

***COME AND JOIN US FOR
CHRISTMAS SERVICES***

AT ST MICHAEL'S

(ALL WELCOME)



22nd December at 5.00pm



Lessons and Carols

Followed by refreshments



24th December at 11.00pm

Christmas Evening Mass





ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE CHURCH CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2019
AYNHO-CROUGHTON-EVENLEY-FARTHINGHOE-HINTON-in the-HEDGES-STEANE



Sunday: 1st Advent 1	Aynho Holy Communion – 11.0am (Sidespersons: Mrs Wade. Mrs.Chong) Farthinghoe: Said Communion 9.30am Hinton: Morning Worship 11.00am Evenley: Taize 6.00p
Sunday: 8th Advent 2	Aynho - Matins – 11.0am (Sidespersons: Mrs.Pusey Mrs.White) Croughton: 9.30am HC Farthinghoe 10.0am FS Evenley: 11.0am
Sunday: 15th Advent 3	Benefice Communion at Farthinghoe 10.0am Croughton Lessons & Carols 3.0pm.
Sunday: 22nd Advent 4	Aynho Lessons & Carols 5.0pm (Sidespersons: Mr.Bellamy Mrs.Chong. Mrs.Pusey Mrs.White.) Croughton: Family Worship 9.30am Evenley: Lessons & Carols 3.00pm Hinton: Lessons & Carols 6.00pm
Sunday 24th Christmas Eve	Aynho Christmas Eve Mass 11.0pm. (Sidespersons: Mrs.Wade. Mrs.Bellamy) Farthinghoe Crib Service 5.0pm
Christmas Day	Aynho Holy Communion 10.0am (Sidespersons: Mr.Bellamy. Mrs.White) Croughton 10.0am HC Farthinghoe 10.0am FS Evenley 10.0am FC Hinton 10.0am HC by extension

Sunday 29th **Aynho Benefice Communion 10.0am**
 (Sidespersons: Mrs.Chong. Mrs.Wade)

Morning Prayer Tuesdays 8.30am in Aynho Church
Morning Bible Study Monday 9th 10.30am 7, Cartwright Road, **CHARLTON**
Home Communion Monday 16th 11.00am 16, The Butts
Church Cleaning Thursday 19th 9.45am onwards
Prayer Group

Bell Ringing at Aynho the 3rd Tuesday of each month 7.30-9.00pm
Extra Aynho December 7th Wedding. Evenley 1st Kings Sutton 2nd & 4th Croughton 5th



Information about the life of Aynho church -
 enquiries from: **Rev.Sue Cooper** – revsue.cooper@gmail.com Tel: 01869 – 810903
 or **Church Warden** - Graham Gibbs 01869 819727

Items for January 2020 - before or by **December 14th** please to:
 Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com (Vol.644)
 and any comments re Newsletter to Rector – Church Warden..... or Sybil.

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Christmas Pastoral Letter December 2019:

Sue Cooper... Rector writes:

There is a song played every year at Christmas that is blasted out in the shops and on the telly, and it goes, "It's the most wonderful time of the year!".

Children would agree with that I am sure, but sadly something of the wonder and joy of Christmas has been lost in our culture and society as the story of Christ's birth has been side lined from Christmas, and it has become much more secularised and consumer driven. So much so that many people's understanding of Jesus is that he was just a good man, and many folk think he was just a great teacher and philosopher, and they will try to live their lives by the values he taught, but as great as these understandings about Jesus are, they miss the point of Jesus' life.

The point of Jesus' life was to show us the way back to God. Jesus is much more than just a good man or a great teacher, because He actually claimed to be God's son, and claimed that he had been sent to the world to be our Saviour because God loves us. We live in such a complex world, with great good demonstrated by people, but also great evil by others. Because of the evil in the world many folk cannot bring themselves to believe that there is a God who loves His creation, and who loves the people of the world. Many folk would say if God is so good and loving...why doesn't he do something?

2000 years ago in Bethlehem God did do something, He sent his one and only son Jesus to show us the way to live, and the way back to God's heart. And the world would be a very different place if everyone tried to live how Jesus taught us to.

Every Christmas we hear the story of Jesus's birth, and for many it is heard only as folk lore or myth, or worse still as a fairy-tale. But none the less every year among the tinsel and glitter of the celebrations, the baby of Bethlehem appears in our Carol services, in our children's School Nativity plays, and is proclaimed from every Church in the land. In reality we can only imagine what it might have been like that 1st Christmas among the dusty busy streets of Bethlehem. But if you will allow yourself to believe the good news the Angels and Shepherds proclaimed, if you will open your heart and mind to God, and to see Jesus as more than just a good man or great teacher, then Christmas is indeed the most wonderful time of the year. It is wonderful because Jesus is more than that, He is the light of the world, the hope of the nations, God's very own son and our Saviour. Have a very blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas, with love Rev Sue.

John 1:14 Contemporary English Version (CEV) "The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us."

"St Michael's" is introducing a **Votive Candle Stand** into the Church during December to allow people to light a candle. "St Michaels" is open during day light hours in the winter months and everyone is welcome to come into the Church to pray, or just to sit quietly. Do feel free to light a candle either in memory of a loved one departed or as a silent prayer to God. Prayer cards will be provided for you to write a prayer request on if you wish, and we shall pray for you during our Morning Prayer service. If you would like to talk please call Rev. Sue on 01869 810903 or e-mail revsue.cooper@gmail.com.

January will see "St Michaels" trialling the introduction of a lay led **Family Worship Service** on the 2nd Sunday of every month beginning on Sunday 12th January 11.00am. This will replace the usual Matins Service. Do please come and Worship with us in a more relaxed format.

"Birth.. Marriages.. & Deaths"

Nell Joan McGurk 26th June 2019 to two very proud parents Emily & Sean McGurk.

All for your Entertainment in our Village Hall.

ARMS (Aynho Recorded Music Society) – 1st Wednesday 4th December 7.30pm

At our November meeting Ian Calderbank concentrated on music by British composers, some 15 ranging alphabetically from Britten to Walton from Bryd to Tippett. It was an excellent programme with themes depicting Shakespeare's "Tempest" to "Dawn" by Grimes, "Jupiter" by Holst and Elgar's "Violin Concerto" all selections were prefaced by lucid and informative comments. A thoroughly enjoyable programme. Thank-you Ian.

Next month Douglas Ward will be presenting.

All welcome. Contact: Bob Mann 810264

AYNHO GARDENING CLUB – 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm. (No December Meeting)

It was good to see you at the AGM and well done for taking part in the Quiz – we like to keep you on your toes! Thank you for the wonderful contributions to the buffet table; it makes for a very delicious selection of things to enjoy after the evening's activities.

The first event of 2020 will be held on **Wednesday 8th January** - when Richard Preston will be giving us a talk about Primrose Garden of Steeple Aston. We will be visiting the garden in July. The 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 the Members of the Aynho Gardening Club a Very Happy Christmas.**

With best wishes **Annabel Bellamy (01869 810847)**

WI – Usually 3rd Wednesday. BUT Christmas Party Friday December 6th.

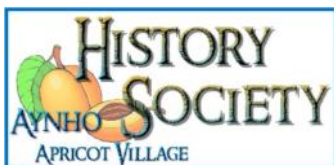
What a truly memorable event was our November meeting, with our very sincere thanks to the Waitrose team, Jane, Jackie and Sue, who gave us a fascinating insight into what we should be eating and drinking – in the way of wine, cheese and chocolates over the Christmas period, and after all their samples they even spoilt us with Christmas Cake!

We certainly left the evening with that Happy Christmas feeling.

Before Christmas does arrive we are having our annual seasonal meal, an enjoyable event for members and partners, not in the Hall this time but at The Cartwright Hotel where there will be an extensive buffet available. If we don't already have your name please contact Jenny Pusey on 810377 for tickets and we look forward to seeing you there. **So from the WI we wish all members and Aynho Residents a truly wonderful Christmas followed by a Happy New Year.** **Contact: Mrs B Watkins 811152**

WRITERS GROUP- Saturday December 14th 10.0am-12.30 in Village Hall

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346



**Always the last Wednesday of the month 7.30pm.
No Meeting in December.**

Any queries to: Peter Cole 01869 811261 or Keith McClellan 01869 810346

LINE DANCING – Mondays at 2.0pm..finish 16th December.. Re-start Jan.6th

AYNHO SHORT MAY BOWLS CLUB – Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm.

Contact Douglas Ward 01869-810723

DEMENTIA ACTIVITIES – Fridays – from 11.0am-3.0pm. in the Hall.

Do come and join us - £5 donation at the door.

Contact: dementactive@gmail.com

www.dementiactive.co.uk

Adderbury Deddington & District Photographic Society –

Meeting at “The Apricot Room”, Cartwright Hotel 7.30pm. on **December 4th**.

All welcome to attend.

Contact: wmeagher@gmail.com

Knit & Stitch –. Come and join us. Tuesday December 10th 2.0 - 4.0pm, with “cuppa” included, at 2, Portway Gardens.

Contact: **Glenwys 810880.**

Want to be more Active? – Join us on our Thursday Health Walks 10.0am from the Sports Pavilion – any length to suit you – all with trained leader.

Contact: **Kathy White 810418** or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com

Croughton Cinema 7.30pm Friday December 13th “Stan & Ollie” Licence Bar

(That’s another fine mess they will have got you in”)

POST OFFICE in our Village Hall Tuesdays - It is important that you use it on a regular basis **OR LOSE IT.** Why not purchase your Christmas Stamps to support them.

Peak District MacMillan Mighty Hike.

Earlier this year Robert and I took part in the Peak District MacMillan Mighty Hike, and a sponsorship form was **gratefully left in St. Michael’s Church.** Thank you so much for your incredible generosity to all those that sponsored me. In July we completed the peak district 27 mile walk, walking across fields, river valleys, through villages and tunnels enjoying wonderful views and “lots of rain!!” We finished the hike after 8hrs.17mins. 40th & 41st out of 2000 entries.

Between us Robert and I managed to raise an incredible £1,851.50, plus gift aid for Macmillan to help support families with cancer.

A huge thank-you. Zoe

A Letter of Thanks from Frank Moore

I wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for the kindness shown to me following the loss of my Margaret on October 28th. Also I would like to thank those who arranged and those who attended the service in St Michael’s Church on the day of Margaret’s funeral in Rainford. My best wishes to you all. Frank Moore.

Have you lost a Yale Key? One recently produced at Timpsons. Found in the vicinity of the Bus Shelter. Please apply: SYBIL at 32, Roundtown, Tel: 01869 810692

Used Postage Stamps for Katharine House Hospice –

Please take to Mrs Marlene Phillips at No.10 Portway Gardens or to the Winter Lunch Club on a Thursday.

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL.....

Aynho Buses

As the saying goes “You wait ages for one, and then three come along at once”. The council support a Tuesday (running up to and including 24th December) and a Thursday bus; return fare £5.00 from Aynho (unfortunately bus passes cannot be accepted)

	Tuesday:			Return:
	10:25am Aynho	Bus Shelter		1:35pm
	10:34am Kings Sutton	Bus Stop Astrop Rd		1:26pm
	10:36am Kings Sutton	Banbury Lane Bus Shelter		1.24pm
	10:47am Banbury	Sainsbury's Disabled Bay		1.13pm
	10:50am Banbury	Opposite Horton Hospital		1.10pm
	10:55am Banbury	The Old Post Office		1.05pm
	11:00am Banbury	Calthorpe St, Bus Stand		1:00pm

Thursdays: 9:20am Aynho – Bus Stop, Croughton Road (Cartwright side)
9:30am Kings Sutton Travel to Banbury – request stops for Sainsbury's & Horton
12:20pm Leave Banbury - 12:45pm Aynho

Cherwell Valley Bus & Coach have also been in contact and distributed leaflets in the village 'Rural Linx Bus Service' for a Thursday bus to Banbury and Friday bus to Bicester. This is a membership service – contact them on 07923 422227 or enquiriescvrm@gmail.com

Ambulance Response times

999 calls from Aynho are routed (unless very busy) to East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) as we are officially in Northamptonshire. There is, however, a single, linked allocation system that means EMAS and South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) are able to communicate and allocate resources appropriately and, therefore, if there is an ambulance at Adderbury (SCAS depot) or a SCAS unit close to the village it will be sent. This also applies to first responders, volunteers that can arrive very quickly and perform life-saving first aid such as CPR.

Ambulance call-outs do have several categories. Only Cat 1 and 2 (7 minutes on average for Cat 1 with 90% within 15 minutes, 18 minutes for Category 2) have target times and these are for very serious life-threatening situations such as sepsis and stroke. For others (and these can obviously be very distressing such as when in pain) resources are allocated on availability but can be, if they are busy, some hours before they arrive. Consider calling 111 at weekends or evenings after 6.30pm as you can often get an urgent appointment at a treatment centre or out-of-hours GP and can, if necessary, arrange an ambulance if required.

Planning Applications: None.

Aynho Watch – In an effort to combat door-step cold-callers and others, such as so called “Nottingham Knockers”, and keep all Aynho residents safe the Parish Council has had the **enclosed “Aynho Says No To Cold Callers”** window stickers produced. We would urge as many households as possible to display this sticker. Even if you don't feel that you are personally vulnerable, it would be great if Aynho displayed a united front and encouraged cold callers to move on elsewhere. We are very lucky that Aynho is mainly a safe community, but we are not immune to crime and these stickers are designed to help prevent it.

Aynho Street Lights – **Installation begins.** Residents will have noticed that the installation of the replacement streetlights has started. Full details were included in the September newsletter so I will not repeat them other than to say that all the lights in the village are being replaced with modern energy efficient heritage style lights. Where possible existing columns will be retained and painted black and where lights are mounted on disused electricity posts – these are being replaced with new columns and lights. The current state of the project is as follows:

15 columns which are reused have been converted and are live now.
9 new replacement columns have been installed and are awaiting connection by the local power company.
1 Column (Village Hall awaits conversion)
9 lights to be fitted to houses and electricity poles will be installed later this month.

Some will be live immediately on the day of conversion and some will require connection by the local power company. It is expected all the lights will be operational by early December. Please note that the columns are all due to be painted black – but this work will not be undertaken until Spring 2020 when the weather improves. The new lights will be “top down”, thus reducing light pollution and dim to 70% power from 22.30pm then 40% power from 0030midnight until 5.0am and will be a “warm “ light colour at 2700K. The expected electricity bill will now be £450 – a saving of 83% per year in our case. The annual maintenance costs will also reduce significantly.

All Parish Council Meetings are open to the Public for transparency. The next Parish Council Meeting is in the Village Hall on Monday 2nd December 7.30pm.

Contact details: Chris Wilson is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on email: clerk@ayho.org or phone on 077887548774 or write to The Clerk, Scholars End, 3 School End, Aynho, OX17 3BS or you can find us on the website www.ayho.org and Twitter.

WINTER LUNCH CLUB – Thursdays: 5th and 19th December
Time 12.15pm-1.30pm. Village Hall



There will be no Winter Lunch Club on Thursday 12th December as the Village Hall is being used as the Polling Station. On Thursday 19th we will have Christmas goodies on the menu and then a little break for the festive season restarting on Thursday 9th January.



Amanda

Aynho Christmas "Carol-Oke"

Continuing the tradition after last year's enthusiastic singing, come and join us again to get into the real swing of Christmas in the village with an entertaining Christmas Eve gathering of mulled wine, mince pies and musical merriment! Aynho Christmas carols will once again be in the Village Hall at 4.00pm on 24th December. Come and grease your festive cogs with mulled wine and mince pies, whilst enjoying musical entertainment from some fabulous talent we have hidden here in Aynho.

Once you've warmed up we'll all get stuck into some hearty renditions of festive favourites – everything from traditional carols to Rudolph and Bing Crosby (suggestions and requests welcome!)

Whether you want to sing your heart out, or just tap your feet along at the back, we'd love the whole village to join the fun. Do come in your best Christmas jumper or full festive outfit!

There's no charge, but we will be collecting donations for the 'Let's Play' Project in Banbury, providing play and leisure opportunities for young people in our community with additional needs. (If you can't attend on Christmas Eve but want to donate we will be setting up an online Just Giving page too).



Aynho Park Club Draw Winner for October was our very own Quiz – Master Michael Johnson - he gets £82 – remember it could be you!

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