

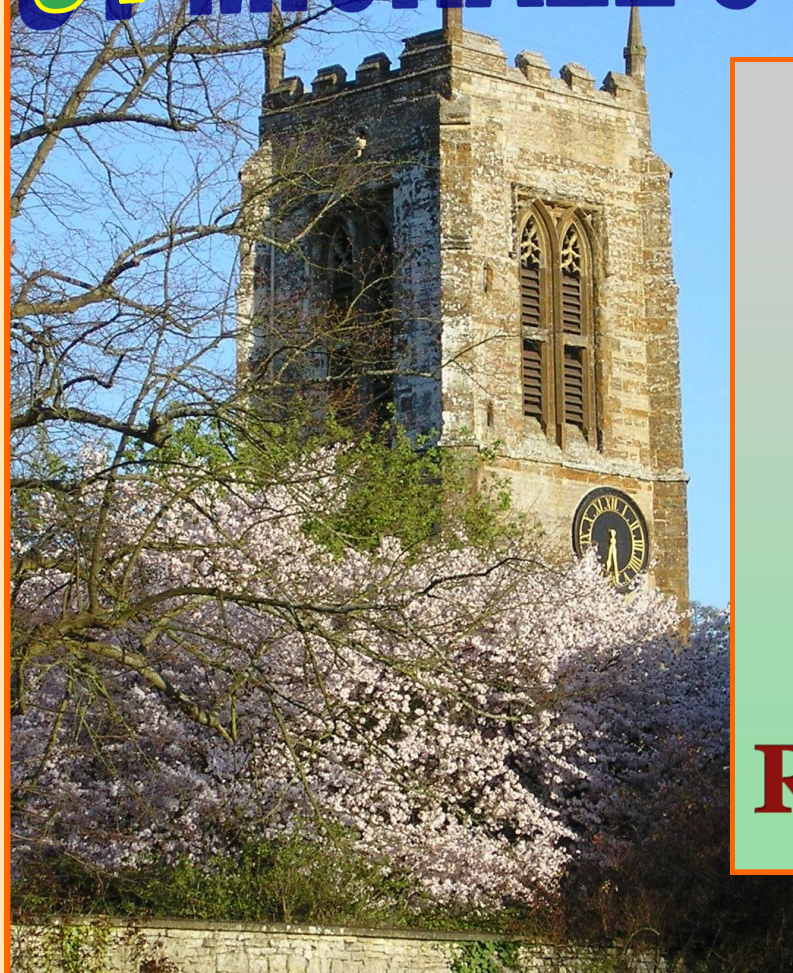


Aynho
The Apricot Village



NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2020

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



**OPEN
DAILY
FOR
QUIET
PRAYER
AND
REFLECTION**

OR

**Just to take in the peaceful ambiance of
Aynho's historic building.**

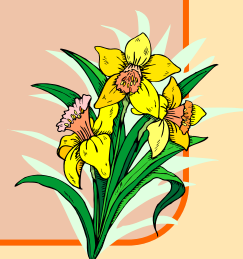


*SHOULD YOU REQUIRE SPIRITUAL OR PRACTICAL HELP
OVER THE COMING WEEKS/MONTHS PLEASE CONTACT REV
SUE OR GRAHAM GIBBS OUR CHURCHWARDEN.*

GOD BLESS

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The Church is closed for services but open daily for prayer/reflection.

Rev Sue's Pastoral Letter April 2020

Dear Friends, I hope you are all as well as can be expected and are bearing up under these very difficult circumstances we are experiencing with Covid-19. As you may be aware, the Arch Bishop of Canterbury has instructed that all public worship must cease in our Churches until further notice. This is very distressing to many of us, however we must keep things in perspective, Covid-19 is very infectious and potentially life threatening, and so a period of imposed restrictions will not be a bad thing, and we know that this situation will not last forever.

Our Churches will remain open for private prayer, so if you are not self-isolating at home you may want to come into Church to pray, or just sit quietly. On a practical level we are being asked to practice social distancing, which will mean making sure that we are not sat or stood within 2 metres of somebody else, and do please respect others need to just be sitting quietly. I understand that this is difficult for all of us, but for the time being this must become our 'new normal' so to speak. And it is the loving thing to do to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I will be sending out messages regularly, and adding resources to help you pray and worship at home, and please do email me if you are not already on my list and would like to receive these. My contact details are revsue.cooper@gmail.com and Tel 01869 810903. I would like to commend to you the Church of England website that has daily resources for worship at home and a number of prayers which you may find helpful in these times.

I would like to add my thanks and praise to all the many good people who are keeping our nation going in their various jobs and roles. There are too many to name individually here, but especially the Doctors, Nurses, Hospital workers and Care workers. You are all heroes thank you. And it is wonderful to see how the Aynho folk are pulling together collectively to help one another, and the most vulnerable in our community. Thank you all.

Finally, let's not forget that we will be celebrating Easter shortly. If ever there was a time that we needed to feel hope and peace it is now. And the Christian faith is founded on hope, peace and love. Because of Jesus, and that 1st Easter, we are able to call God 'Father'. We are able to pray to him and put our hope in his never failing love. This means that even in the most terrible of times we can experience peace of heart and mind, and can keep hope alive in our hearts for ourselves, and for others. And more than this, we can even dare to believe that out of this present darkness and chaos, light and good can, and will, surely come.

God bless you all, with love Rev Sue.

CHURCH CAR PARK

As there are no Services being held at St Michael's the Church Car Park is available for use by Villagers. Until further notice the time restrictions will not apply .

**Items for May 2020 - before or by April 20th please to: Sybil at No 32 Roundtown
Tel: 01869 810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com**

In these strange and difficult times the Newsletter is coming to you earlier and in a very brief format.

We hope that May's Newsletter will be back to normal and all your club reports held over will be made available.

Those who advertise through the Newsletter will be given a free advert in January 2021 to make up for April's lost one.

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is closed until further notice, therefore all activities that usually run in the VH have been cancelled until further notice.

FATE of the FETE

"Never say never" is a good old maxim but the Village Fete which is planned, and still under planning, for 14th June is in the calendar – but that is about it! With fingers crossed that things get better sooner than are predicted we shall try to find a date with Aynhoe Park to hold the Fete in September. All thanks to Fete goers and its support workers. We will keep you updated – meanwhile if you have time on your hands, ideas to share, or things to make/sell or give away then the Fete coordinator would love to hear from you.

Village Allotments – there are still two available allotment spaces if anyone would like to make use this year. There is still bags of time to start to plant to get a harvest and there is plenty of help at hand for any beginner. No rent needed in this calendar year though there would be a small charge for use of water to help the seedlings grow. If interested please contact the Coordinator on 810847.

CARWRIGHT HOTEL

[Kay Anderson](#)

Caroline has informed me that the Cartwright Hotel would like to offer a small takeaway menu between the hours of 6.00pm-7.00pm, (Until further notice) to be delivered from the Cartwright Hotel to Aynho residents doors.(free Delivery)

Bookable by telephone: 01869 811885 and to be paid by credit card whilst booking.

Ideally please book, previous evening before 7.00pm.

Fish, Chips and Peas: £12.00

Scampi, Chips and Peas: £12.00

Barbq Ribs, Chips and Salad: £13.00

Chicken Supreme, Mash, Peas and Gravy: £10.00

Please try and support our local businesses if you can.

AYNHO'S OTHER ACTIVITIES

Knit & Stitch
Photographic Society -
have been cancelled until
further notice

Thursday Health Walks -
are cancelled until 31st
May

Coronavirus and Our Village

Yes, we are in the midst of a public health and economic crisis. This will be a temporary situation and if we all play our part, we can delay the spread of the Coronavirus known as Covid19. We already have a strong community spirit in our village, and many will be receiving support from friends, neighbours or family. Your Parish Council will also provide support and advice where needed or as directed by Northamptonshire Council or the Government as indicated in the letter accompanying the Annual Village Survey.

If you do have to self-isolate or need help and support over the coming weeks and months, and require help with shopping, meals, deliveries or a friendly listening ear, then your Parish Council can help link those willing to volunteer with those needing help.

If you would like to be linked with a volunteer or if you could offer help, contact Andy Anderson on 07768 294775 or 0330 113 6008, any member of the Parish Council in your area or the Parish Clerk Chris Wilson. Andy is our local healthcare representative, is Chair of the Deddington Health Centre Patient Group and, until recently, worked for the 111 service. We also have a number of former healthcare workers in the village and we will, if required form a wider committee to handle any escalation of the situation in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we will be posting news and updates on the local situation on our web site www.aynho.org, on the Aynho Community Facebook page on village notice boards and in the monthly newsletter.

We have already had some questions about whether older residents should even go out. The scare stories and amount of information from the media can be daunting and confusing so go to the Public Health England web site for definitive advice. If you don't have internet access then contact a neighbour or someone who does. Alternatively, the Parish Council will be updating notice boards or feel free to call Andy for support.

There are already some great examples, both across the Country and in our village, of people connecting with and helping others. The Parish Council have decided to give our collective actions a label – Aynho Community Connect. We believe, amongst all the gloom and doom, we will come out the other side of this and there is an opportunity to build a more cohesive and connected village community for the long term. We hope we can engage with those who have felt they didn't have the time or inclination to become involved in village life, and this is especially true for our younger residents. If we all pull together, think creatively and support each other Aynho will be an even better place to live than it is now.

Aynho Parish Council