THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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Pastoral Letter - March 2020

Hello Everyone, how wonderful it is to see that spring is just around the corner. The lengthening days give us cause to celebrate and look forward to brighter days ahead. We are just entering the season of Lent in the Church, and Lent gets a bad press. It is traditionally associated with a time of depriving ourselves, and going without some of the pleasures and luxuries of life. However, the reality is that Lent is supposed to remind us of the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted, and how this prepared him for his work; and we are encouraged to use Lent to reflect on this.

When Jesus was just getting started with his work, he went into the desert for 40 days to be all alone with God. He went without food and prayed, and was tempted away from what God wanted him to do in all kinds of ways, but he resisted that temptation. You can read about that in Matthew 4:1-11. During Lent, Christians are encouraged to do something different too, like setting special or extra time aside every day to be alone with God and to pray or read the Bible.

So how can we enter into Lent in a positive and prayerful way? It may be that we do give up something for Lent, but to make it more constructive we could take up something in its place and offer that as a living prayer to God. So for example, if you have a coffee habit, perhaps you could swap your usual Cappuccino or latte for something less expensive and collect the money saved during Lent and give it to Charity. Or Perhaps for a few minutes every day you could give up watching some telly and take up praying for whatever is in the current news that day. These are creative and constructive uses of our energies, which focus our efforts not only on God but on helping others.

When Jesus came out of the wilderness after 40 days, he had faced temptations and deprivation, yet in Luke's gospel we are told that he came out "in the power of the Holy Spirit", and he was able to go on doing his work with confidence, resilience and love. Sometimes we have to take time out of our usual activities to face our own 'demons' so to speak, it is why dry January has become so popular. The difference with Lent is that you enter the time with Jesus; you spend some conscious time in prayer and reflection, calling on him to help you with your problems or mistakes in life.

Every day we get a new chance to stop, and reflect on where we are in life and where we are heading. Every day we have another opportunity to turn to Jesus and invite him into our hearts and lives. Every day there is a new offer to wipe the slate clean and begin to change our lives for the better.

We will never fully comprehend the life and ministry of Jesus. But we don't need to understand everything, we are told we just have to believe. *John10:10 Jesus said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"*.

With love and blessings, Revd Sue

Village Hall News

The 200 Club February Winners

£25 98 - Lisa Wenmouth, £15 111 - Mr A Deeley, £10 92 - Teddy Clayton

Comedy night: We are hosting a Comedy night with drinks available. Profits go to MND (Motor Nerone Disease) Charity.

Friday 6th March @7.30pm - book via <u>www.comedyatwork.com</u> and use promo code FTH20 for a reduction to £10 ticket. There will be a facility for children to watch films etc. in the Committee room while parents take part in the Event.

Read and Feed: The next Read and Feed will be early April so watch out for details in the next Chronicle.

Hall heating: The heating has been installed along with Broadband which will be used to control it remotely. User feedback has been very positive and the Committee is pleased with the results of the heating and insulation work.

General: The improvement to the facilities is generating more income from outside the Village and keeping our bank balance positive. However, there is a significant increase in effort required to manage the Hall. We will be looking at the issue soon, but I want to express my thanks to the amazing job done by all the Committee in getting us this far in achieving our goals on behalf of the Village - thank you. The Hall is primarily there to support the Village and can be hired by Villagers for £5 per hour.

We will be losing some of our Committee members shortly, so if anyone is interested in joining, please contact me.

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VILLAGE NOTICES

World Day of Prayer: will take place on Friday 6 March at 2pm. This is a service for all. Everyone is most welcome!

Church Cleaning: will be on Tuesday 10 March from 8.30am.

Coffee, Cake & Chat: On Friday 13 March from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry. All welcome!

Baby Basics: This is a charity supporting new mothers who are not quite as fortunate as others. We will be collecting new baby items, and small items for new mums. The full list is in the Church, where you can leave any donations.

To All Allotment Holders

Unfortunately due to the bad weather we've recently experienced, Jane and Gary Mills' greenhouse has been destroyed. This has meant that despite their best efforts to clear the glass up, there may still be some nasty shards about. They would like to urge everyone, particularly those with children and dogs, to be particularly careful when in the area.



PUB QUIZ

In aid of



If you would like to buy tickets, you can:

email me at alicerowe2002@gmail.com

Call or text me on **07975625741**

Or go into the Fox where tickets will be sold there.

Get your teams ready! (no more than 6 in a team)



TICKETS £10 - INCLUDES A MEAL AND FUN QUIZ ROUNDS

AT THE FOX IN FARTHINGHOE

7PM - 10PM ON THE **18TH**



Why Project Trust...? Raising money for Project Trust has been something that I have been doing for a while now as I have been selected by the charity to teach English in Thailand for year once I finish school. I leave for Thailand in August this year, and I am very close to getting the full £6,200 that I need to raise for the charity in order to go. Project Trust is an Educational Gap Year charity, sending around 300 school leavers overseas every year to volunteer in mainly teaching and social care projects. The money raised from the quiz will go directly to Project Trust to pay for the accommodation, travel, insurance and living costs needed for the year. Thanks for your support!

Astwick Vale Benefice

March 2020

DATE	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
1st March	9:30 Said Com	Farthinghoe SC	
(purple) 1st Sunday of Lent	11.00 Holy Com With Baptism	Aynho SC	Gen 2:15-17, 3.1-7 Rom 5: 12-19 Matt 4: 1-11
	11:00 M/W	Hinton ML	
	6.00pm NO TAIZE		
8 th March (purple)	9:30 Holy Com	Croughton SC	Gen 12. 1-4a
2 nd of Lent	10.00 Family Service	Farthinghoe CO	Rom 4; 1-5, 13-17 John 3;1-17
	11.00 Holy Com	Evenley SC	
	11.00 Family Worship	Aynho Lay Led	
15 th March (purple) 3 rd of Lent	10.00am Benefice Service With Communion (Baby Basics)	Evenley SC/TR/HW/ Preacher Carrie Oregan	Exod 17. 1-7 Rom 5. 1-11 John 4. 5-42
22 nd March Mothering Sunday (purple)	9:30 Family Worship 9:30 Family Service	Croughton SC Evenley CO	Exod 2, 1-10
	11:00 Holy Com	Aynho HW/TR	Colossians 3, 12-17 John 19, 25b-27
	11.00 Holy Com	Hinton SC	
	6.00pm Evening Prayer	Farthinghoe ML	
29 th March (Purple) 5 th of Lent	10.00am Benefice Service With Communion Remember clocks go forward 1hr.	Farthinghoe SC/ HW/ TR	Ezek 37, 1-14 John 11, 1-45



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THE STRESS OUT
OF CATERING FOR
YOUR NEXT EVENT?

"EVERYONE COMMENTED
ON THE DELICIOUS BREAD
AND TASTY FILLINGS FOR
THE SANDWICHES AND
HOW FRESH THEY WEREIT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE
HOMEMADE. THE LOVELY
SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR
CELEBRATION SPECIAL!"
Debbie & Family

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We only use the finest ingredients, sourced locally wherever possible, including from our own farm. All the food is freshly prepared and bought to your venue on the day to set everything up ready for you. And we can even stay on to serve your guests if you would like this additional service.

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