

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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Pastoral Letter – January 2020

Happy New year to you all. I hope your Christmas was very enjoyable. Every year I speak to people who lament the speed with which Christmas day comes and goes. Blink and you almost miss it. This is a great shame as we all go to great lengths to make Christmas a special time. Some folk have told me that it would be good to observe 12 days of Christmas as is sung about in the carol. In olden times this was customary, and the Christmas festivities would begin on Christmas day and continue for twelve days, finishing on the twelfth night on 6th January. This sounds like a good idea to me.

In the Church seasonal cycle we will be celebrating the Epiphany in Church on Sunday the 5th January. It is the time we remember when the Three Wise Men travelled from a far-off land in the east, to offer their gifts to the New King, whose star they had seen appear in the sky, and which they were following. Epiphany means, appearing or revealing, and that star led them to Jesus. Everything about Jesus was unexpected and unfathomable, which is why many of his own people did not recognise him or accept him as their king and Saviour. Jesus was a joke to many people of his day, and someone to be sneered at and disregarded. Over 2000 years later we are still celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas and the revealing of who Jesus is, at Epiphany. The question is, do we, like the wise men, recognise and accept him as Gods son, or like some of the people of his own day, do we overlook him because we think belief in Jesus, or God, is a joke and irrational, and something to disregard.

There are millions of believers worldwide who have had an Epiphany moment when they came to believe that Jesus is not just some good man from the pages of history, who is enshrined in myth and legend; but that he is in fact, who the wise men knew him to be; God's own son, a King, who was sent to earth, to bring peace, love and hope to all mankind.

We are not just beginning a new year, but a new decade. The years come and go, and pass by so quickly, and we can get so busy with the stuff of life that we don't give God any thought at all. This year, if you have not already done so, why not open your heart and mind to the possibility that there is a God, and that he loves you!

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed new year.

With love Rev Sue

Village Hall News

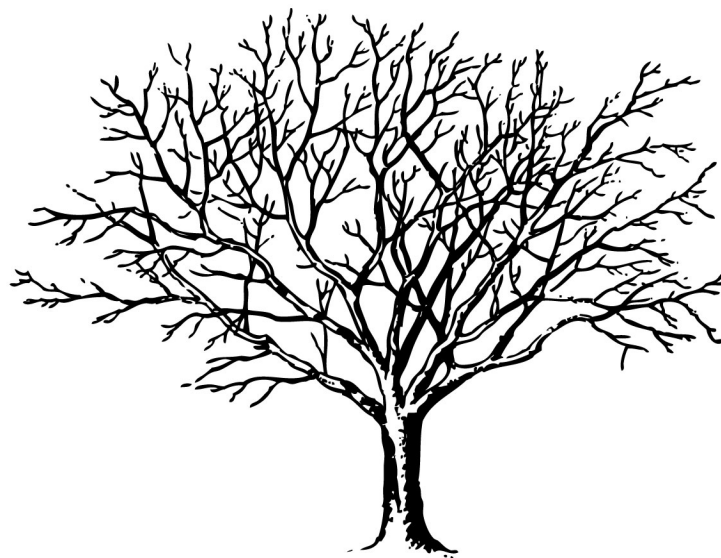
The 200 Club December Winners

£25 - 86 Marjorie Morris, £15 - 40 Mrs. B Allen, £10 - 24 Peter Butler

The income stream is still very positive with our regular Hirers and quite a few private bookings in December. We also had a boost from the General Election as the Hall is used as a Polling Station. An additional grant of £800 has been obtained from the Rank Organisation and this will help with Hot Water installation.

The new heating will be installed in January following some preparation work by ourselves. This will be electric, so our next big project is to raise the funds for Solar panels on the roof and a battery to store the power. Clearly this will be a long term project, but the work we have carried out to date is likely to help us with Grant applications.

The Committee Room book shelving will be completed in January, and will help store the many books kindly donated by Villagers. Watch out for details of the next 'Read and Feed' event.



VILLAGE NOTICES

- Coffee, Cake & Chat: Friday 10 January from 10 – 11am. There will be a raffle as usual.
- If you haven't been before, start in 2020. You will be most welcome!
- Church Cleaning: Tuesday 14 January from 8.30am
- Thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the Church, or read a lesson at the Carol service! We couldn't manage without you!

New Bus Service

From Monday 13th January Stagecoach will be introducing a new hourly return bus service between Brackley and Bicester.

This service will link up with the existing 500 series at Brackley Market Place. From Bicester it will also link up with Oxford bound services.

As the bus will be a Banbury based bus the first service in the morning & the last return journey in the evening will both stop in Farthinghoe.

Detailed timetables are available from Stagecoach. The Bus Service number is 505

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/oxfordshire/500/brackley-banbury/xoao500.i>



Weekly Health Walks

Join us on our weekly Friday Health Walks in collaboration with South Northants and Cherwell District Council.

This is a wonderful opportunity to join an organised walk around the beautiful countryside that surrounds Katharine House. Each weekly walk will not only provide the perfect opportunity to improve your activity levels and general wellbeing but also offers you the chance to make new friends, encourage each other and find a supportive network of like-minded people.

The walks are open to families, carers, patients, supporters, and volunteers - generally, anyone who has an affiliation with our hospice.

Each walk will be led by a friendly, specially trained volunteer who will be on hand to provide encouragement and support and make sure no one gets left behind.

A typical walk may last up to 60 minutes, although this may vary.

No need to book, just turn up although it may be advisable to contact the hospice beforehand just to make sure it is going ahead.

Please wear loose comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear.

Refreshments will be available after the walk.

For more information please contact Hannah.Mozelewski@khh.org.uk

Start: 3rd January, 2020 at 10:00am

End: 18th December, 2020 at 11:00am

Location: Katharine House Hospice, Aynho Road, Adderbury, OX17 3NL

Benefice Worship – January 2020

DATE	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH	READINGS
5 th January The Epiphany (White)	9:30 Said Com 11.00 Holy Com 11:00 Morning Worship 6.00pm NO Taize	Farthinghoe TR Aynho HW Hinton KJ/JV	Isa 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 1-12 Matt 2: 1-12
12 th January The Baptism of Christ (White)	9.30 Holy Com 10.00 Family Service 11.00 Holy Com 11.00 Morning Worship	Croughton SC Farthinghoe RJ/LW Evenley SC Aynho Lay Led	Isa 42: 1-9 Acts 10: 34-43 Matt 3: 13-end
19 th January (White) 2 nd of Epiphany	10.00am Benefice Service Holy Com SOCK SUNDAY!	Hinton SC/TR/HW	Isa 49: 1-7 1 Cor 1:1-9 John 1: 29-42
26 th January (White) 3 rd of Epiphany	9:30 Family Worship 9:30 Family Service 11:00 Holy Com 11.00 Holy Com 6.00pm E/Prayer	Croughton SC Evenley CO Aynho TR/HW Hinton SC Farthinghoe ML	Isa 9: 1-4 1 Cor 1: 10-18 Matt 4: 12-23



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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!"

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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 brought 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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