

# Astwick Vale Pews News 26th November 2023

**SERVICES FOR  
26th November,  
Last Sunday before Advent  
Christ The King  
10.30am Aynho Holy  
Communion  
11.00am Hinton Morning  
Worship  
Colour Red  
Readings  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Ephesians 1:15-23,  
Matthew 25:31-46  
Psalm 95:1-7**

## **Collect**

*Eternal Father, whose Son  
Jesus Christ ascended to the  
throne of heaven that he might  
rule over all things as Lord and  
King: keep the Church in the  
unity of the Spirit and in the  
bond of peace, and bring the  
whole created order to worship  
at his feet; who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. **Amen.***

## **Post Communion**

*Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your  
faithful people; that they,  
plenteously bringing forth the*

*fruit of good works, may by you  
be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen**

**SERVICE FOR  
3<sup>rd</sup> December,  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
10.30am Hinton, Benefice Holy  
Communion**

**We pray for all who live or work  
within the parishes of our  
Benefice, and for those known  
to us who are sick in body,  
mind, or spirit, at home or in  
hospital and who need God's  
loving touch at this time. --**

## **Among them are**

- *Paula, Pip & Katie, Douglas, Philip,  
Jackie, Suzanne, Norman.*
- *We pray for Sara Lyford, her  
daughter and the expected twins.*
- *For all those struggling with health  
issues, especially those in hospital.*
- *4yr.old Holly who is in the second  
year of treatment and thankfully  
can attend school each day of the  
week (allowing for treatments)*
- *For all the churches and people of  
our Benefice.*
- *Wendy & Jeremy*
- *For all those affected by situations  
worldwide & especially the conflict  
in the Middle East. We pray that a  
peace will be found.*
- *For the people of Iceland*

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The Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton and Steane  
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new website address [www.astwickvalebenefice.org](http://www.astwickvalebenefice.org)

# Stir up Sunday- time to make your puddings.

- *Such a sad world at this time –  
so many need our prayers.*

***Our churches are always  
open for private prayer; all  
are welcome. - (Croughton  
-by appointment only)***



## NOVEMBER 2023

25<sup>th</sup> 4pm Aynho -St

Michael's Church- Concert,  
The Bird Fancier's Delight

26<sup>th</sup> - Christ the King, (Stir  
up Sunday)

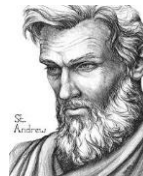
30<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Aynho St  
Michael's Church

"An ADVENT SEQUENCE of  
Music and Readings by The  
WHEATSHEAF CONSORT"

We are delighted to  
welcome this wonderful choir  
back to St Michael's Aynho  
Entrance is free BUT we  
welcome DONATIONS  
towards our Heating  
Project.

We look forward to seeing a  
full Church for this special  
occasion.

30th St Andrews Day



## DECEMBER 2023

1st - Travelling cribs start  
their journeys round the  
Benefice, returning to your  
local church on Christmas  
Eve.

2<sup>ND</sup> 10.00 - 12 noon.

Evenley Village Hall -  
Coffee morning in aid of  
Katherine House Hospice-  
come along and give it your  
support.

2<sup>nd</sup> 1.30pm - 3pm

All Saints, Croughton will be  
open for tea, coffee and  
cakes following the planting of  
the New Elm tree.

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3<sup>rd</sup> First Sunday in Advent- the first candle to be lit is the candle of Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

12<sup>th</sup> Evenley 12.00 - 1.15pm Village Soup Lunch. Usual menu plus mince pies.

17<sup>th</sup> Carol services in the Benefice  
4pm Croughton  
5pm Aynho, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton.



19<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Evenley Village Hall - Gardening Society Christmas party  
22<sup>ND</sup> Winter Solstice - winter begins.

24<sup>th</sup> 11.00pm Evenley - Benefice 'midnight' Holy Communion

25<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate Jesus' birth.

31<sup>st</sup>- midnight -Evenley bell ringers will continue the tradition of ringing in the New Year



Astwick Vale Benefice covers five churches, Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe and Hinton with Steane

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Printed copies can be found in some of our churches.

**Please note that we continue in a period of Interregnum for the foreseeable future.**

## Church contacts

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Farthinghoe: Position vacant

Hinton-in-the-Hedges:

Sam Mainds 07860 465000

## **And finally**

### **Remember the rules for Stir up Sunday.**

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stir-up Sunday is a centuries-old annual tradition where home cooks spend the last Sunday before Advent 'stirring up' their Christmas pudding. The mixture even had to be stirred in a specific way – from east to west to pay homage to the journey undertaken by the three wise men. Every member of the family would take turns doing this as they were allowed to make a wish while doing so, which also gave the mother of the family a rest as the mixture was very thick and hard to stir!



**In 2018, to support the Royal British Legion and the veteran community, Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles, Prince William, and Prince George made a batch of Christmas puddings in the Music Room at Buckingham Palace**

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