



**Aynho**  
**The Apricot Village**

# **NEWSLETTER**

# **NOVEMBER**

# **2016**

**HERE IS A PAGE OF "FIREWORK"  
DISPLAY,**

**JUST TO LIGHT UP YOUR NOVEMBER  
DAY,**

**FOUNTAINS AND ROCKETS AND  
SPARKLERS GALORE,  
WHO COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING  
MORE?**

**IT'S A MONTH TO REMEMBER  
SOULS, SAINTS AND \*WARS,  
ALL THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES  
FOR US AND MORE ...**

**\*SEE SERVICES IN-**

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**ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE**

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

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

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**Sunday: AYNHO - 11.0am Holy Communion**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**

(Sidespersons: Mr.Cheney. Mrs.Pusey)

Evenley 11.0 Communion

Farthinghoe 6.0 TAIZE Hinton 11.0

**Sunday:  
November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Remembrance  
Sunday**

**AYNHO - 10.15am Remembrance Service**

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Bellamy Miss.Short Mr.Leigh Mr.Sutton)

Croughton 10.50

Evenley 10.50 On the Green

Farthinghoe 6.0pm

Hinton 10.50



**Sunday:  
November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**AYNHO – 11.0am Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Mrs.Chong. Mr.Cheney)

Croughton 9.30 HC Evenley 9.30 Family Toy Service

Farthinghoe 6.0 HC Hinton 11.0am HC

**Sunday  
November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Benefice at EVENLEY – 10.0am.**

Communion & Crib Blessing

with Pizza Praise at 4.0pm

**Cuppa & Chat  
Home Communion  
Bible Study Group  
Prayer Group  
Church Cleaning  
Choir Practice  
Bell Ringing –**

Thursdays 7.30pm

Monday date to be confirmed 11.00am 15 The Square

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.15am with Mrs.Sermon,Souldern

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm 15 The Square

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.45am .....onwards

**Thursdays** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 3.0pm in Church

Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Evenley 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Sutton 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Aynho 3<sup>rd</sup> & Croughton 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**Information** about the life of our church - baptisms or wedding enquiries from:

**Revd.Simon Dommett Tel:01869.810903**

**[Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com](mailto:Email@the.revd.simon@gmail.com)**

**Assistant Curate: Revd Shemil Mathew 07401 587151**

**[revshemil@gmail.com](mailto: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 December 2016 by or before Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November to:  
Sybil at 32, Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: [syban@btinternet.com](mailto:syban@btinternet.com) Vol.608  
or any comments re Newsletter to Sybil or Rev.Simon Dommett.

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## Rector's Ramblings

You cannot get away from the Christmas marketing in the shops, you may already have eaten your first or second mince pie. I am told they don't taste the same after Christmas, I have been told by others that money is short at this time of year because of Christmas. I assume because of presents to buy rather than donations to charity. So as we all start to get ready for Christmas, let us start to think also about the man behind the celebration.

*So let me tell you a story;*

"Once a man fell over a cliff and, half way down, managed to grab hold of a shrub and break his fall. Dangling precariously, he looked first up, then down, and realised that if he was going to survive he would need a miracle. Lifting his eyes to the heavens, he shouted, *'Is there anybody up there?'*

To his amazement, a voice inside his head whispered, *'Yes, I am up here.'*

*'I need help!' he screeched.*

*'Put your foot on the tiny toehold, reach your hand to the jutting rock, let go of the shrub, and inch by inch I will stay with you all the way to the bottom of the cliff.'*

Terrified at the prospect, the man pleaded, *'I was thinking of something more miraculous.'* *'That's not the deal on offer,'* came the voice. *'But if you trust me, I won't leave you at any moment until the very end.'*

There was a long, thoughtful silence. And then the man called out, *'Is there anybody else up there?'*

Not a true story, of course, but full of truths! The most important is that humans did not invent God; God invented humans. Our challenge, as centuries have gone by, has been to work out what that God is like. Christians, and before them, the Jews, believe that the sole God, stupendously powerful though he is, is one who can be known. And, more remarkable still, God knows each human as an individual.

This is how, three thousand years ago, one of the poets of the Bible expressed it in my favourite psalm

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue  
you know it completely, O Lord.

From *Psalms* 139

We are not alone! Great, humble, young, old, able-bodied, disabled, believer, atheist, or half way down a cliff - no one is alone!

## Unique Fair Trade Advent Calendar opens window of opportunity\_

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 32-page Christmas story activity booklet illustrated by Sophie Allsopp and designed to be used every day in Advent.

Behind each of the 24 windows there is a Fairtrade chocolate star and a few words from the Christmas story. The accompanying booklet, which has a page for every day of advent, has a traditional nativity scene as the last illustration but the sense of travelling together is summed up by the first image and the calendar cover as families make their journey through advent.

We would love you to help someone celebrate the real meaning of Christmas this year by giving them a Real Advent Calendar.

The Real Advent Calendar is available directly from our on-line shop, from larger Tesco stores and select retailers. Supplies are limited so buy early. <http://www.realadvent.co.uk/>



## **Chips in Church??!!**

**A way to enjoy your village church, even if church services aren't your thing.**

Everyone is invited to join other villagers at St Michael's Church when the chip van comes to Aynho on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, calling at the church at 6:50pm.

Bring your chips into the church where we will have tables and chairs and a warm welcome for a sociable evening.

Please bring a fork (or your fingers!) and we'll provide salt & vinegar, ketchup and tea/coffee.

Please phone Liz Short on 01869 810 180 with your order by 4pm on the day and they will be wrapped ready for you to pay and collect at the church. Menu and pricelist. (Examples - Cod £4, Pie £2:70, Sausage £1:70, Chips £1:80-£3) Or just come along to the church and order at the van.

## **Everyone Welcome!**

**'Stir Up Sunday' Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November** Another thing we remember is the stirring up of the Christmas pudding or cake. This would take place on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November** which gets its name **not** from the stirring of the pudding but from a prayer used in church that Sunday.

*"Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen"*

The Rectory, Croughton Road, Aynho, will be hosting its annual open house from 4pm-7pm inviting you to come and 'stir up' our Christmas cake mix and to have a drink and a sausage. Heather and I look forward to seeing you then. God bless Simon

**November 27<sup>th</sup>-Crib Blessing** Special Benefice Service at 10am At Saint George Evenley, with help from the BFC, where we will be blessing our Christmas Cribbs and figures before they start their journeys around our villages on their way to our Christmas Crib services. The cribbs will also be displayed from the 4pm Family Service Pizza praise. Do you have a crib to bless? If so please bring it to one of these services. If you would like to offer the 'Holy Family' (or Travelling church crib) a room for the night please let me Simon (01869 810903) or Carrie O'Regan (01280 702300) know. There will also be lists put up in churches later with more information.

## **ALL FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT**



**ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society) November 2nd 7.30pm Village Hall.**  
**Contact: Bob Mann 810264**



**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY November 2nd 7.30pm Cartwright Hotel.**  
Everyone is most welcome to attend, just come along and meet us all.  
**Contact: John Branton [www.addphoto.co.uk](http://www.addphoto.co.uk)**



**KNIT & STITCH & a CUPPA! 2.0 – 4.0pm. November 1<sup>st</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**  
We are knitting Christmas Goods for K.H.H. so any odd bits of wool, especially d.k. white would be most welcome. Do come and join us at 2, Portway Grds.  
**Contact: Glenwys Wormald Tel: 810880**

**AYNHO GARDENING CLUB 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Village Hall.**

### **AGM with Christmas Decoration Demonstration**

Our final meeting of the year is a chance for us all to get together. We will be starting the evening with a **short** AGM to keep you informed about your Gardening Club. After this Josie Notley will give a Christmas Decoration Demonstration. This will be followed by the usual buffet with time to enjoy a chat with a glass of wine. We would be very grateful if you would bring something to add to the table; wine will be provided. Entry is £1.00 for the evening - the starting time is **7.30pm**. If a Member wishes to raise a point at the AGM please contact

**Annabel on 01869 810847.**

**W.I.**

**"Prisoners Abroad" – with Fiona Hodges**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Village Hall**

**Contact: Barbara Watkins 811152**

**WRITER'S GROUP - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10.0am – 12.30 Village Hall**

In October we had some interesting early memories and some varied "Last Straws". We welcomed Catherine as a new member, and our annual publication was ready a month early. A few copies are available and can be purchased for £5.00 from Brian Reynolds Tel: 01869 811007. This month we will be starting our piece with "Is that what I meant to do?" or including the words "bags" "cheese" & "upload".

The meeting will be followed by our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lunch.

**Contact: Keith McClellan 810346 or via Community Page**

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



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**





## **AYNHOO HISTORY SOCIETY 30<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

"An update of local Archeological digs" by Stephen Wass, and our Annual General Meeting. Annual Membership £20 or pay as you go £3.00 per event. Student concession £1.

**Contact: Rupert Clark 07808 763261 [rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com](mailto:rupert.ds.clark@gmail.com) or Peter Cole 01869 811261**

## **CROUGHTON CINEMA – Friday evenings Croughton Village Hall**

New Season commenced Oct.21<sup>st</sup>. Next Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>. Doors Open 7.30pm  
Members £3.00 Non Members £5.00 Under 16s £3.00. Licenced Bar. All welcome



## **WINTER LUNCH CLUB**

Dates for Winter Lunch Club in the back room of the village hall during November Thursdays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 12.15pm-1.30pm If you would like any further information contact Amanda tel:01869 810341



**LOST – A gold wedding ring in or around Aynho Court.** If found report to Sybil 810692

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## **BIODIVERSITY GROUP Bird of the Month: The Jay**

Jays are the colourful member of the crow family. They are mostly a pinkish brown with a black tail. The wings are also black but have white and bright blue patches. Although they are hard to see as they are rather shy woodland birds you may well hear their screaming call. Jays pair for life. They build an untidy nest of twigs high in a tree or a large bush and line it with roots, hairs and fibres. The female lays between 3 and 10 eggs which hatch about 17 days later. Both birds then feed the young who fledge just under 3 weeks later. The adults now continue feeding the young as they are not completely independent until they are about 2 months old. In autumn acorns are their staple diet. A single jay can collect as many as 3,000 which they bury in holes they make in the ground creating an important food source for themselves during the winter months. As well as acorns they also eat nuts, seeds and insects but are opportunists so will eat whatever there is an abundance of including nestlings of other small birds, eggs and small mammals. Jays indulge in a behaviour known as 'anting' where they actively disturb an ant's nest. They will then stand in the middle of the nest allowing the ants to swarm all over them. It is thought the formic acid the ants produce helps rid the jays of parasites. Jays live for about 16 years.



## **Did You Know?**

- Jays are accomplished mimics and will sing songs composed of all sorts of sounds including crying babies, dripping water, lawn mowers and alarm calls other birds.
- Jays problem solving skills are equivalent to that of a 7 year old child.
- Several species of oak tree are dependent on the presence of jays to distribute their acorns.
- Jays can carry up to 5 acorns at a time - 3 or 4 in their specially adapted gullet and 1 held in their beak.





**A huge thank you** to everyone who came to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 29 September. We raised a magnificent **£437.10** + a further **£34** which can be claimed through Gift Aid giving a grand total of **£471.10** for Macmillan Cancer Support (Charity No 261017). It was lovely to see so many people enjoying lots of coffee/tea and cake – the Guess the No of Icing Balls on the Cake Jackpot was won by Gerald Skuce. Amanda, Amanda & Annabel.

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## From your Parish Council

### Parking

As the weather becomes wetter and more wintery we would like to remind everyone please avoid parking on the grass verges around the village. As the earth becomes softer parking onto the verges will begin to destroy them and make the village look very unsightly. Cars on verges can also cause a hazard, obscuring views of other drivers. Many thanks for your help in the matter. Many thanks to all residents who took part in this summer's Aynho Car Parking Survey. We received a total of 65 completed surveys, split as 57 from the Conservation area of the village - which is 47% response rate - and a further nine from residents in other parts of the village. The purpose of the Survey has been to understand what pressures (if any) residents experience and canvas opinions of causes and possible solutions. The great news is some really good feedback has come from the Survey with some equally good ideas for how we might add some additional parking capacity at little or no cost. During the next few weeks the Parish Council will explore these options further, before reporting back to the Village (via the Newsletter and [aynho.org](http://aynho.org) more fully. Again, thanks to everyone that got involved.

### 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](mailto:Sadie.patamia@aynho.org) The postal address is 25 Brackley Road, Croughton, NN13 5PP, or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter.

*Radcliffe Orchestra*

Conductor: *Andrew Gray*

*Tchaikovsky*  
**Romeo and Juliet overture**

*Saint-Saëns*  
**Cello Concerto no. 1**

Soloist: *Jacqui Johnson*

*Brahms*  
**Symphony no. 1**

**8pm Saturday  
5th November 2016**

Tingewick Hall, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington,  
Oxford OX3 9DU

£10.00 (including refreshments after)  
£8.00 concessions, Free for under 16

Available from: [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk) (search 'Cruse'), Oxford Cruse,  
Cairns Library at the John Radcliffe Hospital, and on the door

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