

THE FARTHINGHOE CHRONICLE

Village news, notices and events....

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Pastoral Letter – January 2021

Dear Friends, I hope that your Christmas was enjoyable, even if somewhat different from the one you had planned! But now, as we turn our thoughts to a new year; can you remember New year's eve last year,,,,,none of us knew what was about to happen to the world with the pandemic, which is probably a good thing! What a year 2020 was. But hope springs eternal and we have the promising vaccines coming to the rescue. Only time will tell how this will work out, but we hope and pray for better days ahead.

Traditionally at the turn of a new year many of us are looking at ways we can change certain aspects of our lives for the better, like getting a new job, changing career, or moving house. And we might also look at what "self-improvement" methods we could try, in an attempt to change certain aspects of ourselves. However, for many people, these thoughts have already been addressed in the past year during the time and space created by lockdown and restrictions. Much of the nation has already been engaged in a process of self-examination, and making life changes, which, for some has been liberating. For others however the past year has left them struggling to put food on the table, struggling to pay the bills and make ends meet; and for thousands of others the past year has been a process of grief, with one loss after another and has left them shell-shocked and heartbroken as they pick up the pieces of their lives. It has been said that although we are all going through the same Covid storm, we are not all sitting in the same boat. This is true.

At the beginning of this letter I said that, "this time last year none of us knew what was about to happen to the world with the pandemic"; But the thing is, God knew.

God knew that this was coming to the world and he knows how it will pass. This is very hard for us to get our heads around, and it is something which causes many people to question whether there is a God at all? and if there is a God....then what sort of God is he that would allow this terrible pandemic to wreak such disaster on the world? These are valid questions. So why doesn't God do something?? Why doesn't he act in our world??

The truth is, God has done something.....and he has acted in our world. He sent Jesus! And although this truth might sound simplistic to some, trusting in Gods actions, or apparent inactions in our world, is not easy.... it takes courage and faith. Jesus warned his followers **that "in this world you will have many troubles but take heart! I have overcome the world."** (John 16:33)

Trusting in Gods ultimate goodness towards us requires a daily step of faith, especially when we don't understand how God is working through all of this.

It is a daily step of faith to live our lives **with God, and for God.**

I do pray that 2021 will be a happy and healthy one for us all. Happy New Year to you all. With love Rev Sue



Replacement Farthinghoe Bus Shelters

Below is a photograph of the design of Bus Shelter with seat which the Parish Council proposes as a replacement for both of the existing village Bus Shelters, although ours will have the optional transparent polycarbonate frontage as an added benefit. Both will also be fitted with Village lockable information boards.

It is the Parish Council's belief that these shelters will give increased protection from the weather along with protection from the spray & noise of the traffic. The shelter located close to the church will also make passengers more visible to the bus drivers without the need to stand outside of the shelter. We also believe that it may encourage people to use the buses more in the long term.

We have now been offered a grant to cover 80% of the cost of these new shelters with the following condition.

The grant provider would like to confirm that residents feel the same way as the Parish Council about these advantages.

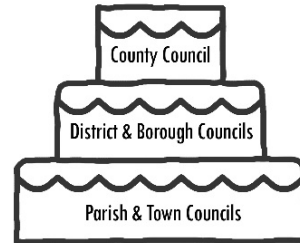
We need to hear from as many people as possible before January 12th which will then enable us to quickly accept the grant offer. Please contact the following with your responses.

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All Change for Councils in Northamptonshire

Local government in Northamptonshire is changing. The existing system, which has been in place since the 1970s, is like a three-tier cake. The bottom layer is parish and town councils which typically cover one village or town. The middle layer is borough and district councils, which are responsible for things like planning applications, collecting the bins, tourism, and dealing with benefits. The top layer is the county council, which is responsible for things like social services, education, and highways.



From 1 April 2021 the top two layers of the cake are being replaced with one layer, known as unitary councils. There will be two in Northamptonshire: North Northamptonshire Council, and West Northamptonshire Council. Parish and town councils remain as they are.



The new council's logo.

West Northamptonshire Council will cover the area currently covered by Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council, and South Northamptonshire Council. The area contains the towns of Northampton, Daventry, Towcester and Brackley and nearly two hundred villages and hamlets. West Northamptonshire Council will be one of the larger unitary councils in England. It will be responsible for all the services currently being provided in the area by the district, borough, and county councils.

The main reason for replacing the district, borough and county councils with unitary councils is to save money. Northamptonshire County Council had well-publicised financial issues in 2017 and 2018, which led to a government inspection of the council. The inspector's report recommended that creating unitary councils was the best solution.

Most people will not notice any difference, certainly in the first few years of the unitary councils. In fact, great efforts are being made to ensure that is the case. For example, the lorry collecting the rubbish might have a different logo on it, but the bins will still be collected. Council services will continue as normal, and any changes will be gradual.

From 2021 you will see three lines on your council tax bill. You will pay an amount for the parish or town council that looks after your village or town, an amount for Northamptonshire Police, and an amount for West Northamptonshire Council for all the council services it provides. The amount you pay to each body is set by that body.

West Northamptonshire Council will have 93 councillors, who will be chosen at the local elections on 6 May 2021. Some will be people who have been district, borough, and county councillors before; others will be new. Anyone over 18 and living in West Northamptonshire can put themselves forward to be a councillor. The councillors elected in 2021 will serve a four-year term of office and may seek re-election in 2025.

Council meetings are held in public, and all the information, reports, and papers for the meetings are published on the council's web site. Councils are open and democratic bodies and are accountable to the people they serve.

If you are interested to find out more about the changes happening to local government in Northamptonshire please visit <https://futurenorthantswest.org/>.



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Budget consultation launched – how much would you pay for your police and fire services?

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has launched a consultation to ask for views on police and fire services and the level of council tax precept that people will be asked to pay next year.

The reach the survey, use the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WCNHXRMM>

Mrs Carmen Bateman
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27th December 2020

Ms Lisa Wenmouth
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Dear Lisa

Thank You Very Much from Brackley Food Bank

We are extremely grateful to Fathinghoe Village residents and the Village Hall Committee for the very generous donation of £569 raised by those that participated in Fathinghoe Village Advent Windows.

This cash gift is incredibly useful to us and will allow us to purchase various foods that we are short of, which may not be included in food donations all of the time.

Please extend our sincere gratitude to Committee members and everyone involved with Fathinghoe Advent Windows whose efforts culminated in such a wonderful donation. Such generosity is heart warming and very much appreciated and will help those residents in Brackley and the surrounding villages who are currently facing difficult times.

With Very Best Wishes and Appreciation,

On Behalf of All at the Brackley Food Bank

Village Notices

- Church Cleaning: Will take place on Wednesday 20th January from 8.30am. All welcome!
- We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who decorated our Church for Advent and Christmas. It all looked lovely! Also, thanks to everyone who took part in our Service of Lessons and Carols.

Happy New Year!





Test your courage and take part in one of the shortest sponsored walks in the world.

19th March, 2021 at 6:30pm

Banbury Rugby Club, DCS Stadium at Bodicote Park, Bodicote, OX15 4AF

As the temperature drops, why not turn up the fundraising heat by taking part in our fire walk to help support people facing life-limiting illness in our community.

You'll be walking over embers burning at a temperature that could melt aluminium - without any injury or pain. You'll receive all the training needed to take part on the night during a 1 hour motivational session.

All entrants must be able to walk the length of the walk (12 feet) unaided and with good mobility and be aged 18 or over.

£25 registration (includes a Firewalk certificate to prove that you braved the heat for a great cause). £125 minimum sponsorship for this fundraising event for Katharine House.

To book your place please visit our website:

<https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/firewalk>

At the current time, due to current restrictions on events following the COVID-19 outbreak, we are sorry to say that we are not going to be able to allow spectators to watch this event. We continue to monitor the situation and, should Government guidelines allow this may change. However, in the meantime, please keep this in mind and we will keep all participants up to date on the situation as we near the event date.

Astwick Vale Benefice
January 2021

DATE	TIME/ SERVICE	CHURCH/LEADER	READINGS
3rd January (White) Epiphany	9:30 Holy Com/BCP 11.00am Morning Worship 11.00am Holy Com	Farthinghoe SC Hinton C/O Aynho S/C	Isa 60: 1-6 Eph3: 1-12 Matt2: 1-12
10th January (White) The Baptism of Christ	9.30am Holy Com 10.00am Morning Worship 11.00am Holy Com	Croughton SC AYNHO Lay Led Evenley SC	Gen 1: 1-5 Acts 19: 1-7 Mark 1: 4-11
17th January (White) 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am Morning Worship 11.00am Holy Com	Farthinghoe S/C M/L Hinton S/C M/L	1 Sam 3: 1-10 Rev 5: 1-10 John 1: 43-end
24th January (White) 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Morning Worship 11.00am Holy Com	Evenley C/O Croughton H/W Aynho TR	Gen 14: 17-20 Rev 19: 6-10 John 2: 1-11
31st January (White) Candlemas	Benefice Zoom 10.30 am	Benefice Zoom 10.30am S/C	Deut 18: 15-20 Rev 12: 1-5a Mark 1: 21-28



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THE SANDWICHES AND
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IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE
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SPREAD REALLY MADE OUR
CELEBRATION SPECIAL!”
Debbie & Family

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We have a wealth of experience in catering for many different events and the Limes Farm Catering Team can tailor our menus to your exacting requirements. We also provide help, advice and creative ideas to make your event just that little bit extra special.

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.



Call the Limes Farm Catering Team on 01295 711 229 to discuss
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