

# Astwick Vale Pews News 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Service for 16th February**  
**Third Sunday before Lent**  
**9th Sunday before Easter**  
**10.30am Croughton,**  
**Benefice Holy Communion**  
**Colour Green**

**Readings**  
**Jeremiah 17:5-10**  
**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**  
**Luke 6:17-26**

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## **Collect**

*Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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**

*Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.*

**Amen**

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**Services for 23rd February**  
**Second Sunday before Lent**  
**8th Sunday before Easter**  
**9.15am, Aynho, Holy Communion**  
**11.00am, Croughton, Morning Prayer**  
**5.30pm, Evenley, Evensong**  
**9.15am, Farthinghoe, Morning Prayer**  
**11.00am, Hinton, Holy Communion**

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## **PRAYERS**

**We pray for all who live or work within the parishes of**

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The Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton and Steane  
office@astwickvalebenefice.org 01869 810903

new website address [www.astwickvalebenefice.org](http://www.astwickvalebenefice.org)

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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.
- **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.
- Diocesan guild of bell ringers

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



**Dates for February 2025**  
**14th Farthinghoe, 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry- all welcome**  
**14th St. Valentine's Day**  
**16th Septuagesima Sunday (9th Sunday before Easter)**

**Dates for March 2025**  
**1st St David's Day**  
**4th Shrove Tuesday**  
**5th Ash Wednesday**  
**7th Women's World Day of Prayer, Service at St Michael's Aynho, time TBA.**  
**11th, Evenley Village soup lunch, 12.00 – 1pm**  
**All welcome**  
**14th Farthinghoe, 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry- all welcome**  
**17th St Patrick's Day**

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**20<sup>th</sup> Vernal Equinox, Spring  
begins**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Clocks go forward 1  
hour**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday**

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some of our churches.

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## Church Contacts Ministry Teams

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Assistant Priest-

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unavailable)

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May Leng 07903 801143

Wardens

Aynho

Andrew Bellamy 01869 810847

Kathy White 01869 810418

Croughton:

Angie Robbins 01869 811445,  
Evenley:

Jose Golding 07708 539191

Farthinghoe: Position vacant

Hinton-in-the-Hedges:

Sam Mainds 07860 465000

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## Calling all musicians

**We are looking to start a choir**

**We have people keen to sing,  
volunteers to play and admin  
ready to go, however we are still  
looking for a person, or group of  
people willing to lead a choir. At  
present we have no choir**

**anywhere in the Benefice and  
want to start one to sing at our  
monthly Benefice service.**

**We need someone who would be  
able to help people come  
together and encourage them to  
sing in this form of praise.**

**If this describes you, entirely, or  
in part, or if you have any  
questions, we would love to hear  
from you.**

**Please contact our Rector, the  
Rev. George Frost on**

**(01869) 810903 or email,  
[rev@gfrost.name](mailto:rev@gfrost.name)**

**Thank you**

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## Coming soon

*The dates for the  
Annual Parochial Church  
Meetings*

*For the election of  
Church Warden  
PCC members*

*Deanery Synod members*

## Church Fete dates

*Aynho 21<sup>st</sup> June*

## Summer services at Steane

*We're delighted to report  
that at least for the  
coming year we will  
enjoy the six summer  
services at St Peter's ,  
Steane. The first one will  
be held in April.*

## AND FINALLY

### St Valentine's Day

*Celebrated annually on  
February 14<sup>th</sup> It originated as  
a Christian feast day  
honouring a martyr named  
Valentine, and through later  
folk traditions it has also  
become a significant cultural,  
religious and commercial  
celebration of romance and*

*love in many regions of the  
world.*

*Saint Valentine is commonly  
known as the patron saint of  
love and romance. However,  
many people are not aware that  
he is also the patron saint of  
bees.*

*The story of Saint Valentine and  
his association with bees dates  
back to the third century in  
Rome. At that time, beekeeping  
was a common practice, and the  
bees were believed to have a  
special connection to Saint  
Valentine.*

*Legend has it that Saint  
Valentine was a beekeeper  
himself and had a great love for  
the creatures. He was known for  
his gentle and caring treatment  
of the bees, and it is said that he  
would often talk to them and  
bless them with his prayers.*



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