Astwick Vale Pews News 23rd March 2025



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 Colour purple Readings Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9 $\sim \sim$

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,

and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Services for 30th March
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday
10.30am, Aynho, Morning
Prayer
11.00am, Croughton, Morning
Prayer

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

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11.00am, Evenley, Morning Prayer

9.15am, Holy Communion, Farthinghoe, Holy Communion

11.00am, Hinton, Morning Prayer



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 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)



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<u>Dates for March 2025</u> 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

<u>Have a look at our Benefice website.</u>
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Printed copies can be found in some of our churches.

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Church Contacts

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<u>Church membership & Electoral</u> <u>roll</u>

The Churches' Electoral Roll is much more than a list of names, it is also a means of communicating with the whole

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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 reapply 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 vou 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.

The dates for the
Annual Parochial Church
Meetings
For the election of
Church Warden
PCC members
Deanery Synod members
Aynho, 30th April, 2pm at St
Michael's

Evenley 5th April at 5.30pm Farthinghoe 6th May (time TBA)

Church Fete dates
Aynho 21st June
Hinton, 12th July

AND FINALLY

St Patrick was the Bishop and
Patron Saint of Ireland

Born approx. 385AD,
died 17th March 461AD

A legend, probably the most popular, is that of the shamrock, which explains the concept of the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God, to an unbeliever, by showing the example of the three-leaved plant with one stalk. Traditionally, the Irish have worn shamrocks, the national flower of Ireland, in their lapels on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.



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