

# Astwick Vale Pews News 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

## **SERVICE FOR 1st SEPTEMBER**

**14th Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am Farthinghoe,  
Benefice Holy Communion**

**Colour Green**

**Readings**

**Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

**James 1:17-27**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14,15,21-23**

**Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9**

### **Collect**

*Almighty God, whose only Son  
has opened for us a new and  
living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and  
steadfast wills to worship you in  
spirit and in truth; through  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with  
you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever.*

**Amen**

### **Post Communion**

*Lord God, the source of truth  
and love, keep us faithful to the  
apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, united in prayer and  
the breaking of bread, and one*

*in joy and simplicity of heart, in  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen**

## **SERVICES FOR 8th SEPTEMBER**

**15th Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am, Evenley, Holy  
Communion**

**10.00am, Aynho, Morning  
Worship**

**11.00am, Croughton, Holy  
Communion**

**6pm, Steane, Evensong**

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, Bruce,  
Tony, Peter, Dawn.
- For all those struggling with  
health issues, especially those in  
hospital & those awaiting  
treatment.
- **Holly** as she continues to be  
monitored. Thank you so much  
for your prayers.
- For the church and people of  
Thenford
- Wendy & Jeremy
- For HM King Charles III &  
Princess Anne as they are now

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The Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton and Steane  
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*able to continue with their public duties.*

*For HRH The Princess of Wales as she continues preventative treatment for the cancer diagnosis. Also, for William, Prince of Wales and the children.*

*For the staff & the many volunteers of Katherine House Hospice who provide specialist palliative care for adults with life limiting conditions across North Oxfordshire, South Northamptonshire & South Warwickshire.*

*For the families of the dead & all those, affected by the tragic accident in the sea off Sicily.*

*For our farming community as they have started to bring the harvest home. Look out for the Harvest celebration services in our Benefice during late September & through October.*

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



## **We pray for peace in the world and in our own communities.**

**And in the words from Psalm 46**

**- God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

**He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.  
Amen**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Ride & Stride**

### **WHAT IS RIDE AND STRIDE**

*Ride & Stride is a sponsored bike ride, horse ride or walk in which people all over England Walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Cornwall to Northumberland. The money they raise helps to save historic churches, chapels and*

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*meeting houses for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs and the installation of modern facilities. Visit unique historic buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise and have fun with the family. Could you raise some money for your local church*

**Aynho** – open for refreshments on the day- contact Kathy White \_  
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**Croughton-** contact  
Angie Robbins  
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[hailshamchambers.com](mailto:hailshamchambers.com)  
07958 157 957

**Hinton** – contact  
Charles Field at  
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### **Dates for September**

**8<sup>th</sup>**, 6pm Steane. This is the last of the summer services at Steane for 2024 and will

be taken by Revd. George Frost & our Rural Dean, Father Matthew Robinson

**10<sup>th</sup>**- Evenley 12.00-1.15pm, Village Soup Lunch. Usual menu- everyone welcome.,

**13<sup>th</sup>** Farthinghoe 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry – all welcome

**14<sup>th</sup>, Evenley, Charity Barn Dance at Cloisters Farm (home to Barnowl farm shop)**

**14<sup>th</sup>**- Ride & Stride at some local churches

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Baptism at Croughton

**29<sup>th</sup>**, 6pm Farthinghoe – first of our Harvest Festival services

### ***Special meeting at Steane on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm***

*An open meeting has been arranged to discuss the proposed closure of St Peter's Church, Steane*

*Have a look at our Benefice website.*

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### **Church Contacts**

#### *Ministry Teams*

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**01869 810903**

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*Assistant Priest-*

*Rev. Terry Richards 01869 811251 – (Temporarily unavailable)*

*Lay Readers*

*Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300*

*May Leng 07903 801143*

*Wardens*

*Aynho*

*Andrew Bellamy 01869 810847*

*Kathy White 01869 810418*

*Croughton:*

*Angie Robbins 01869 811445,*

*Evenley:*

*Jose Golding 07708 539191*

*Farthinghoe: Position vacant*

*Hinton-in-the-Hedges:*

*Sam Mainds 07860 465000*

***And finally,  
The Songs of Praise service  
last Sunday at Steane was so  
special. Thank you to all.***

*Theo had prepared the service sheet which, apart from prayers, readings & a talk, contained 8 (yes 8) hymns with a variety of new tunes. The tunes included:-*

- Angels from the realms of glory*
- The Dambusters*
- Blow the wind southerly*
- Londonderry Air*
- Marching through Georgia*

*Lyn, valiantly, not only played but pumped the organ, which was a great achievement with 8 hymns. On such a beautiful summers evening, to sit in such a calm & peaceful place, looking out of the double doors onto the land beyond and see the sheep grazing was so special, you really felt you were in the presence of God.*

*If anyone would like a copy of the service sheet showing which hymns were sung to which tune, just email me and I will forward it to you.*

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