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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 APRIL are now in full on page 2.**

#### CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Fr Reuben Preston	(782000)
Pastoral Assistant	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
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Items should be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON ON 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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**April 2017**

### LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

We are confronted this April with the horror of Holy Week, the bewilderment of Good Friday and the astonishment of Easter Day.

As I write this it is on the day I travelled to London to look at the impact of the devastating events of Wednesday 24 March, with now 4 who have died as a result of the attack in Westminster. The atmosphere was tense and there was a sense of 'something odd' in the air. A feeling of disturbance filled the streets and the extra police presence couldn't help but cause me to feel uncomfortable – and, dare I say it, pleased to have moved from the capital to our villages. The evening witnessed the vigil in Trafalgar Square with the repeated motif of "We are not afraid" on banners, homemade tattoos, cards and in speeches.

During our remembrance of the events of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter, our spirits travel through the gamut of human reactions to violence, betrayal, shock and disgust, through sorrow, bewilderment, horror, numbness and astonishment to peace-drenched joy. The Christian faith accompanies us in all of our humanness through the events of life and calls us to ask God for transformation of the evil into new life. It is easy for us to want to ignore Holy Week and Good Friday and skip from Palm Sunday to Easter morning, as if taking spiritual antidepressants to numb the pain. But it is in the pain of our living that we can draw closer to God and allow the depths of our being to be touched by God's grace and presence and assurance, which then leads us in the renewed gravity of cry "Alleluia!" at the joy of the Easter resurrection new-life discovery.

Whatever the pains in your life, may you present them to God in the offering of Holy Week and find a Resurrection experience of your own. Happy Easter when it comes!

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

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

### **HOLY WEEK**

#### ***Easter Services Across the Benefice***

**Palm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**                      **11.00am St Mary's, Felmersham**  
All Age Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April**                      **9.30am St Mary's, Felmersham**  
Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar  
**7.30pm St Peter's Sharnbrook**  
Holy Communion of Last Supper, feet washing,  
procession to altar and vigil until midnight

**Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**                      **11am St Mary's, Felmersham**  
Walk of Witness from Radwell to St Mary's Church  
ending with Stations of the Cross in Church,  
followed by coffee & hot cross buns  
**12 midday St Peter's Sharnbrook**  
Stations of the Cross in Church  
**2.00pm St Peter's Sharnbrook**  
Liturgy of the day  
**7.00pm All Saints, Souldrop**  
Cross of Christ Service

**Easter Eve Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April**                      **8.00pm St Peter's, Sharnbrook**  
Easter Ceremonies - Lighting of Paschal Candles,  
vigils, Holy Communion

**Easter Day Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**                      **11.00am St Mary's, Felmersham**  
Easter Eucharist

*Please note there will be NO midweek communion on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The mid-week communion will take place on Maundy Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**      **St George's Day**  
11am Choral Matins

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**                      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
11am Parish Communion

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Jill Girling

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### COFFEE MORNING

Jane Wells

The **April** Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Derek and Wendy Williamson in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 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 May** will be hosted by **Andy and Sue Evans, Felmersham on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

### TEA IN THE CHURCH, ST MARY'S, FELMERSHAM

Jane Wells

Tea in the Church begins again on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** from 2.30 – 4.30pm.

Please 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 your neighbours. Everyone and all ages are welcome.

Tea in the Church will also take place on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June, Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July, Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Aug and Wed 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please pop these dates in your diary and come along.

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Wendy Gardner, PCC Secretary

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

The date of the annual PCC meeting is Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the venue is the Committee Room in Pinchmill Community Hall and it will start at 2.30pm.

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 for one of the posts (i.e. Churchwarden, member of PCC or Deanery Synod) nomination forms are available from Wendy Gardner (Tel: 07885 116602).

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 2.30pm at Pinchmill Committee Room.



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### DAVID FOLBIGG

Judith and family would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends from Felmersham and the surrounding villages who attended his funeral on 7<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's Church. Thanks also to Father Reuben Preston for conducting the Service.

**Judith, Sally and Simon**

### SPRING CRAFT DAY - PINCHMILL PRE-SCHOOL

**APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>, 10-12noon**

**Rosie Cheetham**

Join us for a morning of Spring themed craft activities and an Easter egg hunt! Tickets are available from Pinchmill Pre-School; £5 per child (£3 for siblings). Suitable for children aged 2-9yrs.

## FELMERSHAM TO CARLTON WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SCHEME WAT-06413

**Natasha Tuke, Customer Service Lead (infrastructure)**

We were thrilled to receive such a fantastic turnout at the customer drop-in session we held at Carlton Village Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. The session was held to explain the work we'll be starting soon to replace the water main between Felmersham and Carlton which has suffered from numerous bursts in recent years. The replacement of this water main will ensure security of supply for the future and prevent further bursts in the area.

We were able to answer questions, explain the techniques that we are using to minimise disruption and show maps of the new pipeline to give residents an overview of the work. It was also an opportunity for us to gain a greater understanding of how our work may affect businesses and properties in the area. We had a positive response from the community overall and we thank you for your support.

We want to take this opportunity to assure residents that the only disruption to your water supply will be when we transfer your service pipe from the old main to the new main. We will give you at least two days advance warning of this and the connection itself will likely take less than two hours to complete.

We are looking to start work on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and the first phase of the work will be off road, in the fields. If all goes to plan, we are hoping to complete the work at the junction between The Causeway and Felmersham Road in Carlton during the summer school holiday period to minimise disruption, as we will need to put some temporary road closures in place. However, this will be subject to liaison with the local authority. The whole scheme is due to be completed by March 2018, but we will provide regular updates throughout.

If you have any queries, please contact our call centre on 03457 145 145, and feel free to speak to our team on site who will be more than happy to help.

## WI REPORT

### 'Journeys of a Yogi'

**Blanche Smith**

Stuart Prince's journey was not just a physical voyage of discovery but the culmination of his life experiences that led him to become a Yogi. He explained that "a Yogi is someone who explores the mystic side of life". In 1972 at the age of 16 years Stuart joined the Merchant Navy as an apprentice on a Tramp, carrying cargo around the world. For 10 years he was a seafarer, becoming a Chief Deck Officer. He observed the blatant inequalities of life as a seaman, for example the exploitation of black people in America and South Africa. In 1982 Stuart joined the Metropolitan Police in London where for 25 years he was employed in the CID and in the Serious Crime Squad. Among his colleagues he became known as the 'Prince of Darkness' due to the nature of his work. He found yoga as a way of de-stressing from his job and discovered 'Karma' -(your actions have consequences) - and the philosophy that relates to contentment within ourselves and with the outside world. Stuart is now a Yogi and, as a teacher, attempts to pass on this philosophy to his students.

Jennifer gave a vote of thanks for his enlightenment of the subject. Our next meeting on April 18th will be the AGM when we will enjoy a fish & chip supper.

## COMMUNITY CLEAR-UP

**Rosie Cheetham**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to give our village a Spring Clean. Thank you to for all the offers to help at a later date from people who couldn't make it on the day. We collected 20 sacks of rubbish, a couple of tyres and large bits of plastic. A special mention to David Priestley who cleaned the Radwell Bus Shelters and his team at OCS who gave the Pre-School and Lower School a deep clean earlier in the year.



## SAINSBURY'S KIDS VOUCHERS - PINCHMILL PRE-SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting vouchers on behalf of the Pre-School. We are hoping to collect enough vouchers to "buy" a large spinning top (which the children sit in) to help develop children's balance and co-ordination. Please continue to collect on our behalf and help us meet our target of 1500 vouchers. You can drop vouchers into the Pre-School letterbox, or give them to Rosie Cheetham/Brittany Tandy.

## PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL

**Vanessa Coleman**

It has been a busy March down at Pinchmill Lower School! Early in the month we went on a 'night walk' with our Reception Class children, which was connected with their topic on Space. We met children and parents back at School, had hot chocolate and biscuits and some space stories. This was followed by a walk along The Old Road and up the farm track where we looked at the stars, the moon and even saw the planet Venus. The children and parents enjoyed the event and we all learnt something! We have also had a trip to Whipsnade Zoo, where the Year 3 and 4 children went on an animal tour of different continents, entitled 'Global Expedition'. Although it was a cold and wet day we had a great time and learnt lots of interesting facts about various animals.



Father Reuben has visited the School and provided two very entertaining assemblies based on Lent and Mothers' Day. This linked to our annual 'Mothers' Day Breakfast' on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. This is where we invite the children to bring their mum along and have breakfast with her, courtesy of the School. We served bacon rolls, pastries, tea and coffee, and grateful thanks to all of the mums for everything they do throughout the year. The children and mums enjoyed the treat! We are now busy preparing for our Easter Assembly to be held at St Mary's Church at 2pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April; feel free to join us you will be very welcome.

At the end of this term the annual residential visit with the Year 4 children takes place. This is where we go on an adventure to a PGL Activity Centre in Lincolnshire. The children have a chance to take part in a wide range of outdoor activities which will challenge them in a variety of ways and help them to work together as a team. We are very excited about the three day trip; this is both the children and the teachers who are attending!