REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

| Weekdays | *9.00am-3.15pm | | 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 April (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 st Sunday in the month | 11.00am | Parish Communion & Rise and Shine |
| 2 nd Sunday in the month | 11.00am | Parish 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 |

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



A Gadwall Duck photographed at Felmersham Nature Reserve by Sarah Royal

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The Interregnum

Ken Shrimpton

On Sunday 15th March we said farewell to the Revd. Robert Evens and his wife Caroline. As a farewell gift we presented them with a hand-made garden coffee table which complemented the hand-made garden seat given by Sharnbrook church and the garden sun-shade given by Souldrop church. Our parish is now without a vicar (or in Robert's case, a rector), so what happens next?

We are now in, what is rather grandly known as, the interregnum*. The period between the outgoing incumbent and the incoming incumbent. This period will be for at least 6 months and possibly up to nine months. This may seem a long time but the post has to be advertised, clergy have to apply, there is an interview process and when the person is selected, they will need to give three months notice to the parish they are currently serving.

During the interregnum we will still hold our regular services on Sunday Mornings at 11.00am and on Thursday mornings at 9.30am. Services will be conducted by a team of clergy and during April the Sunday services will be taken by:- 1st April (Palm Sunday): Revd. Dr. Vicky Raymer, 8th April (Easter Sunday): Revd. Macdonald (Fr. Mac), 15 April: Revd. Lionel Albon, 22nd April: Fr. Mac, 29th April: Rosemary Drewery.

*Interregnum literally means between reigns, the most famous being The Interregnum, the eleven year period in English history between Charles 1 and Charles II.



SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

DURING HOLY WEEK 2015



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

WALKING WITH THE CROSS TO RADWELL Rosemary Drewery At 10.30am on Good Friday, 3rd 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 3rd April, whatever the weather.

The Children's Society

Rosemary Drewery

I would like to give my grateful thanks to all the children and their families who kindly gave their money For The Children's Society at the Christingle Service.

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Tea In Church and Local Fresh Produce

Jane Wells

Tea In the Church begins again this month. They will be held on the third Wednesday in the month in conjunction with Local Fresh Produce being sold. Do come along to buy fresh veg, eggs, bread etc.. and have a cup of tea and a piece of cake and friendly chatter while doing so.

Everyone welcome.

The first one will take place on **WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL**

Other dates for your diary: 20th May, 17th June, 15th July, 19th Aug and 16th Sept.

If you haven't been before or are new to the village, it is a great way to meet your neighbours and to hear what is going on the village.

Do come along

Change to bus time

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If you have any current issues or concerns and wish to speak to your local officer then please call Riseley Police Station on 01234 842865 and ask to speak to PCSO 8754 Daniel JAMES. Alternatively you can email him on lpt.carltontoriseley@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

| Offence Class Description | First Commited | Address |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTH- ER THAN A DWELLING | 10/2/2015 19:30 | PAVENHAM ROAD FELMERSHAM |
| BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTH- | 10/2/2015 16:00 | THE HIGH ROAD FELMER- |
| BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTH- | 10/2/2015 16:00 | GRANGE ROAD FELMER- |
| BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTH- | 08/2/2015 12:00 | THE HIGH ROAD FELMER- |
| BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTH- | 10/2/2015 21:30 | PAVENHAM ROAD |
| BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTH- | 11/2/2015 00:00 | THE HIGH ROAD FELMER- |
| BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTH- | 10/2/2015 17:00 | THE OLD ROAD FELMER- |
| BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTH- ER THAN A DWELLING - AT- TEMPTED | 11/2/2015 01:30 | THE HIGH ROAD FELMER- SHAM |
| OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSE- WHERE | 27/2/2015 16:00 | PAVENHAM ROAD FELMERSHAM |
| OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSE- WHERE | 02/2/2015 11:00 | CARLTON ROAD FELMER- SHAM |



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Felmersham and Radwell Community Care

Maggie Spoor

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We currently have 17 volunteers, but in common with many organisations, find ourselves short of available people at times, especially during holiday periods. We are therefore looking to increase our pool of volunteers and would welcome enquiries from anyone living in Felmersham or Radwell who would like to help this vital local scheme. If you feel you could help and would like more information please contact Maggie Spoor on 782031 or May Mills on 781788.

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 4th APRIL 2015

The April Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by Andy and Sue Evans at St. Mary's Church, Felmersham, on <u>Saturday 4th April at 10.30am</u>.

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 May coffee morning will be hosted by Sue Whitehouse, also in the Church on Saturday 7th May