

SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE (CTD)

Tickets are available now, £9 – 11 (£7 Tuesday and Wednesday only, for students in full-time education): on-line: www.sharnbrookmilltheatre/tickets or from NEW LOCAL BOX OFFICE: Pick-a-Lily, Florist, 61 High Street/Park Lane corner, Sharnbrook, MK44 1PB in person 01234 781441. An amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.

Thursday to Saturday 7th– 9th September: the fundraising concert, featuring the songs and music of STEPHEN SONDHEIM, has been postponed to February 2018. Dates to follow.

Saturday 7th October at 7.30 pm CURTAIN UP AT THE MILL – A Cabaret featuring the sounds of Swing, Pop and The Musicals! – performed by Siobhan Moore, Tracey Holderness, Jonathan Reynolds, Clare Emery and James Reynolds. Tickets £12.50 are now available on-line at sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk or from Jonathan Reynolds: 07903 252451. Profits to The Mill Theatre 'Warm up Appeal'

This performance is dedicated to the memory of Mary Wills, an outstanding performer and supporter of the 'Sharnbrook's' musicals and those of many other local societies.

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 AUGUST are now in full on page 2.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Fr Reuben Preston	(782000)
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	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
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Items should be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON ON 25th of each month.



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

August 2017

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

August is for many the month of re-creation. A time for holidays for those who work in education and a time for waiting for those who have just taken examinations. It is not generally a month for achieving things. It is fitting that we celebrate our Patronal Festival on the Church's main Marian Feast day right in the centre of August. This year we are keeping our celebration in Felmersham and Radwell on Sunday 13th August at 11am in St Mary's – do come along and join the celebration of Mary's saying 'yes' to God.

Saying 'yes' is not normally a problem to us. We normally have problems saying 'no' – except it seems in the life of faith and the areas of spirituality. So many of us struggle to keep a spiritual shape to our lives and keep up good habits of 'piety'. Whilst August is a time of re-creation through holidaying for a lot of people, I want to ask you think about some re-creation through 'retreat'.

This November we are joining people from all over the country to share in a 3 night retreat at Launde Abbey. It will be a time of spiritual refreshment and focus as Christmas will be looming on the horizon. If you are interested in coming along there are leaflets in St Mary's. It will be a wonderful time of refreshment and relaxation. Do think about coming along either by yourself or with a friend or partner. The hospitality is lovely at Launde Abbey. This initiative is part of Bishop Alan's call to our parishes to help each other grow deeper into the spiritual life. A retreat is a great time to give a few days to dwelling with your life with God, the scriptures and where you might be needing some help and assistance.

May this August re-create you with refreshment and renewed hope.

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

Sunday 30th July	7th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion
Sunday 6th August	Transfiguration of our Lord 11am Parish Communion
Sunday 13th August	Patronal Festival 11am Felmersham Benefice Sung Communion <i>For details see below</i>
Sunday 20th August	10th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion
Thursday 24th August	9.30am Holy Communion for Bartholomew the Apostle followed by drinks and nibbles - to keep the feast
Sunday 27th August	11th Sunday after Trinity 11am Choral Matins
Sunday 3rd September	12th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion

PATRONAL SERVICE SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

This year St Mary's Patronal Service will be on **Sunday 13th August at 11am**. This is a special day at the Church where we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Service will be a sung Communion Service and the congregations from Sharnbrook and Souldrop will be joining us for this celebration. Please come along and join us too. To celebrate there will be coffee, tea and cake after the Service.

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Jane Wells

The **August** Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be at the home of **Ian and Margaret Coomber, Felmersham on Saturday 5th August 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 **September Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Ernest and Jane Carwithen in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on **Saturday 2nd September**.

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18th - 23rd September, 7.30 pm

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Published in July 2011, and based on a true story, Cheshire Cats is 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....

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THE HEADER PHOTOGRAPH FOR AUGUST

In 2002 a link was established between the Italian town of Calpino and Sharnbrook. Calpino is a relatively new parish which serves local small industries - mainly concerned with the manufacture of furniture. Nearby is the picturesque city of Urbino with its ancient buildings and monastery commanding an elevated position over the surrounding villages.

Approximately every two years, exchange visits are organised between the two parishes and this year it was the turn of the Italians to visit our Benefice. On Sunday 16 July the Italian visitors attended the Sunday morning service at St Mary's Church. **The header photograph** shows our Italian visitors with members of the congregation standing outside the church.

TEA IN THE CHURCH, ST MARY'S, FELMERSHAM

Jane Wells

Tea in the Church this month is on **Wednesday 16th August** 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.

The last Tea in the Church for this year will take place on Wed 20th September. They will resume again in April 2018.

CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

Sue Whitehouse

Many thanks to all those who came to help tidy the churchyard on 9th July. Weeds tackled, paths and gutters cleared on a very warm day, so your efforts are much appreciated.

The next tidy up will be on Sunday 6th August, 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. Thank you.

BELLRINGERS

Mike Benson

There will be two groups of visiting bell-ringers next week. The first, the Chiltern branch of the Oxford Guild, will be ringing on Tuesday 1st August for approximately an hour, from 11.15am to 12.15pm. The second group, who come from various parts of the country and are based at Huntingdon for a summer outing, will be ringing a peal on the morning of Thursday 3rd August. The peal will take approximately 3 hours and is due to start soon after 10am.

The local ringers will also be ringing on Saturday afternoon, 29th July, for a wedding.

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BEER + GIN EVENT**

25th-28th August

We're delighted to announce that the Sun Inn will be hosting a weekend of festivities this Bank Holiday. Alongside a selection of 8 guest ales and craft beers, there will be food, live music and a gin bar! More details to follow soon - look out for the chalkboards and updates on Facebook.

SUMMER MEETUPS

Rosie Cheetham

A couple of parents thought it might be nice to have a chance to get together with other families over the summer. Everybody is welcome whether your children are 2 months old or 10yrs old. It's completely free - just turn up. Rain or shine we'll be there.

7th August: from noon Harrold Country Park (bring a picnic)

14th August: from noon Bromham Mill (Bring a picnic)

16th August :from 10am Felpersham Park

21st August: from 2pm Castle Ashby Menagerie

25th August: from 10am Felpersham Park.

Feel free to contact Rosie Cheetham on 07817 291 738 for more information.



Events Early September

Fri 8th and Sat 9th September

As part of **Heritage Open Days** St Mary's will be welcoming visitors from 10am to 4.30pm each day. The Parish Records will be available to view and help given to find the location of any family graves in the churchyard. Refreshments will be on sale. For more information and details of other events in the area, see www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Saturday 9th September

BIKE 'N HIKE For further details, see the next page.

Sunday 10th September

19th Felpersham and Radwell Autumn Show and Art Exhibition
at Pinchmill Hall . Open for viewing 2.30 –4.30pm.
Delicious WI Teas.

WI

When a 15 year old boy arrived with his mother, we thought something had gone wrong because we were expecting a Jamie Wenham to demonstrate 'Close up Magic'. However, the young lad stepped up to the plate, brought out several packs of playing cards and proceeded to astonish us with his 'close up magic'. Jennifer proved a very able assistant at first, before he expanded his repertoire to include predicting colours, numbers and cards thought about by us, linking rings, disappearing and bending coins and playing tricks with sponges and a Rubik's Cube. The spur to his passion was a card trick he saw on YouTube three years ago and he has been practising ever since, enabling him to become a member of the under eighteen's Magic Circle. The fact that he was prepared to face a roomful of ladies old enough to be his mother (or grandmother) shows that he has spirit as well as talent!

Next month is our visit to Kimbolton Castle and we are meeting at the bus stop at 5pm.

We have decided to have an Open Meeting on **September 19th** when everyone is invited to see Chris Bylett, one of the top ten ventriloquists in the country. It would be helpful if you could let a WI member know if you are intending to come so that we can make extra cakes!

May Mills

Bike 'n Hike - 9th September 2017

The annual Bike 'n Hike offers the opportunity to raise money both for St Mary's Church and for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. Every £1 that we raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to us. This makes the Bike 'n Hike a very effective way to raise funds for our church. All the organising is done for us; all we have to do is to take part! The other half of the sponsorship money goes to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust which is distributed, in the form of grants, to local communities to raise funds for vital repairs to their church or chapel. Taking part involves being sponsored for either cycling or walking to visit other churches and chapels, (you plan your own route). We also need 'Welcomers' between the hours of 10am and 6pm. Welcomers can also be sponsored.

Last year the Bike 'n Hike raised almost £100,000 for the churches and chapels of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Our own church raised £40, surely we can do better than this! So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day cycling or walking to churches and chapels in our area, or welcoming our visitors, and at the same time boost our church's funds as well as those of the Trust. For more information please contact Ken Shrimpton 781381.



St Mary's Church,
Carlton

Saturday 2nd September 7.30 p.m.

Patronal Festival Concert

**The Kaznowski
String Quartet**

Mozart's quartet in A,
Turina's 'Bullfighter's prayer' and
Brahms' quartet in C

**Tickets £10 available from PCC members and on the door
Refreshments**

Sunday 3rd September 11.00 a.m.

Patronal Festival Eucharist

ACTIVI-TEA is coming to Sharnbrook!

- Are you a Carer looking after someone with dementia or some other condition?
- Would you welcome the opportunity to meet with other Carers knowing the person you care for is enjoying activities in a safe and friendly environment?

Churches Together in Sharnbrook is working with the Tibbs Dementia Foundation to set up a group in Sharnbrook called ACTIVI-TEA, offering support for Carers and life-enhancing experiences for Cared-For.

Tibbs Dementia Foundation already run groups like this in the Bedford area and their trained staff will be responsible for providing activities for the Cared-For, while the Carers have the chance to have tea and chat together. Carers will also be welcome to come on their own. There will be the opportunity for one-to-one conversations with an experienced counsellor. The group will meet on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm, at the Methodist Church in Park Lane, commencing on 3rd October.

If you are interested in finding out more you are invited to a meeting on

Tuesday 19th September at 2.30pm at the Methodist Church

at which Sarah Russell, Tibbs CEO, will explain what we are planning.

For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator, Linda Hoar 07791214148

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