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Featuring the superb lyrics and music of *Stephen Sondheim*; a 'Warm Up' Appeal fundraising concert. Tickets £15 are now available via www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk.

Are you or a family member aged 9 – 18? Hurry! - you may just be in time to join the MILL THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL 2017! Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August, 9am-4pm, with a performance in the theatre on Saturday 5th August at 7pm. The Summer School is run by fully qualified teaching professionals who specialise in the Performing Arts. All our tutors are current practitioners with enhanced DBS clearance. The week consists of dance, drama and musical theatre with all students participating in a rotation of workshops for the first two days of the week. Students then opt for activities that they would like to specialise in for the Saturday performance. Workshops include contemporary dance, scripted drama, improvisation, singing and instrumentation. For details, application forms and fees, please visit: www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk Enquiries to Paul Wildman, Summer School co-ordinator: wildchildtheatre@yahoo.co.uk.

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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

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 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 JULY are now in full on page 2.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Fr Reuben Preston	(782000)
Pastoral Assistant	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
Churchwardens	Jane Wells	(782462)
	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

Editor Jane Carwithen (782185) or email janecarwithen@gmail.com

Items should be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON ON 25th of each month.



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

July 2017

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

We have been through so much trauma as a Nation watching people have their lives taken through terror acts, then through the ravages of fire along with the difficulties of renegotiating our relationship with the EU – moving out of June has a sense of relief after the endless turbulence. Yet, July has its own turbulence as the school year comes to an end, and young people await the results of examinations which may shape the rest of their lives and opportunities.

Here in the Parish we celebrate St James in the field at Radwell on Sunday 23rd July, having welcomed our Italian Benefice Ecumenical Partners the week before. Do take a careful look at the events and services for July because there are quite a few differences, including the Bishop of Bedford coming to be with us for Evensong on Sunday 16th July as he greets the Italian visitors who will be making a Quiet Day at St Michael's Priory, Willen on Monday 17th July. There is so much to join in with and build up our bonds of relationship with friends, to be both reacquainted and newly made, from the Urbino Diocese in Italy.

So moving from relief at the end of June, we move into opportunity for renewal and refreshment. May your July be full of the blessings of new possibilities and the consolation of Jesus Christ in our midst, through relationships enlivened and cherished.

Remember the Comfortable words from the Prayer Book "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

Sunday 2nd July	3rd Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion
Sunday 9th July	4th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion
Sunday 16th July Italian Link Visitor Weekend	5th Sunday after Trinity 11am Felmersham Benefice Sung Communion 6pm Sharnbrook Benefice Choral Evensong with the Bishop of Bedford preaching
Thursday 20th July	8.00am Holy Communion at Knotting for Margaret of Antioch, followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the Feast
Saturday 22nd July	12noon Holy Communion for Mary Magdalene, followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the Feast
Sunday 23rd July	6th Sunday after Trinity NO SERVICE at St Mary's 11am Holy Communion for St James in RADWELL (see below)
Tuesday 25th July	7.30pm Rectory Holy Communion for James the Apostle ,followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the Feast
Sunday 30th July	7th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion

From 6th July, the **midweek Communion reverts to Thursdays** at 9.30am. Do come along for this short 'said' service.

ST JAMES' DAY

There is **NO SERVICE at St Mary's on the 23rd July. Instead there is a Celebration for St James with Parish Communion at 11am at Radwell Hall Farm, Radwell** (the farm on the right just before the river bridge). This is an open air service to celebrate St James' day, held where it is thought a chapel dedicated to St James once stood. Join us for this special, outside service sitting on hay bales, surrounded by nature. If the weather is inclement the Service will be held in a barn.

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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'... a cross between a girls night out and a real mission to support a cause close to many hearts, with plenty of laughs - and a few tears along the way'.

Tickets £9/11 (NB: STUDENTS in full time education, £3 concession on Tues & Wed only), are available now on-line www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk. (£1 booking fee).

New local booking arrangements (in person) will be confirmed in the August magazine.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

PATRONAL SERVICE

This year St Mary's Patronal Service will be on **Sunday 13th August at 11am**, the day the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated. This will be a Benefice Service and will be followed by Fizz and Blues. Do come along to celebrate this special day at St Mary's. **All Welcome.**

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 8TH JULY

Jane Wells

The **July** Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by the **Canning family in St Mary's Church on Saturday 8th July at 10.30am**. Please note this is taking place on the second Saturday this month as there is a wedding in the Church on the first Saturday.

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 **August Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Ian and Margaret Coomber, Felmersham on **Saturday 5th August**.

TEA IN THE CHURCH, ST MARY'S, FELMERSHAM

Jane Wells

Tea in the Church this month is on **Wednesday 19th July** 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 16th August** and **Wed 20th September**. Please pop these dates in your diary and come along.

CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

Sue Whitehouse

Many thanks to all those who came to help tidy the churchyard on 11th June. With a number of weddings coming up it looks much better if the paths and steps are weed free.

The next tidy up will be on **Sunday 9th July 2-4pm** for any who can spare a little time to help us tackle another area. Bring hand tools and something to carry the weeds to the green bin. Tea and biscuits will be provided.

THANKS FROM MESSY CHURCH

Sue Whitehouse and Jane Templeman

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our lovely volunteers who have helped with food, activities, tidying up and general support. It has helped to make the sessions a great success and we now regularly have anything from twelve to twenty children joining in the fun every month.

We would like to invite all those who have helped over the last (nearly) two years, to join us for tea and cake at our end of term party session on **5th July from 4pm** in the Committee Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Rosemary Drewery

Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week with a total collection of £670.78.

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PINCHMILL PRE-SCHOOL RACE NIGHT

Rosie Cheetham

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. We raised over £1100! All the funds raised will go towards a new floor for the Pre-School.

BELL-RINGING ON SATURDAY 1ST JULY

Mike Benson

The Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers will be holding a meeting in Felpersham on Saturday 1st July at approximately 6.30pm. This will be followed by some ringing until about 8.30pm.

PIANISTS !!

Mike Benson

I have just published a book entitled "CLASSICAL GUITAR FAVOURITES ARRANGED FOR PIANO". The book is A4 size and contains 32 compositions by some well-known classical guitar composers, including Mauro Giuliani, Fernando Sor and Francisco Tarrega. The book has 7 pages of Introductory Notes and 46 pages of music. The cost of a signed copy is £6-99. I kept the price low to so that the book would be as widely available as possible. If anyone would like a copy, please 'phone me on 781649.



Notice of Road Closure - Stafford Bridge

Stafford Causeway (between the villages of Oakley and Pavenham) is to be fully closed from 3rd July for approximately 12 weeks while repairs are carried out.

The Right of Way along the Causeway will also be closed during the works. Ramblers who arrive at the ends of the Causeway will be able to turn on to the road to loop back to a previous position on their route. NB: this section of path does not form part of the "Ouse Valley Way".

For a map and further details see <https://oakleyvillage.co.uk/news/road-closure-stafford-bridge>.

BIKE 'N HIKE 2017 - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Ken Shrimpton

Are you a cyclist or a walker and would you like to raise money for Felpersham church? The annual Sponsored *Bike 'n Hike* organised by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will this year be held on **Saturday 9th September**. Please make a note of the date in your diary or on your calendar. More details in next month's Ouse News, giving plenty of time to pump up those tyres or bang the "summer" mud off those walking boots. Don't forget, *Bike 'n Hike* - **Saturday 9th September 2017**.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Andy Evans

In the recent door-to-door collection in Felpersham, the excellent sum of £222.15 was collected. All this money will go to help children at risk both in this country and around the world. Special thanks to Sue McWalter, Denise Canning, Sue Evans, Lesley Gani and Gani and the residents of Pavenham Road, Marriotts Close, Trinity Close, Grange Road, Church End and Tithe Barn who gave so generously. Your generosity is much appreciated. Should anyone else wish to be involved next year, especially in Radwell, please contact me on 782523. Thank you for your support.

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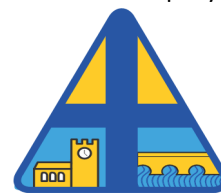
Blanche Smith

Whew! What a scorcher to relax and enjoy our June meeting with 'coffee & desserts' in our local, The Sun. Sue quickly dispensed with the business side so that we could chat and sample the array of mouth-watering desserts made by members. In a quiz to exercise our minds, we attempted to put geographical names to the countries numbered on a map of Europe! Wendy then entertained us reciting favourite Pam Ayers poems. Sue thanked those who contributed the desserts and also the raffle organisers. Next month's meeting features Jamie Wenham 's talk 'Close up Magic'.

PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman

As we head rapidly towards the end of the Summer Term, we are busy trying to cram in as much as we possibly can. With the fantastic weather we have been having, we are looking forward to all of the events ahead. This begins with Sports Day on Monday 26th June and will consist of a variety of traditional activities and races for everyone to join in at the end, including class races and some for mums and dads too. We will be inviting spectators to indulge in some refreshments while they enjoy the children's activities.



We also have some forthcoming great events for the children which will give them the opportunity to show off their talents. We are taking part in the 'Sing-On' Festival at the Corn Exchange in Bedford. The children have been working with an experienced singing teacher and have learnt a range of songs. They then gather with several other schools and perform these all together to what is always a packed audience. The children love performing, and it is wonderful to see them amongst other schools. They always represent the school positively and perform with pride and passion.

Some of our children will also be performing in 'The Fiddle Fiesta' which consists of all of the children in North Bedfordshire who play string instruments. Once again it is a great opportunity for them to show off their talents. This is held at Sharnbrook Upper School and is always well attended by parents.

It is at this time of year that in school we reflect on the progress and achievements of the children over the year, and a time when I always feel incredibly proud and privileged to be their Headteacher. I also feel proud of the teachers at the school, as without everyone's dedication and hard work this would not happen.

SHARNBROOK LEARNING FOR PLEASURE

Our Autumn programme will be emailed out to members by 24 July and Co-ordinator Ann Mayhew requests that all enrolment forms are with her by 18 August to enable her to get group lists to tutors by the start of term. Those members without email access will receive a printed copy in the post.

Many courses are very popular and we will have to use a first come, first served system where we have to limit numbers – so it is important to get your forms to Ann as soon as you can.

The Autumn term starts on week commencing Monday 11 September and goes through to week commencing 11 December. Enrolment fees remain at £15 for as many courses as you can fit in. All details will be in the programme.

If you are not already a member, please contact Ann Mayhew via email lfpsarnbrook@btinternet.com or by telephone 01234 781648.

