

Astwick Vale Pews News 29th December 2024

SERVICES FOR 29th DECEMBER

The First Sunday of Christmas



10.30am, Hinton, Benefice Holy Communion

Colour White

Readings 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

Colossians 3:12-17,

Luke 2:41-52

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Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,

so, we may share the life of his divinity; 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, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES FOR 5th January 2025

The Second Sunday of Christmas



11.00am, Aynho, Holy Communion

10.00am, Evenley, Morning Prayer

9.15am, Farthinghoe, Holy Communion

6pm, Hinton, Evensong

The Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton and Steane
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new website address www.astwickvalebenefice.org

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PRAYERS

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.



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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, 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***

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***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

***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.**

**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 January 2025**

***1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day-(It's bad luck to wash any clothes on this day)!!***

***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***

**Have a look at our Benefice website.**

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And Finally

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early, remind us that in the darkness your light still shines. There is a winter in all our lives, a chill and darkness that makes us yearn for days that have gone or put our hope in days yet to be. Father God, you created seasons for a purpose. As the earth prepares to rest, nature takes stock, rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.

It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted and rise through the darkness into the warm glow of your springtime to blossom and flourish, bring colour and vitality into this world- your garden.

Thank you for the seasons of our lives.

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