

Astwick Vale Pews News 28th April 2024

**SERVICE FOR 28th April.
Fourth Sunday after Easter
10.30am Aynho, Benefice
Holy Communion**

Colour White

Readings

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Psalms 22:25-31

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

SERVICES FOR 5th May

Fifth Sunday after Easter

**10.30am, Croughton,
Benefice Holy Communion**

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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, Jackie, Suzanne, Norman, Derek, Bruce from Mixbury.*
- *For all those struggling with health issues, especially those in hospital & those awaiting treatment.*
- *Young Holly who continues to make good progress with treatment, while attending her school. We continue to hold her in our prayers.*

The Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton and Steane
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- *For the church and people of Chacombe.*
- *Wendy & Jeremy*
- ***For HM King Charles III & HM Queen Camilla as he continues treatment for the cancer diagnosis.***
- ***For HRH The Princess of Wales as she commences preventative treatment for the cancer diagnosis. Also for William, Prince of Wales and the children,***
- *For all those affected by situations worldwide & especially the conflict in the Middle East. We pray that a peace will be found. 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)



A Prayer for World Peace

**Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead me from hate to love,
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.**

Dates for May 2024

- 5th Rogation Sunday**
- 6th Bank Holiday UK**
- 9th Ascension Day (Holy Thursday)**
- 10th Farthinghoe 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry – all welcome**
- 11th Evenley Plant Sale at the village hall 10.00 – 12.00**
- 14th Evenley 12.00-1.15pm, Village Soup Lunch. Usual menu- everyone welcome.**
- 19th Whit Sunday – Pentecost**
- 19th Second of our summer services at Steane**
- 27th Bank Holiday UK**
- 29th Oak Apple Day**

SUMMER SERVICES AT STEANE

Yesterday we attended the first of our summer services in the church at Steane. It was a

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beautiful evening and with the sun shining through the windows created a most joyous setting. Revd Terry took the service of Evensong and was supported by others from Hinton. We also thank Theo and team for refreshments. It was a most calm & peaceful setting and vey welcome in these times of world strife.

Dates for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2024

Farthinghoe 24th April at 3.30pm in the vestry Hinton in the Hedges with Steane – Monday 29th April – time TBA

Dates for Church fetes

***Croughton 8th June
Aynho 9th June
Farthinghoe 30th June***

**Looking ahead to June
*Open Farm Sunday, 9th June 2024 is farming's annual open day giving visitors the opportunity to learn more about farming and the***

countryside, and farmers the chance to talk about what they're so proud of: British food and farming!

Look out for an event at your local farm.

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Farthinghoe: Position vacant

Hinton-in-the-Hedges:

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GOOD NEWS AT LONG

LAST

Having been in Interregnum since 31st August 2022 we are delighted to confirm that we will be welcoming our new Rector, the Revd. George Frost at his ceremony on Monday 22nd July, 7pm at St Michaels, Aynho. Coincidentally this date is the feast day of Mary Magdalene (one of Jesus' most celebrated disciples.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Revd. George was born and raised in Northamptonshire & has been the assistant curate in the Whittlewood Benefice.

Therefore, we humbly offer the following prayer:-

May we show hospitality to our new rector, Revd. George Frost, and welcome him with our support and prayers. Fill him, O Lord, with the knowledge of your

will in all wisdom and understanding. We beseech you for the touch of your Spirit, that his heart may yield to you in obedience, reverence, and confidence.

AND FINALLY

As 23RD April celebrated St George's day we offer a prayer.

Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George to stand up for the truth and the glory of God that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ. Give us the strength to overcome in our lives and in the world, all that is contrary to your rule of justice and love. Help us to be good news to the poor proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; let the oppressed go free and proclaim the good news of God's favour and Jubilee.

Amen

A quote by St George 'Be fearless in pursuing your dreams for even the most formidable obstacles can be conquered'.

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