

Astwick Vale Pews News 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Services for 5th March**

**Ash Wednesday**

**9.30am, Croughton, Holy Communion with imposition of ashes**

**7.30pm, Farthinghoe, Holy Communion with imposition of ashes**

**Colour purple**

**Readings**

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

**OR Isaiah 58:1-12,**

**2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

**OR John 8:1-11**



**Services for 9th March**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**6th Sunday before Easter**

**10.00am, Aynho, Morning Worship**

**11.00am Croughton, Holy Communion**

**9.15am, Evenley, Holy Communion**

**5.30pm, Farthinghoe, Evening Prayer**

**11.00am, Hinton, Morning Prayer**

**Colour purple**

**Readings**

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

**Romans 10:8b-13,**

**Luke 4:1-13**

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**Collect**

*Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and*

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The Churches of Aynho, Croughton, Evenley, Farthinghoe, Hinton and Steane  
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*strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen**

**Services for 16th March**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**10.30, Evenley, Benefice**

**Holy Communion**

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## **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 his treatment continues.*
- *For Mark Jermy and family as they prepare for the funeral of Paula on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Banbury Crematorium, 12.00.*
- *For Nick Pane & his family as they prepare for the funeral of Roger on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Banbury Crematorium 2pm.*
- **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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## Dates for March 2025

**5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
(Start of Lent)**

**7<sup>th</sup> Women's World Day of  
Prayer, Service at St Michael's  
Aynho, time 11.00am,  
11<sup>th</sup>, Evenley Village soup  
lunch, 12.15 – 1.30pm  
All welcome**

**(note new start time)**

**14<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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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of our churches.

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## Church Contacts

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*Rev. Terry Richards 01869 811251 –  
(Temporarily unavailable)*

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*Carrie O'Regan 01280 702300*

*May Leng 07903 801143*

*Wardens*

*Aynho*

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*Croughton:*

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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.*

## **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**

**Ash Wednesday is the start of  
the Lenten season.**

*The flower Hellebore is also known as the Lenten Rose. It flowers usually between February and April, coinciding with the period of Lent. Today, the Lenten Rose continues to embody perseverance. It thrives in the chill of early spring, pushing through the last vestiges of winter to herald the coming warmth. Its ability to bloom amidst the remnants of frost speaks to its resilience and serves as a metaphor for overcoming adversity. It has been a symbol of serenity and tranquillity.*



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