



**Service for 16th March  
Second Sunday in Lent  
10.30, Evenley, Benefice  
Holy Communion**

**Colour purple**

**Readings**

**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

**Philippians 3:17-4-1**

**Luke 13:31-35**

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**Collect**

*Almighty God you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of*

*the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

**Amen**

**Post Communion**

*Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen**

**Services for 23rd March**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**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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# Lent – 5<sup>th</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> April

## **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, Moya Burns.*
- *For all those struggling with health issues, especially those in hospital & those awaiting treatment.*
- *For Pope Francis as his treatment continues.*
- ***Holly** as she continues to be monitored. Thank you so much for your prayers.*
- *Wendy & Jeremy*
- *For Revd. Simon Dommett as he commences his new post*
- *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.*

***We continue to pray for peace in this world. Our churches are always open for private prayer; all are welcome. - (Croughton -by appointment only)***



**Dates for March 2025**  
***14th Farthinghoe, 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry- all welcome***  
***17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day***  
***20<sup>th</sup> Vernal Equinox, Spring begins***  
***29<sup>th</sup> Clocks go forward 1 hour***  
***30<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday***

**Dates for April 2025**  
***6<sup>th</sup> Passiontide begins***  
***6<sup>th</sup> Steane 6pm Evensong***  
***(First of our six special services this year)***  
***8<sup>th</sup> Evenley Village soup lunch, 12.15-1.30pm***

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**11<sup>th</sup> Farthinghoe, 10.00am –  
11.00 coffee, cake & chat in  
the vestry- all welcome**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday- start of  
Holy week – (no bells will be  
rung this week)**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Easter Day**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> St George's Day**

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some of our churches.

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## Church Contacts

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*Revd Terry Richards 01869*

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unavailable)*

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*Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300*

*May Leng 07903 801143*

*Wardens*

*Aynho*

*Andrew Bellamy 01869 810847*

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*Croughton:*

*Angie Robbins 01869 811445,*

*Evenley:*

*Jose Golding 07708 539191*

*Farthinghoe: Position vacant*

*Hinton-in-the-Hedges:*

*Sam Mainds 07860 465000*

## Church membership & Electoral roll

*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.*

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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*

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

## Information on the Revd.

### Simon Dommatt

*As most of you will remember,  
Simon was our rector until he  
took up a new position in  
October 2018.*

*He now tells me that he is  
semi-retired and works 2 days  
a week plus Sundays.*

*The following is an  
announcement.*

*We are pleased to announce  
that the Revd Simon Paul  
Dommatt, currently Vicar -  
Goldington Benefice, was  
licensed, as Associate Priest  
(House for Duty) in the  
Leightonstone Churches (both  
North and West Leightonstone  
Benefices) by Bishop Dagmar  
on 4 March 2025.*

*We remember Simon in our  
prayers with gratitude for all*

*he did for us in the Astwick Vale  
Benefice.*

## AND FINALLY



*The walking tour of the chapel  
of St Peter, Steane took place  
last Saturday, led by Rowena  
Scrimshaw BA MA. We thank her  
for all the time she had put into  
the event in preparing and  
researching the history of the  
chapel – it really was a  
wonderful tour and a real 'eye  
opener'. We started with the  
outside of the chapel where the  
carved detail was amazing and  
then spent time inside the main  
hall, followed by the burial  
chamber. Thanks also go to our  
Revd. George who also joined in  
with the flow of information  
and, to Theo Hayward who  
organised it all.*

*Thanks also to everyone who  
attended and for their generous  
donations.*

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