

WE WILL REMEMBER



*Sunday
14th November
10.15am
St Michael's
Church*



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE - NOVEMBER 2021

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

November 7th 3 rd before Advent	AYNHO	11.00am	Holy Communion Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy, Jane Wade Farthinghoe - 9.30am said HC; Hinton- 11.00am Morning Worship
November 14th	AYNHO	10.15am 10.50am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Sidespersons: Jenny Pusey, Ted Sutton ACT OF REMEMBRANCE- at Village War Memorials This will include the laying of wreathes on behalf of the village. The calling of names of those from the village who gave their lives in both World Wars. The sounding of the “Last Post” and “Reveille” including the Two Minute silence will all happen at the War Memorials outside the church at 11.0’clock. Please gather at 10.50am for this short ceremony. Evenley - 10.50am on The Green; Farthinghoe - 6.00pm; Croughton - 10.45am with Holy Communion
November 21st Christ the King	EVENLEY	10.30am	Benefice Service - Blessing of Travelling Cribs St.Peter’s Brackley – 3.00pm Deanery Confirmation Service.
November 28th Advent Sunday	AYNHO	11.00am	Holy Communion Sidespersons: Gillian Reynolds, Jane Wade Croughton - 9.30am Morning Worship Evenley - 9.30am Morning Worship Hinton - 11.00am Holy Communion. Farthinghoe - 6.00pm Evening Prayer

BELL RINGING at AYNHO - Tuesdays 2nd 16th & 30th 7.30p.m.

CHURCH CLEANING at St.Michaels on Thursday 25th 9.45am onwards.

Memorial Service for Marlene Phillips – November 1st at 11.00am

Information about the life of Aynho church -

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Items for DECEMBER 2021 - preferably before or by November 22nd please to:

Sybil at No.32 Roundtown Tel:810692 Email: syban@btinternet.com

and any comments re Newsletter to Rector or Sybil.

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Pastoral Letter, November 2021. Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are coming towards the end of this year, and during November we will be remembering, as a nation, the brave men and women who have died in War and conflicts in service to Queen and country. Remembrance Sunday is our opportunity to honour them and recall the sacrifices they have made for our freedoms. It is also an opportunity for us to remember all ex Service men and Women, especially those who are living today with traumatic memories and physical disabilities, and whose lives have been blighted by war and conflict. We are holding Remembrance services in all of our villages within the benefice, to which I warmly invite you.

During our Benefice service on November 21st at Evenley Church, we shall be blessing our Cribs. These will go into schools or homes for a few weeks, to then be brought back into our Churches for our Christmas Eve and Christmas day services. Last year Christmas was a much scaled back affair in our homes and Churches as we were going into another national lockdown; let's hope for a much more enjoyable celebration of the Festive season this year.

As I said, it's hard to believe that we are coming towards the end of 2021, and it's been another challenging year for us all. We are told that we must now learn to live with the Covid virus, just as we do with other viruses such as flu, and this is proving more challenging than expected. It is now a minefield of small daily decisions that we need to make for ourselves, and others, for safety and protection from Covid, and all the while trying to balance this with our very human need to gather, and to be with people for our joy and pleasure, not to mention for our mental wellbeing too! None of this is easy, and we are wearied with the constant decisions and choices we have to make. But we can find peace in it all if we remember that even in these times, we can find our comfort and hope in the Christian faith, because God doesn't change. The question of "**why** is the world suffering with Covid?", remains a mystery, however we do know "**who**" we can put our trust in in this life because God promised to never leave us or forsake us. In Jesus's time his disciples were having a hard time coming to terms with some of the difficult things he was telling them; he told them that he was going back to be with his Father, and that, for a while, they would not see him, but that they would see him again. Jesus said to his disciples ***"I have told you these things, so that, in me, you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*** (John 16:33) So even life with Jesus was not without its challenges for his disciples, so we shouldn't be surprised when, at times, life is less than a bed of roses. Our journey through this life is far more of a "mystery tour" than a "pleasure Cruise". But along the way we find that no matter where the road is leading, God will be found there. This is sometimes a very powerful feeling of his presence with us, or sometimes it is seen retrospectively as we look back over events. There is a wonderful poem called "Footprints in the sand" which perfectly sums up the way God is with us in all of life's events and circumstances, and it reveals how although we don't always think that God is even aware of our problems and predicaments, on the contrary, he is holding us up through them all:

Footprints in the sand

One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord, across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord. After the last scene of my life flashed before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints. I said to my Lord, "I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you would leave me." He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." (Margaret Fishback Powers, (1964)

This poem has blessed me countless times over the years as it expresses the way that we all feel at times and helps us to understand the truth of where God is in it all, and that we are never left alone, especially in hard times. And isn't that reassuring to know!

God bless you all, with love Rev Sue.

OUR VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENTS ETC

ARMS-Aynho Recorded Music Society (1st Wednesday)

There will only be two more music evenings at 7.30pm **in the village hall**, one on Wednesday 3rd November and the other on Wednesday 1st December, before we decide whether it is possible to continue our monthly recorded music. Anyone interested in listening to music will be very welcome and these two evenings will again be free of charge.

Contact Doug Ward on 01869 810723 if you have any questions please.

GARDENING CLUB (2nd Wednesday)

Contact Annabel Bellamy 810847

Our final meeting of the year, on **Wednesday 10th November**, is a chance for us all to get together after another challenging year. We will be starting the evening, in the Hall, with a **short AGM** to keep you informed about your Gardening Club and the programme planned for next year. After this there will be a **quiz**, so get your wits about you! 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 buffet table – your contributions are always delicious and greatly appreciated. Wine and soft drinks will be provided. For Members; entry is £1 for the evening, for guests it is £2. **REMEMBER the starting time is 7.00pm.** If any Member wishes to raise a point at the AGM please contact Annabel on 01869 810847.

AYNHO WI (3rd Wednesday)

Contacts: Fiona Hodges 369122 & Jill Wightman 81120

We are happy to report we have had two more very enjoyable coffee mornings held at **The Cartwright** in October and delighted that there will be more on the 3rd and 10th of this month; names and choice of date will be made known after the completed lists have been sorted. These coffee mornings are proving popular and our thanks go to the friendly Cartwright staff always ready to fill an empty cup. Of course, last month was AGM time when questions and queries were discussed. We were pleased to hear reports from the various sections of the group especially one from our joint presidents expressing the gratitude of the Committee for the loyalty and friendship shown by our members which has kept the group together over the many months of lockdown/isolation. This was followed, not by our usual Ploughman's (Covid has a lot to answer for), but a more 'seasonal' and much enjoyed buffet of delicious cakes amidst a display of lovely autumn flowers. **Our next meeting** will be a talk from Anne Lee, the Convenor of the Oxford Macular Society Group, who will explain more about the disease known as Age-related Macular Degeneration; when it was discovered, the scientists who developed all the relevant machines and medicines and how we can protect ourselves. Anne is a patient herself so it will be an interesting talk. Really look forward to seeing you at a coffee morning and the talk on the **17th November** in the Hall.

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP

Contact: Keith McClellan 810346.

Meeting 10.00 - 12.30 in the Village hall Saturday November 13th.

Last month we had some entertaining pieces about footwear, Yes Footwear! and also some interesting room based thoughts. This month we describe our thoughts during the "Two minute silence" or a story with "*suddenly round the corner came*" in the last paragraph,. After which our **anniversary lunch!**

BOWLS CLUB

We continue our Tuesday afternoon meetings in the Hall at 2.30pm .

Contact: Doug Ward 01869 810723 or email: dougward@hotmail.co.uk.

HISTORY SOCIETY (4th Wednesday)

Any queries: Keith McClellan 01869 810346

24th November at 7.30pm Village Hall Entry £2.00

AGM followed by "Surviving The Dutch Hunger Winter"

It is the winter of 1944 — 1945 and life for the Dutch people is a struggle for survival under the German occupation. Making a welcome return local Oxford author Imogen Matthews talks about the history of this period as well as sharing the more personal stories told to her by her Dutch mother. The talk will be followed by refreshments during which Imogen's books *The Hidden Village* and its sequel *Hidden in the Shadows*, which are both set during this time, will be available for purchase.

INTERESTED IN AYNHO HISTORY?

Over the years the History Society has collected various documents, reports, articles, images and other things all relating to the history of the village. Until recently this has been stored at Aynhoe Park; with their change of ownership we've now moved everything to more accessible storage. To better understand what we've got, the History Society are looking for interested volunteers to get involved with cataloguing and photographing everything, partly to preserve valuable content for future generations and with the idea of creating an online archive including, possibly, some form of display in the village.

Also, we'd love to hear from anyone that has pictures and/or other content that could be added into these archives; whether as a gift or to borrow so we can scan and/or photograph for reference and then return to you.

If you're interested get in touch, and we can work out times that suit everyone's availability. And, if you'd like to add to the archives we can arrange to collect (and return, if needed). Ideally we'd like to get the cataloguing done before Christmas, perhaps across 3 or 4 short evenings in November.

Contacts: **Keith McClellan** (keithcarolmac@gmail.com or **810346**)
Leslie Leighton (Leslie.leighton@aynho.org or **07392 707570**).

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WINTER LUNCH CLUB

DATES FOR NOVEMBER:

Thursdays: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 12.15pm-1.30pm back room of Village Hall

Winter Lunch Club has returned to the back room of the Village Hall, fingers crossed it can keep going throughout the winter months until the end of March. WLC aims to provide a simple home-cooked meal to any villager in a warm friendly atmosphere at very reasonable cost. Sadly Covid means that to continue using the back room of the village hall and to keep everyone as safe as possible it will be necessary to keep numbers to a maximum of 22 each week. **To book please telephone Amanda on 01869 810341 no later than the Wednesday evening of that week** (leave a message on the answerphone + your telephone number if I am not there). If you have booked a place but can no longer come please let me know as soon as possible. Going forward there will also be a list to add your name to for the following week at WLC. Payment will be cash only.

For everyone's safety there will be hand sanitiser at all doors as you enter the village hall which I would encourage everyone coming to WLC to please use (and on each table). If you should feel unwell then please do not attend.

AYNHO HEALTH WALKS

Details from Kathy White 01869.810418 or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com

There is still plenty of space for anyone else to join us and experience the beautiful autumnal countryside around our village. The long walk, the strollers and the track are all available and start at **10.00 am every Thursday morning** and you can also enjoy refreshments and a chat at the end.

Hand sanitisers are in place.

ADDERBURY, DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Our next presentation will be on Wednesday **3rd November** at 7.30pm at the Adderbury Institute where Robert Harvey, ARPS will talk about photographing Wiltshire. You are most welcome to join us, visit our website for further details. You can also visit our website to look at the images submitted for our Annual Exhibition at The Adderbury Institute and Deddington Church if you were unable to visit.

Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

APPLICATION FOR AYNHO ALLOTMENTS – FOR 2022

Applications for whole or part allotments for the coming year need to be made by 20th November please to the Coordinator on 01869 810847 so that allocations of available space can be made.

Details about the allotments are on the Village website at <https://www.aynho.org/aynho-allotments/>

Rental of a whole allotment (20x 6 yards) is £5 annually – and for a half or part allotment is £2.50. At the end of the year there is an extra service charge of not more than £10 for water and hedge cutting. Successful applicants will be informed by mid-December.

THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER AT 8.00 PM IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Come and experience an hour of **Advent music** performed by a local choir,
The Wheatsheaf Consort. Free Entry, but any donations, which will go to the Astwick Vale
Benefice (Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe and Hinton with Steane),
will be gratefully received.
Everyone Welcome

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

What's coming up later this autumn and into winter?

As we head into winter, we've got some fantastic events lined up to see us into the festive season with a smile. Your support helps us to keep making every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Here are just a few things that are coming up...

Are you a wrap star? If you're nifty with ribbons and a dab hand at wrapping, then we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with our gift wrapping on 3 and 4 December at Banbury Castle Quay. These sessions help us to raise much needed funds for the hospice, so if you could donate some time to help then email getinvolved@khh.org.uk or visit www.khh.org.uk/collectiondays to find out more.

Care for a Curry This autumn, why not host a #CareForACurry event and help raise money for Katharine House? Simply pick a date, get some friends and family together and enjoy! It's a simple and tasty way to raise money for Katharine House.

What's on the cards this Christmas? We have a fantastic range of Katharine House charity Christmas cards this year. As well as some great traditional designs, we have cards ranging from snow-covered local scenes to a rather glitzy partridge in a pear tree! So why not stock up on your Christmas cards now and get ahead of the game. Cards are available to buy in our shops as well as online.

Santa Fun Run – 5 December Forget mistletoe and wine, if you truly want to feel festive this Christmas then make sure to sign up to our Santa Fun Run. The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury, and you have a choice of the 1.5km route or the full 5km – kitted out in stylish Santa suit, of course. Tickets are available to buy online now!

Schools Santa Run Why should schools miss out on all the festive fun? We're bringing back the Schools Santa Run – and this year we plan to make it even bigger and better. We'd love to see as many local schools as possible helping to put the 'fun' in fundraising, so if you know of a nursery, primary or secondary school who might like to take part, then let them know.

RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 18 December The RC Baker Tractor Run is making a welcome return, bringing all the glitz and glam of Christmas. On Saturday 18 December, a fleet of fairy-lit tractors will be taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise money for Katharine House Hospice.

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.

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Newbottle & Charlton CEVA Primary School

School Update

Children are well into their class topics now and lots of learning across the subjects has been going on. Oak and Ash class' topic is called 'On the Move'. They are looking at lots of different modes of transport and will be creating their own vehicles using wheels and axels.



Elm class have been studying about the Amazon Rainforest and have been creating some amazing art pieces and well as learning about the different layers of trees and vegetation.

In Birch class they are studying a topic called 'Angry Earth' and have learnt about volcanoes and earthquakes and how they are formed.

Each week they have also been taking part in forest schools where they have learnt about making dens, how to tie knots and how to light fires!



We were able to go up to church for our Harvest Festival service this year and it was lovely to have all the children together again with parents also joining us. Children delivered readings, read poems and prayers. Oak and Ash class looked for signs of autumn coming back to school and they were excited to see the horse chestnut tree outside the church.



We were able to have our Open Day this year but spread over 3 sessions. Our Year 5/6 tour guides did an amazing job in talking to the visitors about our school.

If anyone missed these, then please contact the office.



POPPY APPEAL 2021

House to House Collection in the Village

Volunteers will start collecting on the early evening of Friday 29th October and then into the week-end so please support your VERY local collector going house to house. They do a wonderful job with their poppy tray and goodies so please support with your donations for your poppies, pins or bracelets.

Thank-you for your generosity to this important Charity – **WE REMEMBER.**

This year the Collectors are:

Aynho Court – Douglas Ward.

Portway. Portway Gdns, The Bothy – Paul Sherratt.

The Butts & Raincliffe Close – Ian Calderbank

Butts Close & Bowmans Lea – Ted Sutton

Banbury Road/College Fields – Mark Gallagher

The Square, The Hill & Croughton Road – Andrew Bellamy.

The Glebe – Roger Wertheimer

Charlton Road – Amanda Kelly

Blacksmith Hill – Holly Haselgrove

Cartwright Gdns-Gemma Boddington

Little Lane/Roundtown – Graham Gibbs

ALERT – *This may be happening at the same time as the "wonderful little Halloween visitors" make their rounds.*

Refer to Church Service Page for -

"ACT OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE" at our WAR MEMORIALS 10.50am