

Parish Diary

Regular Activities (M=Mon – F=Fr)

MTW-F 9am – 3.15pm Pre-School

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---T-	9am – 12.45pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
----F	9.15am – 11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group	Pinchmill Hall
---T-	11.00am (approx)	Fishmonger in village – call 07803 201399 for info	
---T-	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
----F	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn
----F	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Youth Club	Pinchmill

June

Sat 5	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Hulatts
Sun 6	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 1	St Mary's Church
Thu 10	1.30pm	Thursday Club visit to Castle Ashby	
Sun 13	10.15am	Family Service - Trinity 2	St Mary's Church
Sat 19	1.30pm	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church
Sun 20	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 3	St Mary's Church
	1.30pm	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church
	6.30pm	Praise Service	St Mary's Church
Sun 27	10.15am	Patronal Festival	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
July			
Sat 3	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Stockley's
Sun 4	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 5	St Mary's Church

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Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

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We welcome any item of general interest for inclusion. Please email items by the 25th of the month to ousenews@justs.info and put OuseNews in the Subject line.

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June 2010

Changes

Rev David G Mason

We are now at that time in the Church's year when we move from a more active program that began with Advent and culminating in Pentecost to the more reflective time of the series of Sundays after Trinity. In our country we have just had the excitement of a General Election and we now face a period of coalition government which will be a new experience for most of us. It is exciting and challenging to live in eventful and changing times, it can be a time when new ideas and ways of dealing with old problems may emerge as well as the new problems and solutions which are inevitable in new situations.

It seems to me that in our spiritual life as well as in our secular one we need times of stimulation and challenge as well as ones of reflection and study. A life which is all go and action, and which allows no time for rest and reflection runs the risk of 'burnout' and breakdown. A life which is no-go and no-action runs the risk of staleness and permanent lethargy. There has to be a balance if we are to get the most out of the gift of life that we have been given. Our faith has to be worked at through study, prayer and practice, if it is not worked at it is in great danger of dying. I believe that the same principles apply to many other active aspects of life. So often we fail to follow these principles as we become involved in so many things that we do not allow ourselves to spend enough time to think deeply about any of them. This is particularly important in our faith and in our relationships. Too often marriages fail because the partners stop working at maintaining love for each other, which is the foundation of the relationship, because of their jobs or other activities.

We live in stimulating and challenging times, and although such times can be unsettling they can also be exciting and make us think of new directions and opportunities. But let us not forget to take time out for reflection and the maintenance of those things in our life that are precious to us. Let us not forget the importance of our faith and of our deep relationships and that we need both to work at them and to spend time of reflection on them so that they are strengthened and deepened. Let us all remember that we also need times of rest, time to relax and release the pressure of life, time to enjoy the gift of life which we have been so generously given

Save the Children Fund

The recent door-to-door collection in Marriotts Close and Trinity Close raised £59.62. Thanks to all who gave so generously. If anyone is willing to collect along another road in the village next year, please let me know.

Andy Evans

last 12 months. Please leave any cartridges or mobile phones in the church porch.

Sharnbrook Patronal Festival

On the 27th June we will be joining the congregation of St Peter's Church for their Patronal Festival which starts at 10.15am. There will not be a service at St Mary's.

David Mason

Thursday Club

At our May meeting we enjoyed a games afternoon with Whist, Scrabble, Dominoes and Bananagrams!

Joan Thomas

We are visiting Castle Ashby Gardens on June 10th at 1.30. p.m. Transport will be arranged for you, hopefully the sun will shine!

Number Plate Thefts

The police report there is a growing tendency in the area for thieves to steal car number plates and then to put them on cars used for crimes. The plates are often only used whilst crimes are committed. If you find your plates stolen the police request that it is reported immediately so the vehicle number is circulated.

Dave Girling

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Save the Children

It is likely that I shall have to give up the Christmas trading for SCF in the near future and I would love to find someone who could take it over from me. The operation has become much simpler since I started in 2003 and this year it will just involve ordering cards direct from the printer and selling them at various coffee mornings, which other members of the local committee are prepared to help with. The job will occupy only a few hours a week, mostly in October. If you are interested in helping this excellent charity, please phone me on 01234 781789.

Jacky Phipps

Calling All Allotment Holders!

The first Best Kept Allotment competition was held last September, and sponsored by the Parish Council. This year, on the advice of the judge, the competition is being moved to the week beginning Monday 5th July. It is again sponsored by the Parish Council and all allotment holders are invited to take part. If you would like to be involved please see Geoff Hulatt who has the necessary entry forms, or you can ring me, Maggie Spoor, on 782031.

Maggie Spoor

PCC Meeting

At the PCC Meeting on the 17th May the following were discussed:

The wildlife area behind the church is establishing itself and the children's play area is progressing.

Peter Rankin

We discussed at some length the Remembrance Day service and felt that it could be improved upon. One suggestion being that younger people should be involved. If anyone has suggestions please give them to any member of the PCC (list of members outside church and Felmersham.net)

There will be a churchyard clean to clean - OUR CHURCHYARD - this will be on 17th July at 10.30am.....all help would be appreciated / bring the children.

Many thanks to all who were involved in the Christian Aid collection...It raised over £480....as well as the £100 raised by the donation of printer cartridges over the

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Village Trades and Services

Teas served on both days at The Old School House

Church Coffee Morning

The Church Coffee Morning for June is to be held at the home of Geoff and Celia Hulatt, Felmersham on Saturday 5th June at 10.30am. The monies raised will be put towards the flower festival to be held in the Church the weekend of 19th and 20th June.

The Coffee Morning for July raising funds for the Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Jeff and Karen Stokley, Felmersham on Saturday 3rd July 2010 at 10.30am.

Home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Harold Volunteer Drivers

This service has been set up by Wellingborough Volunteer Bureau in conjunction with Harold Medical Practice with the help of funding provided by the Friends of Harold Surgery. It is on the verge of folding due to the lack of local volunteer drivers, leaving those patients who have come to rely on it to try and make alternative arrangements.

This service takes people, mainly elderly or disabled, to essential medical appointments. It is for people without their own transport and where there is no public transport available. The service picks users up at home, takes them to their medical appointment, waits with them and returns them safely home. Drivers are volunteers who use their own cars. Petrol expenses are covered by the passenger. If you have some time to spare and are willing to become a volunteer driver please call The Wellingborough Volunteer Bureau tel no 01933 276933 or contact Harold Surgery 01234 720225 for more details.

It will be a great pity if we are unable to keep this service going.

A date for your diary

12th FELMERSHAM & RADWELL AUTUMN SHOW
and
ART EXHIBITION

SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
in Pinchmill Hall

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Planning Applications

I have long wanted to list all planning applications for the Parish in OuseNews however in the past the Parish Council have been unable to forward that information on. Now it is possible to be emailed when a planning application is submitted. Do you think listing applications here is a good idea or not? Do please send me your comments either by email ousenews@justs.info or phone (781967).

Editor

Churchyard Clean

Advance Notice: The annual churchyard clean will take place on Saturday 17th July 2010 at 10.30am. Everyone welcome to come and help. Just bring along your own gardening tools. Everyone has their own gardens to do, but, if you can spare a couple of hours on the 17th July it could be an enjoyable morning doing gardening with your neighbours and at the same time making your Churchyard a smarter place. Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Jane Wells

Flower Festival And Praise Service

Their will be a Flower Festival in the Church over the weekend of the 19-20th June, and on the Sunday there will be a Praise Service beginning at 6.00pm.

David Mason

On your behalf I thank all the people who will be involved in any way in the planning, organisation and work for and during the weekend.

Parish News and Discussions

Most people probably know that Ken Shrimpton's website www.felmersham.net is an excellent resource for finding out what is going on in the Parish and for other interesting items, especially photographs. It contains much more than can be put into OuseNews so it is well worth looking there regularly.

Editor

There is also a web-based parish group – Felmersham Forum – which allows for rapid distribution of news or other items of village interest. It is interactive so people can, and often do, respond - sometimes leading to lively debates. One of the major uses is by the Oil Buying group however other topics this last month included: Cold Calling; Electricity Meter Replacement, Getting Felmersham Green; a School Project on Flooding; Wind Turbines at Peisoe End; Google Street View as well as items reminding people of parish activities, and, of course, oil!

If you would like to join up please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/felmersham> or send an email to felmersham-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

New this month on www.felmersham.net.....

Pictures of Kelly and Stuart's Wedding

Kelly Edwards, formerly of Felmersham, and Stuart Rabson were married at St Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 22nd May.

Cherrie walks the London Moonwalk

Cherrie Dawson walked the 26.2 mile London Moonwalk Marathon on 15th May to raise funds for breast cancer charities. She was accompanied by her daughter-in-law Victoria from Oslo and Berit, also from Oslo. They did the walk in 6h 40m, it was Cherrie's 3rd Moonwalk, Victoria's second and Berit's first.

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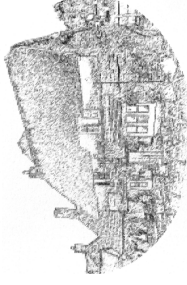
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