

# THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

*Village news, notices and events....*



## Happy New Year!

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## RECTOR'S LETTER – JANUARY 2017

A Happy New year to all our readers, may it bring us all our hopes and dreams.

As a community of five villages, the past year has had its share of ups and downs. Several members of our communities have died, some better known than others, but all missed equally by their family and friends. We have also seen communities come together for fetes and for celebrations of our monarch's birthday.

As a church community we have much to be thankful for. For those who clean our churches, who care for the churchyards, who decorate our churches with flowers, who serve on parochial Church Councils, and those who take the office of Church Warden. We can also add those who play the organ, those who give refreshments, who have ring bells, sing in choirs and the benefice festival Chorus (BFC). This list goes on and on and I thank you all.

As a group of churches we have managed this past year to pay all our bills: the nearly £10,000 to insure our buildings, the £55,000 to pay the cost of ministry, plus heating, lighting and £150,000 of repairs to the windows and roofs. This hasn't been easy, but with generous support and contributions from charities we have paid our way. I am very grateful for all who have supported us with one off donations, and those who regularly give each week, in a timely and tax efficient manner. Thank you for your support.

We can also give thanks for Shemil and his ministry among us. 2017 will see him come to the end of his training here and he will be looking for his next post or job. We must also thank Heather for the work she has done with our young adults. Routz have met regularly in the rectory and elsewhere and Heather has lead the group and encouraged them as they grow. If they are to continue to grow then she will need some extra help.

Shemil and I have gone into the schools at Croughton and Charlton each week to take a themed assembly and have enjoyed services in church at the start and end of a term. We have also enjoyed inviting the school children at Croughton into church to experience Easter, Pentecost and Harvest, in practical and exciting ways. We also have a team who read the younger children bible stories going under the name of 'Open the Book'. If you would like to join please let me know.

We have also had the fun of the summer holiday club with two special guests from CSI in Melbourne and are very grateful to the headteacher and governors at Croughton school for allowing us to use it in the summer and for all the other thirty strong team of helpers.

Our churches have also seen regular use this year with all but one church having at least three Sunday services each month and then sharing worship with the other churches on the fourth Sunday. Also there is daily prayer in our churches during the week, to which everybody is invited. We have had 20 weddings and blessings and 8 baptisms in our churches, and many funerals as well.

30 people have met regularly for bible studies (Cuppa and Chat) during Lent and autumn and other meet all year round. So as you see, there has been a lot going on and even more to come in 2017.

So if you are thinking of a New Year's resolution, maybe you could think about what you might do to grow your faith, what you might do for your church and also for your community. There are many ways to help and much to be done. But thank you one and all for all your hard work in 2016.

God Bless you all, Revd Simon Dommett



**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2016!**

From everyone at Katharine House, a huge thank you to all of you in our community who have helped Katharine House Hospice over the last 12 months. Whether you volunteer your time, donate to our shops, take part in the Midnight Walk or Santa Fun Run, climb a mountain or hold a cake sale or fashion show, you're making a real difference to hundreds of people in the local area who are facing life-limiting illness. We couldn't carry on providing our services without your help. Thank you again, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017!

## **COULD YOU VOLUNTEER AT KATHARINE HOUSE?**

We're always looking for volunteers to help us deliver a variety of services. Volunteers are an integral part of the work we do in our hospice and in the community.

Volunteer roles include:

Catering Assistants  
Kitchen Assistants  
Receptionists  
Complementary Therapists  
Patient Drivers  
Shop Volunteers  
General Day Hospice  
Ward Clerks  
Gardeners

For more information please visit our website ([www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)) or contact Joanna Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01295 811866, email [volunteering@khh.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@khh.org.uk)

Please note that this month's edition of the Farthinghoe Chronicle is a little shorter than usual due to the holiday period. Full service resumes in February! Please send all copy and advertising placements to the editor by Friday 27 January 2017.

Thank you.



## LIMES FARM

### EVENT CATERING SERVICE

**WHY NOT LET  
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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 WERE -  
IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE  
HOMEMADE. THE LOVELY  
SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR  
CELEBRATION SPECIAL!"**

**Debbie & Family**

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## COMPOST CORNER JANUARY 2017



It's time to turn over the sod of 2016 and start working the fresh ground of 2017; there's no time to waste – so much to do!

Get chitting your early potatoes and even start growing some in a container, somewhere under cover. Sow onion and leek seeds in flower pots on the window sill, to give them a long growing season in which to grow as big as possible. They could be joined by some herbs, salad leaves and spinach. If you have a heated propagator, you should sow slow-growing celeriac and celery so they are ready to plant out in the Spring.

And on the allotment, if you didn't do so in the Autumn, and if the ground is not frozen, sow broad bean Aquadulce. Some strawberry plants under cloches now will reward you with early fruit.

With any luck, the Village Show this year will have less exotic, more traditional fruit and vegetable classes than last year so remember to grow extra for those competition entries.

Back in the garden, you may have noticed that my red hot pokers are expanding and so I feel that it's time to divide my clump. I will leave the surplus roots on the drive so please feel free to grab a handful of my kniphofias, if you're passing.

Here's hoping your hands are warm! Mrs. Trellis

### VILLAGE NOTICES

- Church Cleaning – Tuesday 10 January from 8.30am or as convenient. Could 2017 be the year you would like to help?
- Coffee, Cake & Chat – Friday 13 January from 10-11.15am in the Church Vestry.
- Mothers' Union - No meeting in January - but subs are due!
- Christmas Church Services- We enjoyed our Carol, Crib and Christmas morning services, which were all well attended. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the arrangements for these services, leaders, readers and the children who sang "Away in a Manger" for us. Also thanks to everyone who decorated our Church so beautifully.



## BENEFICE WORSHIP IN JANUARY

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January

11am Communion at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**9.30am BCP Communion at Farthinghoe**

11am Communion at Aynho

11am Morning Worship at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

6pm Taize Worship at Evenley

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Communion at Croughton

**10am Family Worship at Farthinghoe**

11am Matins at Aynhoe

11am Communion at Evenley

6pm BCP Evensong at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Benefice Sunday

10am Communion at Croughton

### Sunday 29 January

9.30am Communion at Croughton

11am Family Communion at Aynho

11am Family Worship at Evenley

11am BCP Communion at Hinton-in-the-Hedges

**6pm BCP Evensong at Farthinghoe**

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**Welcome to the New Year at The Fox  
We have lots planned for 2017 with a**

**new menu in early January,  
new beers, wines & soft drinks to  
enjoy, regular cakes, events & great  
deals to save at your favourite pub!**

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