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3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm WI	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 MARCH are now in full on page 2.

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**March 2017**

#### LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

Lent is upon us and the words of Ash Wednesday ring in our ears – “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return, repent and believe the gospel”. Repenting is a call of Jesus to us all in the scriptures – turning around and facing in a Godward direction. Turning away from habits and ways of living that are not in accord with the great commandments of God in the scriptures. Turning and getting up to bring yourself to church and be consciously with God. Lent is a big ask as Jean Vanier writes in his opening Forward to Archbishop Justin’s Lent book this year..... a member of the L’Arche community asks “What is Lent all about?” I replied that it is a time where we think about all the poor and lonely people of the world, refugees and the elderly, prisoners and those controlled by addiction. It is a time for addressing the barriers that divide us from one another. “That’s a good idea”, he replied.

We have an offering to the Benefice which gives us opportunity to ponder these questions. The daily round of **Compline services** you will find on the leaflet that comes with this month’s Ouse News – think about coming along to any of the nights, and take 15mins at the end of your day, to dwell with God on these questions in your life and works and relaxation.

Also to highlight is that Felmersham Church Council is having another go at doing something completely different on **Mothering Sunday, 26 March**, with a **Community Service for Mothering Sunday**. 40mins of songs, readings and prayers on the Mothering Sunday theme with posies of flowers for everyone to take away and give to someone who cares for you today, or has cared for you in the past if you choose to put your posies on a grave in the church yard. We are deliberately focusing this Service at the young and the not so young, together as a celebration on the Refreshment Weekend mid-Lent in valuing those people who help us have bigger hearts.

Whatever is happening for you at the moment, I hope you manage to keep a good and holy Lent.

## Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for March 2017

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March Ash Wednesday**  
**7.30pm Benefice Holy Communion with Litany  
 and Ashing at St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook**

**Compline begins from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm, until Wednesday  
 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
 Mon, Wed and Fri at St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook  
 Tues and Thurs at St Mary's Church, Felmersham  
**6pm** Sat at All Saints Church, Souldrop

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**11am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**11am All Age Holy Communion**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**11am Parish Communion**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed  
 Virgin Mary**  
**12 noon Benefice Holy Communion at  
 St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**11am Mothering Sunday Community Service**  
*(see next page for details)*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent *Passiontide begins***  
**11am Parish Communion**

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 [An H&V 'Warm Up' Appeal event, to help offset the remaining costs of Phase One (£170k), prior to raising £90k for Phases 2 (extending the system) & 3 Ventilation. Thank you for your help and support to date!]

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### COFFEE MORNING

Jane Wells

The **March** Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be held in the home of **Bill and Hazel Pearce, Felmersham** on **Saturday 4<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. Please come along. All welcome.

The **Coffee Morning in April** will be hosted in St Mary's Church, Felmersham by Derek and Wendy Williamson on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

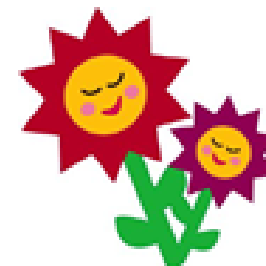
### THE LATE DON GOUGH

Judy Gough

I have received acknowledgement from Sue Ryder who wish to extend their warmest thanks to everyone who made donations in memory of Don. These amounted to £360.50.

## Community Service for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 11am  
at  
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### VISITING BELLRINGERS

**Mike Benson**

A group of visiting Southwell-Nottingham bellringers will be ringing a peal in Felmersham Church on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, from approximately 10 am. A peal is demanding and takes around 3 hours non-stop.

### LETTER FROM ANGLIAN WATER

**Jane Carwithen**

Following the letter, dated 10<sup>th</sup> February, delivered to homes about the work to be carried out to renew the water mains in the neighbourhood, I am aware that the "Drop in Session" in Carlton Village Hall was well attended. I have been promised by Anglian Water an update on these proposals for the April edition of Ouse News. Watch this space!

## COMMUNITY CLEAR-UP

**SATURDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM - 12NOON**

It's that time of year again to give our villages a little Spring clean. Whether you can spare 10 minutes to wash a grime covered road sign, 30 mins to litter pick along your road or a couple of hours to help clean the bus stops in Radwell, any help you can offer will be much appreciated. We'll be meeting outside the bus shelter in Felmersham, or on the village green in Radwell, at 10am. All equipment will be provided and there'll be cake and a cup of tea as a reward for your hard work. To find out more, or if you want to sign up in advance, please contact Rosie Cheetham on 781046 or [mrsrosemarycheetham@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrosemarycheetham@gmail.com).

## ACTIVE KIDS SCHOOL VOUCHERS

**Rosie Cheetham**

Pinchmill Pre-School are collecting the Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's. In previous years the scheme has helped us to buy lots of sports equipment and even some tricycles for the children to use and enjoy. We'd love your support. Any vouchers you collect can be popped into the Pre-School post box on the gate. Alternatively you can hand them to Rosie Cheetham or Brittany Tandy. Thank you.

## WI

**Denise Canning**

As we tuck into our fish suppers, most of us never think about the brave men who risked their lives to catch the fish for us.

Paul Jarrett, MBE, told us about his work with the Fishermen's Mission, a Christian and national charity founded in 1881. The Mission works solely with fishermen and their families, whether active or retired, offering emergency support alongside financial, spiritual and emotional care when hardship and tragedy strike. This help is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to all working in the UK's fishing industry. Fishing is the UK's toughest and most dangerous peacetime occupation. At sea they face death and injury with an average of 15 fishermen killed or seriously injured every year. Without the help from the Mission many families would be unable to cope.

Paul has worked in Missions all around the UK, from the far north of Scotland near Cape Wrath to the south coast at Brixham, and, even though retired, he is still supporting their work.

The Mission doesn't receive government or lottery funding but relies on donations and legacy giving to enable them to carry on their important work. More information is available from Paul on 01234 306149, or [www.fishermensmission.org.uk](http://www.fishermensmission.org.uk).

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

**Claire Lurcock**

We had a very successful Quiz Night in November, raising £960. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. The money raised will be used to decorate the Committee Room and update the kitchen equipment.

Our next event is our Bake Off on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please see the **poster** for more details. We look forward to seeing you for an afternoon of tea and cakes!

We are still in need of a Booking Clerk and Secretary for our Committee. If you would be interested in either of these roles then please email Annette Franklin for more details [Franklin758@btinternet.com](mailto:Franklin758@btinternet.com).

New Committee members are always welcome even if you are unable to commit to a specific role.

## PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL

**Vanessa Coleman**

So, what's been going on at Pinchmill Lower School in February?... We have been busy sorting out after the builders finished and left. The last few little jobs are now complete and we are ready to think about what we do inside. The Year 4 class have been busy considering the design ideas for the interior. They had a fantastic afternoon where a design consultant visited. They saw how the designs were created on the computer, and had a chance to change this to see what the classroom might look like with their different ideas. They sent him away to amend his design, which he will send back with their suggestions. He also brought with him some samples so that the children could try things out to see what they liked most.

We have been working hard with the Year 3 and 4 class to prepare for the Creative Arts Festival at Sharnbrook Upper School. This event gathers together schools from all phases to put on a performance of dance for parents. It is always a fantastic evening and displays the huge local talent that is out there. Pinchmill Lower also entered 2 Year 4 children, Louis and Woody, in a Maths Challenge competition run by Lincroft Middle School. We had a fabulous time and, with hard work and concentration, came second on the day. Well done to them!

We are posting pictures of the new building, and the development of the interior, on our website, so if you are interested please take a look. Our next event, to which you are more than welcome, will be our Easter Assembly at St Mary's Church at 2pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

