

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 07803 201 399	For info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group (term time only)	Portakabin

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
2nd Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

CHURCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S FOR MAY (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
2 nd Sunday in the month	11.00am	Family Communion & Rise and Shine
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	Fr Reuben Preston	(782000)
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May 2016

Your invitation to join in the Wave of Prayer in the Church of England 8 – 15 May

Archbishop Justin calls us to prayer this year....

"Thy Kingdom Come thy will be done. It is impossible to overstate, to exaggerate the life changing and transforming power of the Lord's Prayer. It's reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It's famous enough to be spoken by billions in thousands of languages. And yet it is intimate enough to draw us ever closer in friendship with Jesus Christ. It's simple enough to be memorized by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray this prayer, committed to Jesus Christ, there is no exaggerating, no imagining, the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.

As Christians there is nothing more important than our relationship with Jesus Christ. When that flourishes it overflows into the world around us, to our friends, our family, those we work with, to everyone we know. And when the church is full of the presence of Christ we overflow and transform the world and society in the most beautiful way.

That overflowing starts with our prayer lives individually and together as we pray and meet with Christ in prayer. That is why the Archbishop of York and I are asking churches right across England to pray for a renewal of their expectancy in the abundance and the overflowing of Christ in their lives together. So that people right across the country see who Jesus is and are drawn to faith in him.

There are three ways in which we are asking people to pray. First, that all Christians find new life in their relationship with Jesus Christ – the joy that Christ brings us, the comfort in sorrow, the abundance of joy at good times should be renewed in every Christian as they live their own personal faith and discipleship – that is the first thing to pray for.

The second thing to pray for is that all those you meet and your closest to, your friends, family, your colleagues, even those you bump into and get into some sort of conversation with, that they might see something of Jesus that draws them towards (ctd.)

faith in him, towards learning what his love is for themselves so that their own lives are transformed.

Thirdly, may we pray for the church that it is so full of the life and joy of Christ that it overflows with the reality of Jesus together and wherever it reaches out to, so that that overflowing is seen in service, in love, and compassion working with the poor, serving each person they come across wherever they are in every community in England. We are calling this week of Prayer THY KINGDOM COME and it will run from 8th to the 15th May this year. You will recognize the words come from the Lord's Prayer where we pray for the reign and rule of Christ in every heart and in every community that they may find the joy of Jesus Christ."

Here in the Benefice we are joining in the call to prayer with a "School of Prayer" exploring different dimensions of praying.

Mon 9, Wed 11, Fri 13 May 8pm "School of Prayer & Compline" St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Tues 10, Thurs 12 May 8pm "School of Prayer & Compline" St Mary's, Felmersham

Come and join in as we are called by the archbishops to commit ourselves to praying for renewal in our lives, the Church and the Nation

ROGATION SUNDAY WALK AND BENEFICE CHORAL EVENSONG, SUNDAY 1ST MAY

This year the **Rogation Sunday Walk starts at 4pm at St Peter's, Sharnbrook** with an amble through the fields and a hymn and prayers on the way, reaching St Mary's at approximately 5pm for tea and cake. This will be followed by the **Benefice Choral Evensong at 6pm at St Mary's.**

OTHER EVENING SERVICE CHANGES IN MAY

Sunday 15th May, 6.00pm TAIZE for Pentecost in St Peter's (instead of Evensong)

Sunday 22nd May, 6.00pm Benefice Sung Communion Service for Trinity Sunday in St Peter's (instead of Evensong)

ROOF ALARMS ON ST MARY'S CHURCH

Ken Shrimpton

In the past we have believed that the lead on St Mary's church roof was reasonably secure due to the close proximity of houses. However, as the price of scrap lead rises, so does the incidence of lead being stolen from church roofs rise and thieves take more and more risks. We have therefore decided to install roof alarms on the church roofs. They are now installed and the alarms are connected to a monitoring station, which will take the necessary action. If you hear the alarm, then by all means investigate but **keep well clear and do not attempt to approach the thieves.** We propose testing the alarms twice a year in April and October and we will give notice.

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FELMERSHAM ROYAL OAK

A Felmersham Resident

In 2011 oak trees, grown from acorns collected from Royal Parks, were offered to individuals and groups around the country to mark the occasion of the Golden Jubilee. One of these trees was given to the village, and last year was large enough to be planted in the Playing Field.

Despite the tree being surrounded with wire netting to prevent accidental damage, I am devastated to discover that someone has broken it not once but twice, and it is now one third the size it was. I can only hope that the culprit(s) read this and realise that this sort of sick behaviour is in no way attractive or fun.

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COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 7th May

Jane Wells

The May Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by Barry and Janet Welsh, Felmersham on Saturday 7th May 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 June Coffee morning will be hosted by Peter and Maria Hood in St Mary's, Felmersham on **4th June**.

TEA IN THE CHURCH

Jane Wells

Don't forget Tea in the Church on Wednesday 18th May from 2.30–4.30pm. Come along with your friends for a chat, a cuppa and a piece of cake.

If you are new to the village it is a good way to meet people and to hear what is going on. Everyone of all ages is welcome.

Tea in the Church will also take place on Wed 15th June, Wed 20th July, Wed 17th August and Wed 21st September.

OUSE VALLEY SINGERS

Janet Welsh

Ouse Valley Singers will be presenting a concert of light music on Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church.

Our soloist will be Mariana Gardner and entry will be £6 to include drinks and nibbles, with all proceeds going to the Church.

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

“Our Plan, Our Future”

Thank you to everyone who came to the **Launch of the Neighbourhood Plan** and it was very good to see so many people over the two days.

It may be the case that you were unable to make it on the day, or have had some thoughts since getting home and considering the information that was presented. If that is the case then please do not hesitate to add your comments to those already received, by emailing **Rosemary Drewery** at Rosemary@madewithlovinghands.com. **The deadline for responses is Tuesday 31st May.**

Information about the Neighbourhood Plan can be found at www.felmersham.net.

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W.I. **Denise Canning**
Following a tasty fish and chips supper, the business side of our AGM got under way. The Financial and Secretary's reports were read by Lynn Edwards and May Mills respectively. After thanking the Committee for all their hard work, Celia Hulatt, our retiring President, was presented with a beautiful orchid by our new President, Sue Evans.

Marjorie Pipe won the cup for winning the most competitions over the past year, and Sue Perry was awarded the Bursary for W.I.'s Denman College, which is located in the lovely Oxfordshire countryside.

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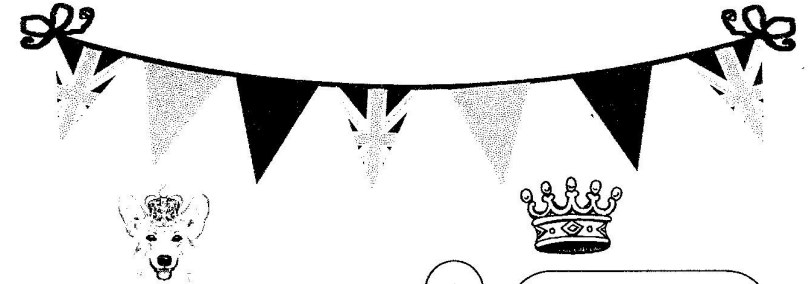
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PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL NEWS



Here at Pinchmill Lower School the lead-up to the Easter break was particularly busy and exciting. This included visits to Lincroft for our Year 4 children, sports festivals, dance sessions, Easter Assembly at the Church (thanks to Father Reuben for his support), not to mention the residential visit for our Year 4's! It was a very short half-term, although we still managed to pack lots in.

The residential trip happens every year and causes much excitement (especially for me!). We visit a PGL Activity Centre in Lincolnshire for three days, where the children and staff have the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities which challenge, stretch and motivate them to participate in things they are afraid of or have never done before. One of the main challenges is activities up high. This year we climbed, abseiled, built rafts and sank, built shelters, shot rifles and went on a giant swing. An enormous amount of fun was had by all and we all returned with experiences that developed us individually, and made us very tired!

We are also continuing on the journey towards becoming a primary school. Meetings have been held regarding the new buildings to accommodate the Year 5 and 6 children we will be having from September 2017. It is an exciting time for us as we plan for our future. We will keep you up to date with developments as things continue to progress.

SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE (www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk Reg. Charity 242164)

Polite reminder to book for FORBIDDEN BROADWAY, June 6th –11th, 7.30 pm, created and written by Gerard Alessandrini. An hilarious, loving, satirical and endlessly entertaining musical tribute to some of the theatre's greatest stars and songwriters. Definitely not to be missed! Tickets: £11-£13 available from: www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk; (£1 booking fee); also at Bedford Corn Exchange Box Office* (booking fee), 718044, Sharnbrook: Twinkle Twinkle Boutique, 65 – 67a High Street (in person only please). Groups: 01234 781372 10% discount 10+ (exc. Charity Night, Friday & Saturday) Disabled Access, * 2 wheelchair spaces & easier access seating.. Hearing loop: A–E only.

FRIEND OR FOE June 16th – 18th (Youth production - a collaboration between The Mill Theatre & Harrold Priory Middle School). Set in North Devon, at the height of the Second World War Blitz, Friend or Foe is an exciting and energy-packed new musical by Ruth Lusby-Yentis & Tim Brewster, based on a children's story by Michael Morpurgo, former Children's Laureate and author of War Horse. Tickets available online www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk (£1 booking fee).

A MURDER MYSTERY, on Saturday 21st May, presented by Sharnbrook Mill Theatre and Rushden Historical Transport Society, at Rushden Station. It's 1935 and a tragic event has taken place at Rushden Station! Join Miss Harple and Dreadlock Bones to solve this dastardly crime! The fun starts at 6pm. Question the suspects and watch the plot unfold whilst enjoying a 3-course meal served on the train. Tickets are £25 per head, which includes your meal, a complimentary drink, a quiz and a prize for the most imaginative fancy dress! Book online at www.rhts.co.uk. Please book before 7th May!