

# Astwick Vale Pews News 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## **SERVICES FOR 12th January 2025**

**The first Sunday after the  
Epiphany**

**The Baptism of Christ**

**11.00am, Croughton, Holy  
Communion**

**9.15am, Evenley, Holy  
Communion**

**\*5.30pm, Farthinghoe,  
Evening Prayer**

**11.00am, Hinton, Morning  
Prayer**

### **Readings**

**Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17,  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**\*Psalm 46,47**

**Colour White**

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### **Collect**

*Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen**

## **SERVICES FOR 19th January 2025**

**The second Sunday after the  
Epiphany**

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

**Colour White**

*Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May*

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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)

*our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ.*



### **PRAYERS**

*18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January is the Week of prayer for Christian unity – the prayer is, **Ephesians 4:25-***

***God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as a family. Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom.***

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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 the family of Mrs Janet 'Bet' Allen (formerly of Aynho), as they prepare for her funeral.*
- **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*

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Northamptonshire & South  
Warwickshire.

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



**Dates for January 2025**  
**10th 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**



**Dates for February 2025**

**2nd Candlemas**  
**11th, Evenley Village soup**  
**lunch, 12.00 – 1pm**  
**All welcome**  
**14th Farthinghoe, 10.00am –**  
**11.00 coffee, cake & chat in**  
**the vestry all welcome**  
**14<sup>th</sup> St.Valentine's Day**

Have a look at our Benefice website.  
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of our churches.

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**For your information**

**A Rough Guide to the PCC  
Parochial Church Council**

The PCC looks after the general running of the Church and oversees the finances of the same by law.

The PCC consists of various members; the Rector; 6 or 9 elected PCC members, plus ex-officio member, namely the Churchwardens; Deanery Synod Representatives, and the nominated officers being the PCC secretary and the PCC treasurer. All Parochial Church Councillors are elected to and serve for a maximum period of three consecutive years, after which they are required to stand down before seeking re-election. It is ideal if 1/3 of the PCC's members are elected each year.

Any member of the church can stand for election onto the PCC as long as they have registered to be on the Church Electoral Role and are over 18 years of age.

You should find a list of your local PCC members displayed in your church with a list of members on the church Electoral role.

**And Finally**

When GOD had made the earth and sky, the flowers and the trees...

He then made all the animals and the birds and bees.

And when His work was finished and not one was quite the same, He said- I'll Walk this earth of mine and give each one a name.

And so, he travelled over land and sea and everywhere he went, a little creature followed him until its strength was spent.

When all were named upon the earth and in the sky and sea, the little creature said:- Dear Lord there's no name left for me!! The Father smiled and softly said – I've left you 'till the end, I've turned my own name back to front and called you DOG, my friend.



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