

## 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
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 March** (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)

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	Parish 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

### CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector & Rural Dean: Revd. Robert Evens (782000)  
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**March 2015**

Dear Friends,

Midway through Lent, we have refreshment Sunday, it's also called Laetare Sunday, which means "O be joyful Sunday." Another name is Rose Sunday, because if we had them, on this day the priest would wear pink vestments. But most people know it as Mothering Sunday. But whatever we call it, it is a time of enjoyment and a relaxing of the Lenten rules of austerity. There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.*

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families and their Mother Church- which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

For me this Mothering Sunday will be a particularly poignant day as it will be on that day that I will take the last services in the benefice before taking on my new role as Rector in the benefice of Ashwell, Hinxworth and Newnham in north Hertfordshire.

It will be nearly ten years since I came here as Rector and for those with long memories, before that I spent two and a half years as curate here, working with Ian Arthur. As some of you may also know, it was with some reluctance that I came back after my curacy. I felt somehow that it would be wrong to comeback. In the end after much soul-searching I applied to comeback and I am glad I did.

The last ten years have been a huge privilege and although there have been tough times, there has been much, to return to the Laetare theme, to be joyful about. I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve in this parish and for the journey we have shared together.

With every blessing

Robert



## SERVICES AT ST MARY'S DURING HOLY WEEK 2015



Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	8.00pm	Candlelit Compline
Maunday Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April ( <i>the day Jesus was betrayed and arrested</i> )	9.30am	Holy Communion
Good Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April ( <i>the day Jesus went to the cross</i> )	10.30am	Walk of Witness ( <i>walk with the cross to Radwell</i> )
Good Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.00pm	The Cross of Christ
Easter Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Parish Communion & Rise and Shine

### CANDLELIT COMPLINE DURING LENT

Compline will be held each evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays during March. You are invited to come along to the Church at 8.00pm, for this short (approximately 15 minutes) Service.

Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> and Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>

**WALKING WITH THE CROSS TO RADWELL** **Rosemary Drewery**  
At 10.30am on Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we invite everyone, families, grandparents, uncles and aunties (and dogs on a lead) to meet at Felmersham Church to begin our Walk with the Cross, to Radwell Green (traditionally this is known as Walk of Witness). During this journey with the Cross we will make stops for the children to do readings from the Stations of the Cross.



At Radwell Green, juice and Hot Cross Buns (after all, it is Good Friday and the buns have become a tradition) will be served to everyone, although these will be cold Hot Cross Buns!

We look forward to seeing you - don't forget - we meet at 10.30am at the Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, whatever the weather.

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

The next meeting will be Communion at 2.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March in St Peter's Church. All are welcome – for more information please contact Jackie Biggs on 782517 or Hazel Scott on 781559.

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### Community Litter Pick – Parish Council

This year's Community Litter Pick is booked for Saturday 28th March between 10.00 am and noon, gathering by the Bus Shelter near the church in Felmersham or on Radwell Green. All are welcome, equipment and bags will be provided. It takes about an hour or so but it makes such a difference to the appearance of the parish. We know we should not have to do it but not everyone is as proud of our parish as we are, so please help us if you can.

### Ouse News Deputy Distributor wanted

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W.I.

May Mills

You would have thought that Roy Pettit's talk entitled 'A Brief History of Doing Time' would be rather grim, but once he had covered the topics of public floggings and hangings, and the very grim conditions of prisons until post-Victorian times, things lightened up with anecdotes of his time as a prison officer. We had interesting tit-bits such as the possible origin of 'living on a shoe string' being the fact that because prisoners had to pay the jailer for everything including food, some would hang a boot over the wall in the hope that passers-by would drop in a penny or two. His singular experiences of a lifetime as a prison officer and eventual Governor of Bedford Prison proved to be an eye-opener to the law-abiding citizen, and you have to wonder if the 'doing time' of the title does not apply to him?

## "ONE A PENNY, TWO A PENNY"

Lorraine Shrimpton

The tradition of baking bread marked with a cross is linked to paganism as well as Christianity. The pagan Saxons would bake cross buns at the beginning of spring in honour of the goddess Eostre - most likely being the origin of the name Easter. The cross represented the rebirth of the world after winter and the four quarters of the moon, as well as the four seasons and the wheel of life.



Christians saw the Crucifixion in the cross bun and replaced their pagan meaning with a Christian one - the resurrection of Christ at Easter. It wasn't until Tudor times that it was linked to Christian celebrations. During the reign of Elizabeth I, a decree was issued forbidding the sale of spiced buns except at burials, at Christmas or on Good Friday.

The first recorded reference to 'hot' cross buns was in 'Poor

Robin's Almanac' in the early 1700s: 'Good Friday come this month, the old woman runs. With one or two a penny hot cross buns.' Happy eating!

## Are you interested in knowing about the mission, restoration & running of St Mary's Church?

The date of the annual PCC meeting is Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, the venue is Committee Room in Pinchmill Community Hall and it will start at 7.30pm. There are two parts to the meeting:

- 1) Election of Churchwardens.
- 2) Reports on mission, restoration and management of St Mary's Church, election of PCC members and election of members of the Deanery Synod.

If you are a resident of Felmersham and Radwell you are welcome to attend the first part of the meeting and vote for Churchwardens. If you are a member of the church electoral roll you can also attend the second part of the meeting and vote for election of PCC and Deanery Synod members.

If you would like to apply to apply for one of the posts (i.e. Churchwarden, member of PCC or Deanery Synod) nomination forms are available from Linda Hoyle (Tel: 781803).

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.30pm at Pinchmill Committee Room**  
**Linda Hoyle PCC Electoral Roll Officer**

## COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015

Jane Wells

The March Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be at the home of Laurie and May Mills, Felmersham, **on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am.**

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

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**HOUSE VALLEY SINGERS - IN CONCERT** Do join us at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre, on Saturday 28th March 2015 at 8 pm

Tickets: £10 are now available from Sharnbrook Post Office, Brian Woodrow (01234) 349455 or Douglas Pope 01933 356974.

Bar opens 7.00 pm. In aid of The Mill Theatre H&V 'Warm Up' Appeal'

Please note:

'Booking Points' has been so phrased as *Abigail's Party* is available now from all points, but Merrily....is only available on-line now, then ShPO and BCBO from 5 weeks before First Night.

An experiment for 2015 to boost on-line bookings through The Mill's website! The same will apply for 'My Son Jack' in September and 'Parade', which replaces 'Titanic' (not now licensed for amateur production), in November.

Re *Merrily We Roll Along* (as it was for Miss S, SE), it is a licence condition that full credits are published; long winded, I'm sorry, but obligatory!

As you may know, Sharnbrook PO is under consultation and may close at the end of April (?), with services expected to transfer to Sharnbrook News/NISA/Mr Gill. (Plans in p/cons. for adaptation)

However, if closure is confirmed, The Mill Theatre has made provision, per our Chairman Douglas Pope, to transfer booking arrangements to 'Twinkle, Twinkle Baby Boutique', 65a -67 High Street, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44 1PB [in person]. For info., not to be published (01234) 781077 <[twinkletwinkleboutique.co.uk](http://twinkletwinkleboutique.co.uk)>.

I hope news will be received in time/before early/mid March for appropriate publicity for inclusion in the April edition!

Bedford Central Box Office, currently at Tourist Information Centre, St Paul's Square, is planned to move to The Travel & Tourism Centre, Bedford Bus Station, Greyfriars, Bedford, I have been told by staff, from 'the end of February 2015' (rebuild progress permitting!). I understand phone: 718112 and on-line will not change.

## Ukulele Review at Sharnbrook Village Hall

Sharnbrook Bowls Club are giving a concert on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm

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Peter Hartop – Felmersham & Radwell PC

## The Fel-Well Run

We are delighted to introduce a new event to Felmersham and Radwell that we hope will become a regular date in our diaries. In September 2015 we propose to hold a 5km road race and 2km fun run for children to raise funds for the village and introduce up to 300 runners and their supporters to our beautiful Parish.

Having attended the recent Parish Council meeting, we are thrilled to have the full support of our Councillors, along with the backing of the village school, so are now in contact with the Highways Agency, police and local landowners to confirm the most suitable route and date to ensure this event is run safely and without disruption to any of our residents.

We are keen to involve as many people from the villages of Felmersham and Radwell as possible, whether as participants in the race or as volunteers to make this a great event and one we can all be proud of. We appreciate there is a huge amount of organisation involved to make this happen, so if you can spare an hour or two of your time to help or have any positive contribution to make please contact:

Rosie and Marc Cheetham at 30 Marriotts Close Tel: 01234 781046

Ian and Lisa Painter at 2 Marriotts Close Tel: 01234 783521

Alternatively, you can email us at [thefelwellrun@gmail.com](mailto:thefelwellrun@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you all at the start line in September.