

REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803201399 for info	
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Wed	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Community Shop - held in the church	St Mary's
Thurs	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Zumba Fitness Class	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group(term time only)	Portakabin
Fri	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Youth Club	Village Hall

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Sunday in each month	7.30pm Sunday Sisters	The Sun Pub
2nd Thursday in each month	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm W.I	Committee Room
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun Pub
1st Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

CHURCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S FOR JULY (these are the regular weekly services for each month – if there are any changes to these services, details will appear inside the magazine and also on the small notice board at the Lych Gate)

Monday to Friday evenings	5.00pm	Evening Prayers (15 minutes)
Every Thursday morning	9.30am	Midweek Communion (30 minutes)
Every Sunday evening	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong at Sharnbrook
1 st Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion & Rise and Shine
2 nd Sunday in the month	11.00am	All Age Communion
3 rd Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion
4 th Sunday in the month	11.00am	Choral Matins
5 th Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector & Rural Dean:	Revd. Robert Evens	(782000)
Curate:	Revd. Thomas Sander	(781773)
Pastoral Assistant:	Rosemary Drewery	(07792926004)
Churchwardens:	Ken Shrimpton	(781381)
	Jane wells	(782462)
Treasurer:	Stephen Hill	(781064)

Editor: Elaine Poulter (781133) or email elaine.poulter@googlemail.com

Items should be with the Editor by **noon on the 25th** of each month



A service will be held at Hall Farm, Radwell on Sunday 20 July at 11.00 am

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July 2014

A MESSAGE FROM REVD. ROBERT EVENS

In spring and summer across fields and moors you can hear them and it's a piece of music my wife loves. How timely that *"The Lark Ascending"*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams, was recently declared the nation's favourite piece of classical music by Classic FM.

Not only is the skylark the very voice of spring and summer but, [lest we forget](#), it's a hundred years since Vaughan Williams first began to compose his stirring piece – standing on cliffs above Margate, watching naval exercises, prior to the declaration of war.

And so, while the music evokes nostalgia for an English pastoral scene, drawing inspiration from George Meredith's poem *"The Lark Ascending"* (Vaughan Williams copied his lines about the bird's *"silver chain of sound"* onto his score), this is no easy listening composition. In fact, the controller of Radio 3, Roger Wright, warned that *"there is loss... and the sense of a difficult time in a country's history"*. He concludes: *"It should not simply be a piece to relax to."* What great art ever should?

For the musician Kerry Andrew, the violin's evocation of the skylark represents a sense of *"spiritual aspiration"* – which, I have to admit, is my own point of entry; especially since hearing that the skylark can sing a wondrous 200 separate notes or 'consonants' **per second**. David Hindley, formerly head of music at Homerton College, Cambridge, discovered this when he recorded and slowed down the bird's song. Fifty seconds' worth of skylark can be transposed into 13 minutes' of sheet-music! And remarkably, he found that the structures of its music closely resemble those of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

All the while, the skylark never sings the same thing twice. It is forever composing unique variations – new every morning – which are *"on equal terms"*

with anything man has ever written”, according to David Hindley. “Profuse strains,” as the poet Shelley puts it in his ode “To a Skylark”, “.....of unpremeditated art”.

Perhaps “unpremeditated” is key. We’re not all great composers, but nevertheless: the same creative Spirit, which first hovered over the face of the waters, *would* flow uniquely through us, too, like lark-song... were we not to worry so much about what others think of our efforts, or whether we’re good enough, that we choke it. God gives us a voice, a melody, creativity. So “...sing to the Lord, all the Earth!” as the psalmist writes. That’s what “*The Lark Ascending*” reminds me of. Let it flow. Which is inspiring listening, no doubt: but never easy.

With every blessing,

Robert

HOUSE VALLEY DEANERY GROUP - MOTHER’S UNION MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 8th July at 2.30pm** in St Peter’s Room at Sharnbrook Church (access is either through the church, or outside at the back of the church). This will be Wave of Prayer.

The annual Garden Party takes place on **Thursday 10th July** starting at 2.30pm. At the time of printing the venue is not final. If you would like to attend or would like more information please contact Caroline Evens at the Rectory, Sharnbrook or call her on 782000.

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 11th September** and the talk will be “How to Be the Perfect Mother-in-law” by Jean McIntosh. Not to be missed! A very warm welcome is extended to all members and non-members.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Lorraine Shrimpton

On **Sunday 3rd August at 6.00pm** there will be a special service in St Mary’s Church to commemorate the start of the First World War. It will be an evening of poetry, readings, song, hymns and prayer, honouring all who were involved in this war. More details next month.



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WEDDINGS AT ST MARY’S DURING JULY

Lorraine Shrimpton

Saturday 5th July at 2.00pm Rosalind Templeman / Michael Pantrey (Rosalind is the daughter of Jane {and the late} Michael Templeman, formerly of Felmersham)

Saturday 12th July at 1.00pm Mair Evans / Daniel Seal (Mair is the daughter of Sue and Andy Evans, from Marriotts Close)

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Calling all allotment holders!

Rosie Cheetham

The annual Best Allotment Competition will be taking place this month and includes some new categories including "Best Newcomer", "Best Crop" so even if your allotment isn't the best you still have a chance of winning something and it's only 30p to enter. There will also be a "People's Choice Award" which will be voted for by fellow allotment holders. Look out for the entry form on your allotment. Return completed entries to Rosie Cheetham . 781046

TEAS & COMMUNITY SHOP IN THE CHURCH

Lorraine Shrimpton



The monthly tea and cake will be served in the Church on Wednesday 16th July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Everyone welcome to come along for a cup of tea (or coffee) and a chat and a slice of home-made cake too! Tea and cake will also be served on Wednesday 20th August and Wednesday 17th September.

Also the Community Shop will be open, offering fresh eggs, bread, home-made cakes and/or pies, jams, chutneys, garden produce, cards and craft items. Did you know you could purchase stamps at the Community Shop?

Incidentally, the shop is open in the church every Wednesday afternoon offering fresh bread and eggs and many other items. See you there

CHANGES TO CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

Lorraine Shrimpton

There are two changes this month:

On **Sunday 13th July at 6.00pm** - the Choral Evensong will be held at St Mary's.

On **Sunday 20th July at 11.00am** - the Parish Communion Service will be held at Hall Farm, Radwell (Hall Farm is next to the bridge). The feast of St James is on 25 July and James was the patron saint of the church in Radwell. It is believed that the church may have stood, in what is now the farmyard, of Hall Farm. James was one of the first disciples to follow Jesus.

Sunday Sister's - change of date

Rosie Cheetham

This month Sunday Sister's will take place on Sunday 13th July so it doesn't clash with the fabulous beer festival being organised by Ben and Hannah 4-6th July.

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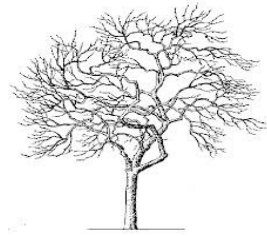
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Thanks to the incredible legacy of a little boy called Anthony Nolan, there is hope.

Anthony had a rare blood disorder and would only survive with a bone marrow donation from a stranger.

At that time there was no system in place to find unrelated donors, but Anthony's dedicated mum Shirley didn't give up. Instead she did something amazing - she worked tirelessly to set up the world's first bone marrow register, so that Anthony and others like him would have the best chance of beating their illness.

Sadly, Anthony died before a matching donor was found. But forty years on, thanks to his legacy, blood cancer charity Anthony Nolan is still going strong and saving more lives than ever, by matching selfless people willing to donate their bone marrow to blood cancer patients in need of a transplant.

If you're 16 to 30 and in good health, you can sign up to the register online at www.anthonynolan.org. Signing up is quick and easy; you just fill in an online form and then spit into a tube.



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COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 5th JULY 2014

The July Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be at Tithe Barn, **Felmersham on Saturday 5th July at 10.30am.**

Contributions of homemade cakes, toiletries, produce and bric a brac for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome.

Please come along.

Everyone welcome.

The August Coffee morning will be hosted by Lorraine Shrimpton and Elaine Longstaff in St. Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 9th August.

The Sun's Open Barn Beer Festival 4th-6th July Ben & Hannah Just

Come and enjoy a fantastic weekend of local ale, lager, cider, food and music! Parking is very limited so please walk, cycle or get a lift!

Friday - 12 noon - 11pm

Saturday - 12 noon - 11pm

Sunday - 12 noon - 10pm

The Bonas Brothers 8pm

Bouncy Castle 12 - 8pm

Barbecue 1-4pm

British Car Show 12 noon - 4pm

Bouncy Castle 12 - 8pm

Wimbledon Men's Singles Final 2pm (with
Pimm's & Lemonade, Strawberries & Cream)

For all enquiries please call 01234 781355. Looking forward to seeing you!

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»*Macbeth* 15th – 20th September 7.30 pm; the Company's inaugural Shakespearean production, in the 450th Year of the bard's birth. Tickets (£9 – 11) will be available from the from *11th August*: On-line (& for further details, visit): www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk

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