and the parish church of St. Peter, in our Steane Special Summer Sermon Series. Each month we gather to hear a special invited speaker and enjoy the beauty of traditional prayer book worship. Steane church only has six services a year so this is a wonderful opportunity to visit the church, enjoy worship and hear some excellent speakers. All services start at 6pm
April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th & September 14th = Canon Peter Gompertz

ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT



ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society)

March 2nd 7.30pm Village Hall.

An absolutely cascade of musical delight was presented by Lee Symonds our newest member. The first half comprised items by Purcell, Canteloube, Elgar, Saint-Saens, Rozsa. Carl Davis and Alfred Newman. In addition some very informative comment by Lee. The second half was a total surprise with songs from Maria Lanza, Al Jolson, Danny Kaye, Vic Damone, Hope, Crosby and Sinatra, and more highly revealing comments – rather saucy! It was good to welcome visitors from Croughton.

Thank you Lee for a most entertaining evening.

For more information: **Contact: Bob Mann 810264**



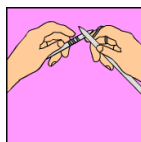
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

March 2nd 7.30pm Cartwright Hotel.

At the next meeting of the Society 2 March, member Jim Muller will present

‘From hummingbirds to cakestands - the sublime to the ridiculous.’

Then, on 6 April, there is the Society’s A.G.M which will be followed by members’ photographs on the subject of “What is it?.” Both meetings are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Just come along and meet us, you are assured of a warm welcome. **Contact: John Branton www.adandd.co.uk**



KNIT & STITCH (& “cuppa”!)

March *3rd & 17th 2, Portway Gardens. 2.0 – 4.0pm

You can come and knit/sew your own garments or knit for Charity – e.g. Katharine House Hospice – Church etc.

* at No.32 Roundtown.

Contact: Glenwys Wormald 810880



GARDENING CLUB

March 9th 7.30pm Village Hall

This month we are going to have a talk by Stuart Lowen of Ball Colgrave. His talk is entitled ‘What’s New in Seasonal Colour’ – hopefully he will give us plenty of inspiration for the gardening year ahead. Ball Colgrave of Adderbury is a wholesale distributor of plants and seeds, specializing in ornamental bedding plants.

If you have been unable to come to the earlier meetings in the year we can renew your Membership card on 9th March; the annual subscription is now £10. The entrance fee for Members has now been dropped, so there are no further charges for Members. Guests will be charged £2. Do please encourage newcomers to come and see what we offer, we are always delighted to welcome any new Members or guests.

For any queries, please get in touch with

Annabel Bellamy (810847) or any of the Committee Members.

CROUGHTON CINEMA – March 4th –

Production “The Lady in the Van” starring Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings & Jim Broadbent.

In the Parish Room, Croughton Village Hall. 7.30pm. Licenced Bar.

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HEALTH WALKS Long & Short Every Thursday - Sports Pavilion – 10.0am

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346



WRITER'S GROUP - 10.0-12.30. V.H.Committee Room Saturday March 12th

We heard some very varied accounts of people's first day at school or work and one or two about Banbury Cross. At this next meeting we will hear stories of "crossing the border" or "the worst advice I have ever had". Do come along and see if you feel like doing some writing.

One of our members, Philip Davies, will be speaking about his book in the Blackwell's Marquee at the Oxford Literary Festival between 3-4pm on the 9th of April

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346



W.I.

March 16th 7.30pm. Village Hall.

Subject: "Tea- The Nation's Favourite Drink" – Mr.Warren Ford.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Jill Wightman and Mrs.Jean Skuce.

Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152

AYNHO HISTORY SOCIETY

March 30th 7.30pm Village Hall

"Out of Tragedy came forth liberation" –

civilian and military evacuation in World War 2. Lectures start 7.30pm

Annual Membership £20p.a. Lectures then free – or pay as you go £3.00 per event.

Student concession £1.

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

Did you book your place?

Quiz & Curry Night – Saturday 5th March 7.30pm – Aynho Village Hall

Maximum of 4 in a team. Licensed Bar. Proceeds to A.S.R.A.

Tickets available from: Michael Johnson 27 Blacksmith Hill. 01869-811175

Kay Anderson 11,Portway. 01869-810019

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



TERRY BENBOW MEMORIAL CELEBRATION – Sunday March 27th

Aynho Sports Field 12.00noon – 5.0pm. Refreshments-Raffle-Auction.

Aynho Athletic F.C vs Aynho Legends F.C - kick off 1.0pm.

There will be fun for all the family.

All profits will be donated to **MENINGITIS NOW**. If you would like to donate please go to
www.justgiving.com/terrybenbowcelebration

(A.A were a men's team who used to play on a Sunday morning – rarely winning but having a good time!!).

Thank-you to all those who have contributed foreign coins etc for

Katharine House Hospice – please keep them coming!

Also needed old Greetings Cards i.e.Birthday & Anniversary Cards.

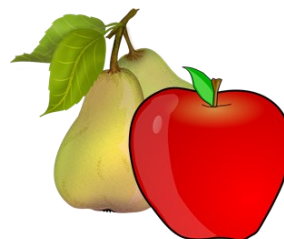
Knitting is also done for KHH – so any spare balls of wool would be welcome.

To: Marlene 10 Portway Gardens or Sybil 32 Roundtown

BIODIVERSITY GROUP

The Community Orchard on the Playing Field

In recent years environmentalists have stated that small traditional orchards could vanish from the British landscape by the end of the century. Natural England and the National Trust suggest 60% of England's orchards have disappeared since the 1950s. This has impacted on local biodiversity, as the traditional orchard is a crucial habitat for flora and fauna, including mammals such as long-eared bats, birds, moths, lichens and fungi.



In Aynho, we have had the opportunity to plant a traditional orchard, the definition of which is: "having at least five trees widely spaced and allowed to grow gnarled, hollowed and eventually fall where they stand. They are not intensively managed and are treated with few or no chemicals." We have planted a wide variety of local fruit trees, including eating apples, plums, greengage and pear. We will monitor the biodiversity of the orchard in the coming months and years and, of course, enjoy the fruit with the rest of the village. Below is information on some of the varieties. More information on others such as the Aynho Scarlet will follow next month.

Deddington Pippin apple: Discovered, named and propagated by Andy Howard (The Heritage Fruit Tree Company based in Adderbury) in 2007. Excellent cookers and dual purpose apples that can be eaten or cooked.

Pitmaston Pine Apple apple: Raised by Mr White, steward to Lord Foley of Stoke Edith, Herefordshire in 1785 and introduced by Mr Williams of Pitmaston near Worcester. A late dessert russet apple tasting of pineapple and honey.

Beauty of Bath apple: Propagated by George Cooling of Bath in 1864 and awarded an RHS First class certificate in 1887. It usually crops in August but is sometimes ready as early as July. Soft juicy flesh with a fairly sharp flavour.

Conference pear: Cultivated by Thomas Rivers of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire in about 1884. It was first exhibited at the British National Pear Conference in 1895 hence its name. Sweet and juicy.

Black Worcester pear: Probably the oldest English pear still in use and can be traced back to the early 16th century. A cooking rather than an eating pear.



PAVILION CAFÉ

OPEN for BUSINESS Thursday 3rd & Thursday 10th March 10.0am – 3.0pm

COFFEE, CAKES, LUNCH, SNACKS, HOT & COLD DRINKS

(I'm covering for Anita while she is away, please come along for a chat and some food – Kay)

FRIDAY FITNESS Anyone want to join me on a Friday morning 9am for a walk/jog/run around the track. I'm aware there are quite a few people using the track for fitness and wonder if we can all support and motivate each other?

Contact me on kaynho@lineone.net or 0330 113 6008 if you are interested. Also.....

TRACK MAINTENANCE I'm planning on a track tidy up sometime in March when we have a dry day. Look out for the sign at the gate and if you use the track please come and help. It will involve sweeping and making the track safe for all users. You'll need to bring a broom. Once swept, I can then weed kill the edges.

PARK CLUB DRAW Thanks everyone for taking part this year.

A cheque for £85 has gone to our first winner for 2016, Jane Lang from The Glebe.

Don't forget to use your Village Post office facility on
Tuesdays 1.30 – 3.30 for all that it offers.

PARISH COUNCIL

DEFIBRILATOR SCHEME

VILLAGE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM (VETS)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

A third of all 999 calls are from lone rescuers, so getting help to them quickly is important. VETS is a community run system and enables up to 10 neighbours or villagers to assist pending the arrival of the emergency services. VETS is provided at cost on an annual basis to the village and uses a simple memorable number unique for the village. The system can also be used for any emergency where additional help is required from neighbours, whether Cardiac Arrest or not. The availability of VETS helps villages whether or not they are using a defibrillator and gives a level of reassurance to the elderly, those living alone and to the infirm, that there is always help on hand.

The Winter Lunch Club and Aynho PC have sponsored the setting up of a special AYNHO VETS service. We now need up to 10 volunteers who can provide their phone number to be part of the VETS team. If a 999 call is made for a cardiac event, and should a villager require assistance in getting the defibrillator or assistance in using it, then they call the VETS number after 999 and the first volunteer to answer provides assistance.

If you are willing to join the VETS team please send your name, address and phone number to Councillor Andy Anderson at crawfordmedical@lineone.net.

If you would like to discuss the scheme or want more information, then please call Andy on 0330 113 6008.

Important notice about dog fouling

As from the 1st April all dogs have to be microchipped. Dog fouling STILL remains a concern for many villagers and a few persistent offenders do not pick up their pets poo. Aynho Parish Council have decided to increase our focus on this issue which is not only anti-social but can be a health hazard. Measures include a poster on the issue delivered to every household, including a reminder of the significant fine we can impose for an offense, new signs at the end of black path and random checks by councillors on dog walkers to ensure they carry poo bags. Just a reminder that FREE poo bags are available for all villagers from 11 Portway.

Parking

The PC would like to ask people to remember to park considerably to their neighbours and to not park on the grass verges or village greens (outside the pub and at the bottom of Hollow Way). As the weather has been so wet parking on these severely damages them.

Many thanks

Bird Scarers

It is that time of year again when the farmers need to use bird scarers to protect their newly sown seeds. We appreciate these bangs can be disturbing to people and pets but the scarers are necessary and will only be used for a short period.

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.

Aynho Conservation Area – Protection of viewpoint.

The South Northants Planning Authority have considered the concerns raised by the Aynho Community over the extensive tree planning around the perimeter of College Farm House. The decision is that no planning regulations have been breached and no action will be taken to conserve this village asset.

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