

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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Pastoral Letter – December 2019

There is a song played every year at Christmas that is blasted out in the shops and on the telly, and it goes, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year!”.

Children would agree with that I am sure, but sadly something of the wonder and joy of Christmas has been lost in our culture and society as the story of Christ’s birth has been side lined from Christmas, and it has become much more secularised and consumer driven. So much so that many peoples understanding of Jesus is that he was just a good man...and many folk think he was just a great teacher and philosopher...and they will try to live their lives by the values he taught,...but as great as these understandings about Jesus are, they miss the point of Jesus’s life.

The point of Jesus’ life was to show us the way back to God. Jesus is much more than just a good man or a great teacher,,, because He actually claimed to be God’s son, and claimed that He had been sent to the world to be our Saviour because God loves us. We live in such a complex world, with great good demonstrated by people,, but also great evil by others. Because of the evil in the world many folk cannot bring themselves to believe that there is a God who loves his creation, and who loves the people of the world. Many folk would say if God is so good and loving, why doesn’t he do something?

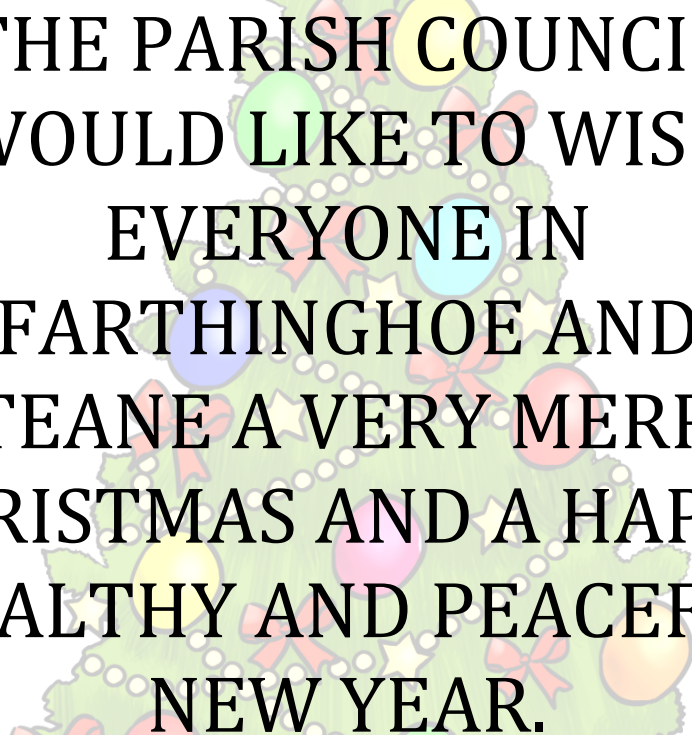
2000 years ago in Bethlehem God did do something,, He sent his one and only son Jesus to show us the way to live, and the way back to Gods heart. And the world would be a very different place if everyone tried to live how Jesus taught us to.

Every Christmas we hear the story of Jesus’s birth, and for many it is heard only as folk lore or myth, or worse still as a fairy-tale. But none the less every year among the tinsel and glitter of the celebrations, the baby of Bethlehem appears in our Carol services, in our children’s School Nativity plays, and is proclaimed from every Church in the land. In reality we can only imagine what it might have been like that 1st Christmas among the dusty busy streets of Bethlehem, But if you will allow yourself to believe the good news the Angels and Shepherds proclaimed, if you will open your heart and mind to God, and to see Jesus as more than just a good man or great teacher, then Christmas is indeed the most wonderful time of the year. It is wonderful because Jesus is more than that,, He is the light of the world, the hope of the nations, God’s very own son and our Saviour.

“The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us.” John 1:14 -

Have a very blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas, with love Rev Sue.

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL



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WOULD LIKE TO WISH
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Village Hall News

The 200 Club November Winners

£25 - 55 Ruth Brittain, £15 - 103 Shirley Downing, £10 - 12 Mick King

Read and Feed: This will take place on Friday 6th December and will be a Christmas themed event with a delicious Tea and Carols.

Ceilidh Evening: The evening event to support Alice Rowe was a great success and raised significant funds for her gap year project.

Heating Project: The new heating system will be installed in January and a new Hot Water system will be funded with a grant received from Rank thanks to some sterling work by Lisa Wenmouth.

External works: These are nearly complete with BBQ built, External sockets installed, Shed moved and School Container patio nearing completion

Dear Farthinghoe,

As many of you know I organised a village ceilidh on the 23rd November at the village hall to raise money for the charity Project Trust as this is the organisation supporting me on my gap year where I will be teaching English in Thailand. I would like to thank everyone who came to support and donated as I managed to raise £800 from the night!

This has now boosted my total fundraising amount to just under £4000 which is the target that Project Trust has given me to reach by Christmas - only £1200 to go!

I hope everyone who attended enjoyed the evening and I am excited to hopefully host some more fundraising events soon!

Thanks again, Alice Rowe

VILLAGE NOTICES

- PCC Meeting: On Tuesday 3 December at 1p at Farthinghoe Lodge
- Church Cleaning: Tuesday 10 December from 8.30am. Bring your duster!
- Coffee & Mince Pie Morning: On Friday 13 December from 10 – 11.15am. The children from the School will hopefully be singing for us. There will also be a raffle.
- Christmas decorating: Please can you help with arranging flowers and foliage to make our Church look lovely for Christmas? If you don't want to arrange flowers, donations would be most welcome!

Thanks

At this time of year, we must say thank you to everyone who helps to keep our Church going, including the church yard team, the cleaners, and anyone who helps with the services, or provides refreshment for our Family service, not forgetting Ollie, who edits this Chronicle!

A note from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Dear All-

Within a very short space of time 2 houses & a car in the village have been broken into.

Please take all the necessary precautions & make a note of anything unusual or suspicious. Noting Registration numbers would also be useful.

There is no need for panic but please be aware and vigilant.

One of the reasons we have an email database register on the Parish Council Website is to enable us to circulate this kind of information to everyone as quickly as possible.

Relative to the number of houses in the parish, we still have a low number of registrations. If you would like to register, please contact me.

**Mick Morris
Chairman
Farthinghoe Parish Council**



Farthinghoe Festive Dog Walk

This year's festive dog walk will be taking place on Friday 27 December and will follow a similar format to last year: walk to a pub, partake of some refreshments then walk back! There will be the option of just doing half the walk for those who don't fancy all of it. We will be leaving from the play park at 10am.

The route has yet to be determined but if you want to join in, please email pipsandel@live.co.uk so we can keep you updated.

Put it in your diaries now!



Village Carol Singing

The plan is for this to take place on Christmas Eve after the crib service. We will meet at the church at 6.30pm, do a small tour of the village before ending up at the Fox to sing there, where Scott and Sarah have kindly agreed to provide mulled wine and mince pies for the carollers.

If you would like to join us, please email pipsandel@live.co.uk so I can keep track of numbers!



FARTHINGHOE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Since our return to school in September, it has been extremely busy at Farthinghoe Primary School. Our keystage 1 children have thoroughly enjoyed their new topic 'The Park', which allowed for an obligatory trip to the wonderful village park.

Our keystage 2 children have been exploring Europe for their topic, which they chose to inspire their fantastic fundraising mission for Children in Need. Beth and Rosie (year 5) have provided us with a report of their fundraising activity -

On the Friday 15th November at Farthinghoe Primary School there was a European Café to raise money for Children in Need; in total we raised a whopping £190.14.

We were all given a country that we had to find recipes and food from. Some were sweet and some were savoury but some people made both. Everybody made fantastic food for the hungry parents. Thank you to everyone who came and helped our school raise lots of money for Children in Need.

Along with our 'Children in Need' fundraising, we also, for the first time in many years, sold poppies at school for the Royal British Legion. Our Charity Ambassadors and year 6 pupils took their responsibility of selling them each day, very seriously and we raised £67.71. Selling and buying the poppies provided an opportunity for the children to learn about why some people wear a red poppy at this time of year to remember those men and women who have died or been injured in conflict. The whole school came together on the playground at 11am on 11th November to observe a 2 minutes silence.

As we rapidly approach Christmas, the whole school is working together for our end of term production of 'The Nutcracker'. Rehearsals are taking place in the church and all the children are embracing learning their lines and practising the songs - our after-school ballet club have been practising hard for their performance too.

With Christmas in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our friends, families and the local community a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Farthinghoe School Christmas Celebration
The Nutcracker
Wednesday 18 December in the village church



The Round Table will be bringing Santa and his
Sleigh around the village on Wednesday 11th
December from 5.45pm

If anybody is able to help volunteer on the evening,
please speak to John Boyd.

This wonderful festive event is a great fundraiser for
the village school.

Astwick Vale Benefice December 2019

DATE	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
1st December Advent 1 Purple	9:30 Said Com 11.00 Holy Com 11:00 M/W 6.00pm Taize	Farthinghoe SC Aynho SC Hinton BR Evenley CO	Isa 2: 1-5 Rom 13: 11-end Matt 24: 36-44
8th December Advent 2 Purple	9:30 Holy Com 10.00 F/S 11:00 11.00 Matins	Croughton SC Farthinghoe CO Evenley SC Aynho ML/WU	Isa 11: 1-10 Rom 15: 4-13 Matt 3: 1-12
15th December Advent 3 purple	10.00am Benefice Service With Communion 3.00pm Lessons & Carols	Farthinghoe SC Croughton SC	Isa 35: 1-10 James 5: 7-10 Matt 11: 2-11 Readings as per sheet
22nd December Advent 4 Purple	9:30 Family Worship 3.00pm Lessons & Carols 5.00pm Lessons & Carols 6.00pm Lessons & Carols 6.00pm Lessons & Carols	Croughton SC Evenley SC/CO Aynho TR Hinton SC Farthinghoe ML	Sue to bring Readings as per Service sheets
24th December Christmas Eve (Tuesday) White	5.00pm Crib Service 11.00pm Christmas Eve Mass	Farthinghoe CO/SC AYNHO SC	Readings on Sheet Isa 52: 7-10 Heb 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14
25th December Christmas Day (Wednesday) White	10.00am Holy com 10.00am F/S 10.00 Holy Com 10.00am Holy Com by Extension 10.00am Family Service	Aynho HW Evenley CO Croughton SC Hinton ML Farthinghoe RJ/LW	Isa 52: 7-10 Heb 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14
29th December White	10.00am Benefice Service Holy Com	Aynho SC	Isa 63: 7-9 Heb 2: 10-end Matt 2: 13-end



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SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR
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