

Astwick Vale Pews News 22nd December 2024

SERVICE FOR 21ST DECEMBER

4.00pm, Aynho Carol Service

SERVICES FOR 22nd DECEMBER

Advent 4-Mary

11.00am, Croughton, Morning Prayer

5.30pm, Evenley Carol Service

9.15am, Farthinghoe, Morning Prayer

11.00am, Hinton, Holy Communion

Colour purple

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Advent Prayer

**Holy God as we continue on our Advent journey, give us the courage and perseverance to complete that which have started, in Jesus' name we pray.
Amen**

Readings

Micah 5:2-5a,

Hebrews 10:5-10,

Luke 1:39-45 (46 55)

Advent 4

Today we think about Mary Jesus said, 'Anyone who does what my Father in heaven wants is my brother or sister or mother.' I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to his word.

Amen.

Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The four candles are lit

Jesus is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can ever put out.

Advent candles tell their story as we watch and pray,

longing for the Day of Glory,

'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.

Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness changed for gladness, on that Day.

Prophet voices loudly crying, making pathways clear;

glimpsing glory, self-denying,

calling all to hear. Through their message - challenged, shaken - hearts awaken:

God is near!

John the Baptist, by his preaching and by water poured, brought to those who heard his teaching

news of hope restored:

'Keep your vision strong and steady, and be ready

for the Lord.'

The Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton and Steane
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The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

Mary's gift, beyond all telling, was to give Christ room. She gave God a human dwelling in a mother's womb. Who could guess the final story? – cross and glory; empty tomb!

Amen

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES FOR 24th DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

5pm, Farthinghoe, Crib service

Readings

***Isaiah, 52:7-10,
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)
John 1:1-14***

10.00pm, Croughton, First Communion of Christmas/ Midnight Mass

11.30pm, Evenley, Midnight Mass (Church bells will ring at 11.00pm.)

Readings

Isaiah, 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Colour White/Gold - Midnight

SERVICES FOR 25th DECEMBER

Christmas Day – Hail the newborn Prince of Peace



10.00am, Aynho, Holy Communion

10.00am, Croughton, Holy Communion

10.00am, Evenley, Morning Worship

10.00am, Farthinghoe, Holy Communion

10.30am, Hinton, Reserved Communion

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Readings

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Titus 2:11-14,

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Colour White/Gold

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## **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 -

- *Paula, Pip & Katie, Douglas, Jackie, Norman, Bruce, Tony, Peter, Dawn, Janet.*
- *For all those struggling with health issues, especially those in hospital & those awaiting treatment.*
- *For Mo and family at this extremely sad time with the loss of Alan.*
- **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, especially for HM Queen Camilla.* 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 all the emergency services providing support over the Christmas season*
- *For our observation of the season of Advent as we prepare for the Christ Child at Christmas.*
- *For the visits of the travelling cribs as they journey around our villages.*
- **For all those making preparations for our Christmas services –Our leaders, readers, choirs, flower arrangers, organists, church cleaners, bell ringers & all others who provide support.**

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



### **A prayer for the world**

**Father God, we pray for our world today.**

**We pray for everlasting peace and hope to abound.**

**Many are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and forest fires.**

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**The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.**

**Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis.**

**O Lord, we pray for your provision, peace and protection. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Dates for December**

**21<sup>st</sup> – Winter Solstice – winter begins**

**Dates for January 2025**

**3<sup>rd</sup> The naming & Circumcision of Jesus**

**6<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany**

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

**14<sup>th</sup>, Evenley Village soup lunch, 12.00 – 1pm**

**All welcome**

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Farthinghoe: Position vacant

Hinton-in-the-Hedges:

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**And Finally**

*I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph!*

*(Shirley Temple)*

*23/4/28 – 10/2/2014*



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