

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....



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PASTORAL LETTER OCTOBER 2021

Dear Friends, as I sit writing this letter I have just finished doing my paperwork for a Baptism service we had yesterday at Church. I have been struck by how joyous it has been these past few months to be holding Weddings and Baptisms again. These are wonderful celebrations that mark the journey of life. Someone once said to me that Clergy are privileged to perform the rites of passage through life and he was right, Clergy are privileged to officiate at these occasions, but Church is not the only place for occasions that mark special times in life. In our homes we have birthday celebrations and Wedding anniversaries. We also have other types of rite of passage such as 1st days at school, graduation days and school proms. Also, we have celebrations that have been imported from overseas such as baby showers. These are all forms of rituals that we do with both families and friends, or in larger groups of society, and they mark events or celebrations which recognise important changes or events in a person's life.

In Church we have another "rite of passage" known as Confirmation, and this service marks a very important event in a person's life. This is a special service for people who were baptised as babies, or as children, and who were too young to take on the Christian faith for themselves, and so at their baptism their Parents and God Parents committed to bringing them up in the Christian faith. But the baptism service for a baby or young child was never meant to be the end point, it was intended to be the beginning point in a lifelong journey of faith with God and the Church. This is why we offer a service of Confirmation for older children and adults who have been baptised.

Sadly, many people who were baptised as babies never go beyond baptism, and that's a pity because Confirmation is an opportunity for them to publicly confirm their Christian commitment for themselves in front of family and friends and congregations. It gives a person the special opportunity to say the declarations and promises that were made for them as a child, and is a way of "owning" the Christian faith for ourselves.

I was 22 years old when I became a Christian, and was baptised; I was later Confirmed at the age of 47. And there is something profoundly liberating in "nailing our colours to the mast" so to speak, and knowing that we are part of a cause or movement that is bigger than ourselves. All human beings belong to God whether they know it or not,, but it is wonderful to be able to embrace this reality publicly and to commit to him and his Son Jesus. Jesus wasn't ashamed to be associated with the disciples and followers, and none of them were perfect, in fact they were a mixed bunch of ordinary folk just like us. Jesus was committed to them even to the point of calling them his friends, and Jesus is still committed to his followers today and calls us his friends, but the question is...are we committed to him?

There is to be a deanery Confirmation service on Sunday 21st November at 3pm at St Peters Church, Brackley. If you would like to be Confirmed at this special service of celebration please do contact me. If you have not been baptised and would like to be, then contact me and we will arrange it. I will be holding some informal sessions for people interested in Confirmation or Baptism, so please do come along, I would love to meet with you. For details contact me at revsue.cooper@gmail.com or Tel 01869 810903.

God bless you all, with love Rev Sue.

200 CLUB WINNERS – SEPTEMBER 2021

1st Prize £25 Val King No 16
2nd Prize £15 Lucie Pearson No 58
3rd Prize £10 Viv Fox No 113

VILLAGE NOTICES

- Church Cleaning: Will take place on Tuesday 12 October from 8.30am. Many hands make light work!
- Coffee, Cake and Chat: Friday 15 October from 10 – 11am in the Church Vestry. There will be a Bring & Buy and also a raffle. Coffee and Cake is £1 – Chat is free!
- Church Fete: Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way in connection with the preparation of the Fete, and also to those who supported it! Total raised £1320!
- Macmillan Coffee Morning: With thanks to the Village Hall for allowing the Coffee Morning to be held there, and thanks to all the helpers, and those who came and spent their money! Total raised £260.





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Geoff Wenmouth

I just want to say thank you for all the cards, flowers and messages I have received since Geoff's death. I am sorry not to have replied individually, but please know how much they have been of comfort to me - I have really felt wrapped up in love.

Quite simply Geoff was everything to me and my world is completely turned on its head. Being 16 years apart in age, I had always expected that I would have time on my own - I just didn't expect it so soon.

The coroner is involved and he has started an investigation as the cause of death is not known, but I am now able to move ahead with the funeral.

It will be at 3pm on Monday 18th October at Farthinghoe church, followed by food and drink at the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome. Those of us still standing can regroup at The Fox in the evening.

I would like the service to be a celebration of Geoff's life and would prefer no mourning clothes - but please come as you most feel comfortable.

Lisa x

Astwick Vale Benefice October 2021

DATE Altar Colour	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
3rd October (Green) 18th after Trinity	9:30 Said Com 11.00 Holy Com 11:00 Harvest Festival Morning Worship	Farthinghoe SC Aynho TR Hinton SC	Gen 2: 18-24 Heb 1: 1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10: 2-16
10th October Green 19th after Trinity	9.30am Holy Com 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00 Morning Worship 11.00 Morning Worship	Croughton HW/ML Farthinghoe CO Aynho Lay Led Evenley CO	Amos 5: 6-7,10-15 Heb 4: 12-end, Mark 10: 17-31
17th October Green 19th after Trinity	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Com	Hinton TR	Isa 53: 4-end Heb 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45
24th October (Green) Last after Trinity Bible Sunday	9.30 M/Worship 9.30am Holy Com 11:00 Baptism with Holy Com 11.00 Holy Com 6pm Evening/P	Croughton CO Evenley SC/ML Aynho SC Hinton TR Farthinghoe Lay Led	Isa 55. 1-11 2 tim 3. 14-4.5 John 5. 36b -end Psalm 119: 121- 136
31st October (RED) All Saints/All Souls	10.30am Benefice All Souls 3.00pm	Farthinghoe SC/ Ministry Team Evenley SC/Ministry Team	Isa 25. 6-9 Rev 21. 1-6a John 11.32-44



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