



Aynho
The Apricot Village

NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2022

HAPPY EASTER

**ST
MICHAEL'S
CHURCH
EASTER
SUNDAY
SERVICE
11.00AM**



ASTWICK VALE BENEFICE – APRIL 2022

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

April 3rd

5th of Lent

AYNHO

11.00am

Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Annabel Bellamy

Farthinghoe - 9.30am Said HC;

Hinton - 11.00am Morning Worship

April 10th

Palm Sunday

CROUGHTON

10.30am

BENEFICE – Holy Communion

April 14th

Maundy Thursday

AYNHO

7.00pm

**Holy Communion with foot/hand
washing**

Sidespersons:

April 15th

Good Friday

HINTON

2.00pm

Hour at the Cross

Evenley – 11.00am Family Worship

April 17th

EASTER DAY

AYNHO

11.0am

Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Gill Reynolds

Farthinghoe - 9.30am Holy Communion

Croughton - 10.00am Holy Communion

Evenley – 10.00am Morning Worship

Hinton - 11.00am Holy Communion by
Exension

April 24th

2nd Sun Easter

AYNHO

NO SERVICE

Evenley – 9.30am Morning Worship

Croughton – 11.00am Morning Worship

Hinton – 11.00am Holy Communion

Farthinghoe – 4.00pm Evening Prayer

Forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Council Tuesday April 26th 2.30pm in CHURCH

CHURCH CLEANING at St. Michaels on Thursday 21st 9.45am onwards.

BELL RINGING AT AYNHO: Tuesdays 7.30pm April 12th & 26th (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

Information about the life of Aynho church -

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Kathy White Tel: 01869 – 810418

Items for MAY 2022 - preferably before or by APRIL 23rd 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 April 2022. Revd Sue Cooper writes:

Dear Friends,

It is good to welcome the longer daylight hours, and it's good to look forward to celebrating the festival of Easter. Easter is the greatest of the Christian festivals during which we remember with joy and thanksgiving Jesus' victory of good over evil and life over death. This year more than ever we cling to these gospel truths. We have seen so much pain and suffering on our television screens as we have witnessed, from a distance, the horror of the invasion of Ukraine by Russian military forces, which has resulted in an exodus of many women, children and elderly folk who are now refugees and displaced by war. There are many more millions left behind living (and dying) in war zones and under siege. With so much evil and death set before us every night in the news it's hard to even contemplate that good will triumph, and that life conquers death. But we must hold onto our hope, as we know that evil has its day, but that Jesus came to defeat it.

Sacrifice is a word that we don't hear very often, we hear it on Remembrance Sunday as we remember the fallen of the Wars, but perhaps the only other time we recall the word "sacrifice" is in conjunction with Good Friday, when Jesus died on a cross. Jesus said *"Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* Jesus did this for us; he sacrificed himself for us, and laid down his life. To lay down your life is the ultimate sacrifice, and most of us will never do this, but the people in Ukraine are now living with this sacrifice daily; men and women who, just a few short weeks ago, were living ordinary lives. They were working, cooking, gardening, and living just like us, but who are now hiding or fleeing, or having to take up arms to defend their homeland and their freedom.

We can barely believe it, especially after the World's battle with Covid, where globally everyone has worked together for the good of all, and many sacrifices have been made in order for the majority of us to survive. But this is a very dark day in history. The vast majority of Russian people will not want this conflict, they will not want to lose their loved ones either. But sadly some World leaders give their people misinformation and lead them into conflicts that they really do not want to be involved in, and we have all learnt that from history. However, the thing that shines brightly in this dark day is the bravery and integrity of the Ukrainian people...which is clear for us all to see. Our hearts break for them, and we must do everything we can realistically do to help. Everyone's response to this crisis will be different according to our own situations and challenges in life. But the question is: is there any hope for the future? Can things change?

The answer is yes, **things can and do change**. I am writing this on March 22nd and by the time you read this events in Ukraine will have changed somewhat. Recently things changed for Nazanin Raghari-Ratcliffe. After six long years of being held prisoner our prayers have been answered and Nazanin has been released, which is wonderful news. But we cannot rest on our laurels because, we can never truly be free until all people are free (a sentiment echoed by Nazanin herself), and we can never truly be at peace... until peace is a reality for everyone.

The people of Ukraine are sacrificing everything to remain free, and we stand with them and grieve with them. Sacrifice is painful, messy... and it costs something. In Ukraine the full human cost of this conflict, and the sacrifices made, are not yet known... but behind the cost is a man or a woman, someone's Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Brother or Sister, who has laid down their lives for their friends. It is a terrible reminder that freedom isn't free.

Every year Good Friday reminds us that evil, darkness and death may have its day, but also that it never has the last word. Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday reminds us that **love, light and life always triumphs in the end.**

God bless you,

with love Rev Sue.

John 15:12-13 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

OUR VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT ETC

GARDENING CLUB (2nd Wednesday)

Contact Annabel Bellamy 01869 810847

Our next Gardening Club evening will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 13th April**. Now that the new audio-visual system has been installed in the Village Hall, this will be a "Zoom" talk **Peonies – a riot of colour** given by **Alec White**. We all love peonies so come and hear what he has to tell us.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 11th May we will be visiting Evenley Wood. We will meet there at **1.45pm** and the cost is **£7.50**. (Please ignore the information in the Membership Card)

Our trip to RHS Wisley is planned for Wednesday 8th June. The cost of joining the trip is £17.50 (payable by cash or cheque). Helen Mackenzie, our Trips Organiser, will be taking names and money at the next meeting.

It is wonderful to see more new people joining the Gardening Club. Do feel free to bring guests (£3).

For any queries regarding the Gardening Club, please get in touch with Annabel Bellamy.

AYNHO WI (3rd Wednesday)

Contacts: Jill Wightman 01869 811206

Well sorry to say but this Covid is still with us, affecting our members, some with the Covid or else having to isolate, therefore sadly no group meeting was held last month. Very disappointing as we were all looking forward to this event and, of course, that means that the culprit is still out there needing to be found; when our schedule is reorganised you the jury will be notified. Happily our successful coffee mornings in March were well attended and the ones in April are on the 6th and 13th with the usual routine in place. Our next meeting on the 20th will be a "Beetle Drive", which definitely sounds like fun but importantly, as our President Jill Wightman has already explained to you, our annual subscriptions will be due at this meeting. Till then take care and keep safe.

HISTORY SOCIETY (Last Wednesday)

Any queries: Keith McClellan 01869 810346

The Tudor Easter Festival 27th April 7.30pm Entry £2.00

This month we welcome back Martin Sirot-Smith who is Director Emeritus of Sulgrave Manor.

During this talk Martin will be describing the pagan celebrations of spring, how the Tudors celebrated Easter and the hardships experienced by the people during Lent. And he will be doing all of this in his full Tudor regalia! A talk not to be missed! Everyone welcome. You do not need to be a member just pay on the door.

AYNHO WRITERS GROUP (1st Saturday)

Contact: Keith McClellan 01869 810346

It was good to meet again after zooming for so long. We had some enjoyable contributions on Walking in the woods and time travel and will meet again in April to hear 'Easter to me' or 'Would I lie to you?'

Village hall 10.00 am Saturday 9th April.

SHORT MAT BOWLS (Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm)

Contact: D.Ward 810723

New Members welcome.

AYNHO HEALTH WALKS (Thursday 10.00am)

Details from Kathy White 01869.810418 or kathywhiteaynho@gmail.com

All welcome - starting at 10.0am from The Sports Pavilion. Short or Long Walks available.

Refreshments are available in the Pavilion to resuscitate you.

ADDERBURY, DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Contact: Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

Our next meeting will be our AGM at the Adderbury Institute on Wednesday, 6th April at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a presentation of members' favourite images from the last year. You are welcome to join us but please check the website for up-to-date information.

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

March Parish Council Meeting

Our regular monthly meeting (which is open to the public) was held in the Committee Room of Aynho Village Hall and attended by 6 Councillors, the RFO, Clerk and 2 members of the public. The newly installed SMART TV was used to display the agenda and planning applications and leads to a virtually paper free meeting. Items discussed included:

- Donations - £400 to Aynho Church (for running the church yard and newsletter).
 - £200 to Thames Air Ambulance.
 - £200 to Katherine House hospice.
- Planning - WNS/2022/0365/FUL: Aynhoe Park House; Internal works and greenhouse.
 - WNS/2022/0489/FUL: Park Lodge, Croughton Road; Side extension.
 - Cherwell 21/03266, 21/03267, 21/03268: M40 Junc 10; Warehouses.

Highways works at 'Wembley Corner'; Keep Aynho Beautiful; Village Meeting (end May) and Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The next **PC meeting is Monday 4th April 2022, 7:30pm** at the committee room of the Village Hall.

Aynho Parish Council – WHY NOT JOIN?

Aynho's Parish Council is consisted of nine Councillors, a Finance Officer and the Clerk. The Parish Council (PC) represents the village and its needs, ensure continuity of key local services and, where affordable, improve the general look, feel and wellbeing of the village for residents. The annual precept is currently circa £27,000. Serving on the PC is entirely voluntary and there are no payments for attendance, etc.

During recent years the PC has been instrumental bringing Gigaclear to the village, installing new conservation-style low-energy streetlights and improving facilities at the sports field.

Following the resignation of David Icke and Rachel Moroney there are two vacancies which will need to be filled. Following the prescribed 'Vacancy Notice' period applications for co-option of 2 new councillors will start. If interested contact Chris Wilson (Clerk to the PC) for dates and details on clerk@aynho.org

Dogs

Please remember to pick up after your dog, follow the Countryside Code to help everyone respect, protect and enjoy the outdoors. Various fields around the village have footpaths crossing them, please remember they may have cattle, sheep, lambs or other wildlife in them. West Northants Council are consulting on responsible dog ownership and smoking with the 'Public Spaces Protection Order' – have your say. Scan the QR code.



Aynho Residents' Parking & Church Car Park www.aynho.org/parking

The Council would like to remind villagers that the church has for a few years kindly allowed residents to use the car park. A few 'rules' of use are:

- Car park is open for use from 5.00pm to 10.00am daily. All cars need to be removed outside of the permitted times.
- The facility is for cars only – no other vehicles allowed.
- Occasionally these times might vary reflecting church events (e.g. weddings, funerals, etc.) which will be posted on the notice board at the car park, the village web site and/or Twitter.
- Everyone is requested to be considerate when entering, leaving and parked in the car park – people live immediately adjacent.
- All users of the car park accept their vehicle and its contents are left at the owners risk. The church will not accept any responsibility for damage, accident or loss. If you damage the car park it is your responsibility.

The Council also provide **Residents' Parking Badges** for Aynho residents. It is a voluntary initiative, the objective being to identify resident parking from visitors. And, where residents are happy to give contact details to the Parish Council, provide emergency contact in the event of access issues for emergency services.

To receive your Aynho Residents' Parking badge email us with your contact details, how many cars in the household and their makes, models and number plates and we'll get the badges to you.

Contact details

Chris Wilson is the Parish Clerk and can be contacted on email: clerk@aynho.org or phone on **07887548774** or you can find us on the website www.aynho.org.

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL – 50 YEARS AGO

April 1972 PC Meeting

The 'short' meeting was held at Lady Ward's Summer House on 19th April 1972, the following items were discussed:

- Extension to the School to provide new toilets and kitchen approved by the County Planning Officer.
 - The layout for new houses (8 – 19 The Glebe).
 - A planning application for a residential development on 30 acres of Ryelands Hill.
- The PC approved the following payments; £5 Clerk pay, £3 Petty cash, £3.39 Village Hall & £5 PC audit.

Aynho By-pass Meeting

A meeting was held in the Village Hall main room on 28th April 1972. (The Clerk reported) The hall was absolutely full indicating the strength of the village opinion. Present on platform:

Lord Ward, Chairman of APC Mr. Martin, Arthur Jones (MP), Mr. Cadman (County Surveyor), Mr. Morton (County Council Roads & Bridges Dept.).

Also attending: Mr. Dashwood (Brackley RDC rep.on NCC) and Mr. Clark (Clerk to Brackley RDC).

Lord Ward introduced stating the need to protect the character of the village and the menace of increasing volumes of traffic, he spoke of the recent fatality and the resultant formation of the village action committee pioneered by Mr. Patterson whose wall had been destroyed.

Mr. Patterson gave a masterly presentation with diagrams and statistics and showing the projected M40 will increase, rather than decrease traffic in Aynho.

A long and searching followed and after our MP gave his views the Chairman gave a strong summing up for the need for a by-pass and urging for a 20-mph speed restriction.

KEEP AYNHO BEAUTIFUL

Saturday, April 2, 10.00 am. Meet at the Sports Field Pavilion.

All hands on deck, for this year's Keep Aynho Beautiful day.

We have a range of jobs to do this year, which will undoubtedly improve the look and feel of our beautiful village. There will be an opportunity to enjoy a catch-up at midday, over refreshments.

Jobs to do include:

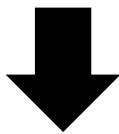
- Litter pick (litter pickers and bin bags provided)
- Paint the Sports Field storage container (weather permitting)
- Weed the bank on Charlton Road and corner of Butts Close, to prepare for planting seed bombs
- Prepare ground by the village entrance gates to plant bulbs and sow wild flower seed
- Plant ferns and fox gloves in Skittle Alley

A general tidy up around the village

It will be good to see as many people as possible.

Aynho Parish Council

STOP PRESS



VILLAGE FETE

This year the village Fete will be held on Sunday 11th September - keeping our fingers crossed that Aynhoe Park will be open again....but if not we will definitely hold the Fete elsewhere in the village.

NEWS FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

MOONLIGHT WALK – UPDATE - Our Moonlight Walk has a new date and venue! It will now take place on 16 July, setting off from Easington Sports Football Club in Banbury. So get some friends together and have your leg warmers at the ready! Tickets are on sale now. All that's left is to choose between our 6- and 10-mile walk.

OPEN GARDENS RETURN - We have an incredible seven dates for our Open Garden scheme running throughout the spring and summer – with more to come! A huge thank you to all our green-fingered supporters who are opening their gardens to help raise money for our hospice. If you're looking for some fun family days out in the months ahead then take a look at our Open Gardens page to find out more.

OUT ON THE TOWN! - We're always on the lookout for more volunteers for our street collections. Each collection slot lasts for 1.5 hours – so it's a great introduction to volunteering if it's something you've been thinking about. Find out how you can get involved on the volunteering page of our website.

A CRACKING 10K - Ready to step-up your running this autumn? We've teamed up with Brackley Running Club and are excited to offer places on the 'egg-cellent' 10k Chicken Run!

WALK THE WALK - If you love nothing more than lacing up your walking boots and getting out to see the world then we have three new challenge events that will be right up your street.

Cotswold Way Challenge - 25 June; Thames Path Challenge - 10 September; Halloween Walk - 29 October

So whether you fancy something beautifully scenic or a little bit spooky – we've got you covered! Find out about these challenges and more on our website.

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. - **Find out more**

Head to our website for more details, events and news: www.khh.org.uk

HOMES FOR UKRAINE IN AYNHO

An empty property has been offered to house a Ukrainian refugee family in the village. It is available until the end of the year. Application has been made to sponsor refugees as guests in Aynho and so use the potential of the generous offer of the house owner (it has been awaiting planning permission).

We have provisionally agreed that we will prepare the house as a home – it has been unoccupied for nearly 3 years. It needs work doing to do it and the house needs to be equipped with everything that a family (most likely women and children) could ever need.

We are sure we can do this from offers in the community but the challenge will be sustaining the family for the duration of their stay with us – with funds to live off and pay for the utilities in the house. We will fundraise to make this happen. We will set up a Charity so that we can benefit from gift aid. Somehow we will do this – in response to a real need.

It is also fraught with challenges – the UK's visa scheme is just one part! There is the language and translation problem too. And – just this weekend (26 March) we have come up against the UK banks and mortgage lenders who are requiring a change in mortgage to permit use of these houses for this purpose. We are horrified and are helping to raise awareness about the issue.

After the success of Charlotte's fundraising "cake stall" on 26th March we are determined to go further and try to help any Ukrainian family here in Aynho. We have provisional plans in place – to bring the house to a safe standard, clean it, and equip it. We will use the Community Facebook page to alert you what is going on.

Please keep your fingers crossed for the project to be a success.

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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

There is a lot to look forward to in Aynho during Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June – and more to be arranged and coordinated yet. The next meeting is in the Apricot Room at 11 o'clock on Saturday 2nd April. Representatives from all Streets, Roads, Closes and Fields will decide the next detail and have information for you. So far:

Thursday 2nd

Daytime – Jubilee craft making for the children in the Village Hall

Evening – Jubilee Beacon by Charlton Road (opposite Butts Close) preceded by a Jubilee Concert in the Church, or Jubilee Film in the Village Hall, or evening in the Cartwright. All supplied with bring and share Jubilee Beacon Tart to go with celebratory drinks.

Friday 3rd

Jubilee Tea Party in the Village Hall (certainly for those who remember the Coronation in 1952) – with children processing to show off their Jubilee crafts

Activities on the Sports Field

Films in the Village Hall

Saturday 4th

More activities on the Sports field with organised Cricket matches for young and old and a Rounders match – perhaps even a Tug of War against other villages

Jubilee Children's Tea Party based at the pavilion/marquee

Sunday 5th

Jubilee Church Service at 11am (maybe a bit earlier) to give thanks for our Queen and her amazing reign

Jubilee Street Party lunch (or lunches) – broadly bring and share to tables/chairs provided for the elderly who cannot bring their own – and gazebos as necessary for too much sun or rain - linking up the streets in the village (safely closed off from traffic) – with lots of fun and bunting, treasure hunt to keep the children amused – and handy beer and wine from the Cartwright.

This just needs volunteers to help with this or that over the course of the days to make it work. Please help where you can.