

## 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 September** (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 (20 minutes)
Every Sunday evening	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong at Sharnbrook
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion & Rise and Shine
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month	11.00am	All Age Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month	11.00am	Choral Matins
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion

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**Items should be with the Editor by noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month**

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**Ouse  
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**Autumn Show**  
 Sunday 7 September

**BACK TO  
 CHURCH  
 SUNDAY**  
 28 September  
 at 11.00 am

**Parish Online: [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net)**

**September 2014**

## NATIONAL BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY

**Lorraine Shrimpton**

- Haven't been to a church service for years?
- Haven't ever been inside the church?
- Haven't ever been to a service but are curious to find out what happens?

## WELL, NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR ALL OF THESE

**On SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** we are holding a special Back-to-Church service at 11.00am (one similar to the very successful "*Great War Remembered*" service held recently).



This service will be led by the congregation and clergy and will consist of prayer, readings, poems and good, rousing hymns.

The theme will be various stages through life, touching on birth, childhood, teenage years, marriage and old age (without the aches and pains!).

The idea is to encourage all parishioners to come to church and take part in this special service.

Don't have your morning coffee at home - come and join us between 10.00am and 10.45am before the service, for coffee and delicious home-made cake.



See you there - **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** for coffee and cake at 10.00am before the service, which commences at 11.00am.

## Dear Friends

### So why are there STILL no women bishops in the CofE?

It's a reasonable question. After all, the General Synod passed all the necessary legislation for women bishops in the Church of England on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately, some might say, there's a lot more to be done before the first woman can be ordained/consecrated bishop.

Part of the compact that goes with being the established church in England is that Parliament gets a say in every piece of new legislation the General Synod puts forward. It's complicated but it generally works.

The Legislative Committee of the Synod sends a report explaining the new legislation to the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament. If that committee finds the legislation 'expedient', it then goes to both Houses of Parliament. The House of Lords and House of Commons can't change the legislation: they can only vote on it. If both Houses pass the legislation, it then goes to Her Majesty The Queen for Royal Assent before it becomes law.

Then there has to be a vacancy for a woman to fill. Unlike deacons and priests, who are ordained while in training and then apply for posts, bishops are only consecrated once they are appointed. The new legislation makes it legal to appoint a woman as a bishop. It doesn't require it. England was the last of the UK's Anglican churches to approve women bishops. Only the Church of Ireland, so far, has appointed one.

Appointing a bishop takes time in itself. A role and person specification has to be drawn up and the vacancy advertised and meetings arranged so that views and suggestions can be considered. A long list of suitable clergy is considered and reduced to a short list by the CNC (Crown Nominations Commission) for a diocesan bishop or an advisory group for a suffragan/assistant bishop. And these groups have to be elected or appointed first.

Those on the short list are interviewed and, through prayer and voting, a preferred candidate chosen. For a diocesan bishop, they must be supported by at least two-thirds of the Commission.

And the process continues. If the chosen candidate accepts, there are DBS and medical checks to complete before the name is passed to The Queen via the Prime Minister. Once The Queen has approved the nomination, a date is agreed with Downing St to announce the name. Only on that date does the name become public.

So, while the newspapers and bookies make up lists of who might become the first woman bishop in England, the one remaining question is will she be appointed as a suffragan/assistant bishop or be given a whole diocese to care for? The CNC has five diocesan bishops to consider between now and next summer – St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, Southwell & Nottingham, Gloucester, Oxford and Newcastle. Time will tell.

Every blessing

Robert

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## Tea in the Church

The last Tea and Cake in the Church for this year will be on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00pm - 4.00pm in conjunction with the Community Shop.**

Please come along, bring your friends and neighbours for a chat over a cup of tea and a piece of cake while buying home produce from the Community shop.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported this event this summer. It has been very much appreciated.

Jane Wells

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## WEDDINGS AT ST MARY'S DURING SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm Emily Waplington-Brown/Matthew Swift  
(Matthew is a relative of the Swift family of Marriotts Close).

## OUSE VALLEY DEANERY GROUP – MOTHER'S UNION MEETINGS

The next meeting is a talk by Jean McIntosh, entitled "*How to be the Perfect Mother-in-Law*". This will be at **2.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September** in St Peter's Room at Sharnbrook Church (access is either through the church, or outside at the back of the church).

## CHANGES TO CHURCH SERVICES THIS MONTH

\* On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** there will be *Rise and Shine*, meeting at 11.00am as usual. This service is also the Patronal Festival of St Mary and we will be joined by congregations from Sharnbrook and Souldrop churches.

\* On **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** there will be a national Back-to-Church Sunday service, led by the congregation and clergy. Coffee and cake from 10.00am, service commencing at 11.00am.



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## COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

The September Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by Jeff and Karen Stokley, Midwicket, Pavenham Road, Felmersham on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 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 October coffee morning will be held at the home of Hazel Worthington – Dennehy, Radwell Hall Farm, Bridge End, Radwell on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.



## The 16<sup>th</sup> Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show and Art Exhibition Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

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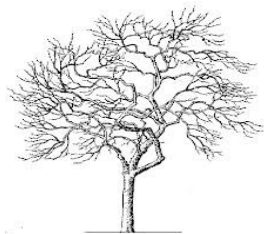
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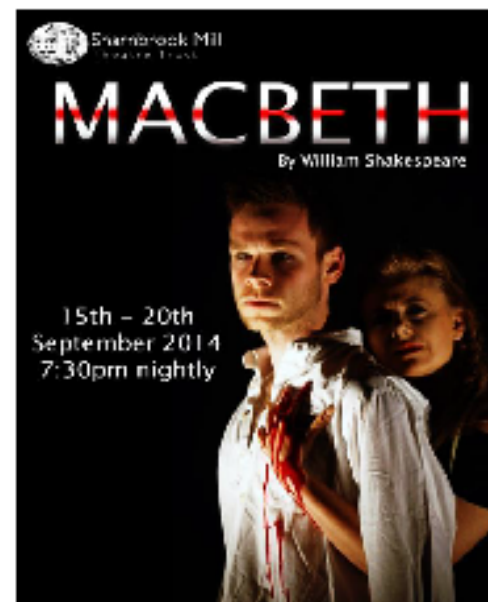
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Persuade your friends to sponsor you as you go, either with a single donation or per church visited. Half the total raised comes back to St Mary's and the other half, will help other churches in urgent need of repair or restoration in Beds and Herts through grants made by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.

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