

Astwick Vale Pews News 22nd September 2024

SERVICES FOR 22nd SEPTEMBER

17th Sunday after Trinity

**9.30am, Evenley, Morning
Worship**

**9.30am, Aynho, Holy
Communion**

**11.00am, Croughton, Morning
Worship & Baptism**

Colour Green

Readings

Proverbs 31:10-31

James 3:13 -4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

Psalm 1

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES FOR 29th SEPTEMBER

**St Michael & all Angels
Patronal Day**

17th Sunday after Trinity

**10.30am, Aynho, Benefice
Holy Communion**

**6pm, Farthinghoe, Harvest
Festival**

Colour White

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*
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- *hospital & those awaiting treatment.*
- **Holly** *as she continues to be monitored. Thank you so much for your prayers.*
- *For the church and people of Warkworth.*
- *Wendy & Jeremy*
- *For HM King Charles III & Princess Anne as they are now 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 our farming community as they continue 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

Dates for September

18th – Ember Day - *The Ember days are occasions to thank God for the blessings received during the previous season, pray for those ordained, and renew us spiritually. They are days of fasting and abstinence. These fasts were initially*

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called "quatuor tempora" (the four times).

21st International Day of Peace

The 2024 Theme for the International Day of Peace is "Cultivating a Culture of Peace". This year marks the 25th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace.

22nd Baptism at Croughton
29th, 6pm Farthinghoe – first of our Harvest Festival services

Dates for October

Special meeting at Steane on 1st October at 2.30pm

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

8th, Evenley, 12.00-1.15pm, Village Soup Lunch. Usual menu- everyone welcome.,
11th Farthinghoe 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry – all welcome

26th Clocks go back one hour

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Last service of the year at Steane

Our final evensong service for the year has taken place at Steane.

We were extremely fortunate to, not only be led by the Revd. George Frost, but we also welcomed our Rural Dean, Father Matthew Robinson from Kings Sutton and we thank him for visiting us, taking part & staying to talk to the parishioners.

At the start of the sermon, Father Matthew asked if we remembered what we were doing on that date, two years ago (8th September 2022), Without thinking I blurted out 'YES'. I remembered because it was the day our beloved Queen Elizabeth II passed away.

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Rev. George carried the service in his most amazing way and at the end thanked all the parishioners who had helped to organise the service, played/pumped the organ and those who had attended. The turnout was probably the largest this year and the singing terrific, especially for the final hymn, 'Thy hand O God has guided' with the last line being 'One Church, one faith, One Lord'.

How true that last line is.

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Farthinghoe: Position vacant

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And finally, **New life**

One of the sows (Lotte) at our local farm has given birth to 10 piglets. I visited them yesterday and I was overcome with the new life in front of me.

Once again it demonstrates Mother Nature at her best.

Prayer for Protection of Livestock:

Almighty God,

As a farmer, I ask for Your protection on the livestock I care for. Keep them safe from harm and danger and grant them good health and strong bodies. May they flourish under my care and may Your hand of grace be upon them.

Help me to be a responsible and caring steward of these animals, and to provide for their needs. May I treat them with kindness and respect, and may Your blessings be upon them.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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