

Astwick Vale Pews News 24th November 2024

SERVICES FOR 24th November

Last Sunday before Advent

Christ the King

Stir Up Sunday

9.15am, Aynho, Holy Communion

11.00am, Croughton, Morning Prayer

5.30pm, Evenley, Evensong

9.15am, Farthinghoe, Morning Prayer

11.00am, Hinton, Holy Communion

Colour white

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Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13,14

Revelation 1:4b-8,

John 18:33-37

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

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## **SERVICES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**Advent Sunday**

**11.00am, Aynho, Holy Communion**

**2.30pm, Croughton, WI Carol Service**

**10.00am, Evenley, Morning Prayer**

**9.15am, Farthinghoe, Holy Communion**

**6pm, Hinton, Evensong.**

### **PRAYERS**

**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; -**

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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 Christmas puddings

- *Paula, Pip & Katie, Douglas, Jackie, Suzanne, Norman, Bruce, Tony, Peter, Dawn, Janet.*
- *For all those struggling with health issues, especially those in hospital & those awaiting treatment.*
- *For Hester Witt & family as they prepare for the funeral of Josceline Hebblethwaite (late of Evenley).*
- *For May Leng & family as they prepare for the funeral of Phil Barker on 5<sup>th</sup> December.*
- **Holly** *as she continues to be monitored. Thank you so much for your prayers.*
- *Wendy & Jeremy*
- *For HM King Charles III & all members of the Royal family. 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.*
- **A prayer for the people of eastern & now southern Spain where severe weather conditions have caused massive devastation. and so we offer a prayer - God our Father, giver of life, we**

***entrust the people of Spain to your loving care. 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.**

**Let us pray to the Lord: Christ, be our light. For our political leaders, that they will not provoke division and hatred but pursue a shared understanding, reconciliation and healing. And for our nation, that we may lead the world in laying down arms and in working to achieve a just peace.**

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Dates for November

24th – 15 Church Lane, Evenley
Save the date for an open afternoon to mark Stir-up Sunday. Details at the end of this pews news.

24th Christ the King - This is the final Sunday of Ordinary Time and the liturgical year, and the last Sunday before Advent.

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The Feast of Christ the King is a celebration of Jesus' dominion over the universe and the Church. It was originally celebrated on the last Sunday of October but was moved to its current position in 1969 by Pope Paul VI. The liturgical colour for Christ the King is white.

30th – St Andrews Day

Dates for December

1st- Advent Sunday

6th Farthinghoe, 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry – including mince pies, all welcome

(Please note this is the first Friday of the month)

10th Evenley 12.00-1.15pm, Village Soup Lunch. Usual menu plus mince pies - everyone welcome.

21st Aynho - The Carol Service – with Children's Nativity – will be on Saturday 21st December at 4pm.

24th, Evenley, Midnight Communion

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***Aynho***

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***Farthinghoe: Position vacant***

***Hinton-in-the-Hedges:***

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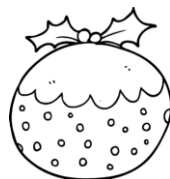
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SAVE THE DATE

***Advent Candlelit
Concert at St
Michael's Aynho on
Saturday 30th
November at 6pm.
Fiori Musicale
performing - JS Bach.
Tickets £15 at the
door or via
www.ticketsource.co.
uk/fiori. Interval with
refreshments.
Hauntingly beautiful,
reflective music for
the season before
Christmas, performed
in the fine baroque
church at Aynho. Do
join us for this special
evening. Should be a
great concert.***

And Finally

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!!



***Sunday 24th November
Open house, 2-5.30pm at 15
Church Lane, Evenley***

Carrie & Kevin invite you to come along to celebrate this tradition with drinks and cake. No need to book, just come along anytime in the afternoon. We will have a Christmas cake mixture to make which will be cooked, decorated and served at a Carol service.

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