

Astwick Vale Pews News 23rd February 2025

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**

Colour Green

Readings

Genesis 2:4b-9,15-25,

Revelation ch.4

Luke 8:22-25

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Collect

*Almighty God, you have created
the heavens and the earth and
made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand
in all your works and your
likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who with you and the*

*Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all
things, now and for ever.*

Amen

Post Communion

*God our creator, by your gift the
tree of life was set at the heart of
the earthly paradise, and the
bread of life at the heart of your
Church: may we who have been
nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of
the Saviour's cross and enjoy the
delights of eternity; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.*

Amen

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Services for 2nd March

Sunday before Lent

7th Sunday before Easter

**11.00am, Aynho, Holy
Communion**

**10.00am Evenley, Morning
Prayer**

**9.15am, Farthinghoe, Holy
Communion**

6.00pm, Hinton, Evensong

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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)

# Still 4 weeks to Spring!!!

## **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 -**

- *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 Pope Francis as he is diagnosed with pneumonia.*
- *For Mark Jermy and family as they prepare for the funeral of Paula.*
- *For Nick Pane & his family as they prepare for the funeral of Roger.*
- **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.*  
**Our churches are always open for private prayer; all are welcome. - (Croughton -by appointment only)**



## **Dates for March 2025**

- 1<sup>st</sup> St David's Day**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**
- 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Women's World Day of Prayer, Service at St Michael's Aynho – all are welcome**
- 11<sup>th</sup>, Evenley Village soup lunch, 12.15 – 1.30pm**
- All welcome**
- (note new start time)**

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**14th Farthinghoe, 10.00am  
– 11.00 coffee, cake & chat  
in the vestry- all welcome**

**17th St Patrick's Day**

**20th Vernal Equinox, Spring  
begins**

**29th Clocks go forward 1  
hour**

**30th Mothering Sunday**

**Dates for April 2025  
6th Passiontide begins**

**6th Steane 6pm Evensong  
(First of our six special  
services this year)**

**8th Evenley Village soup  
lunch, 12.15-1.30pm**

**11th Farthinghoe, 10.00am  
– 11.00 coffee, cake & chat  
in the vestry- all welcome  
13th Palm Sunday- start of  
Holy week – no bells will be  
rung this week)**

**18th Good Friday**

**20th Easter Day**

**23rd St George's Day**

**Have a look at our Benefice website.  
[www.astwickvalebenefice.org](http://www.astwickvalebenefice.org)**

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Printed copies can be found in some  
of our churches.

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Church Contacts

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Assistant Priest-

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811251 – (Temporarily
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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## **Church Membership & Electoral Roll**

The Church of England is a legal body covered by The Church representation rules. This means that the church has a membership list that allows the members to vote on political and religious matter within the church structure. Official membership has no cost, but the applicant must be:-

- baptised

- over 16 years of age

- must not be ordained

And must be one of the following

a- resident in the parish

b- habitually attend the parish church for at least six months

c- Be a member of a church in good standing with the CofE and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

The Churches' Electoral Roll is much more than a list of names, it is also a means of communicating with the whole church body in any village.

Once in every six years the preparation of new church electoral rolls takes place, which means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply and as 2025 is that year everyone who is currently on the

electoral register needs to fill in an application form.

We also welcome any new qualifying person to apply for registration. We would ask that if you come to church and can fulfil the above requirements that you please complete an application form that will be found in church in the coming weeks, If you cannot fulfil the above requirements it doesn't mean you are not welcome, for all are welcome.

### **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**

**Hinton, 12<sup>th</sup> July**

### **AND FINALLY**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for watching over Revd. George during his time away, and for bringing him safely back home, refreshed and renewed. May he return with a joyful heart, carrying the blessings of his travels and ready to re-engage with his life here. We pray for a smooth transition back to his routine, and we ask for your continued presence in his life. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

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