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Park Lane, Sharnbrook MK44 1PB. or www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/tickets.. All profits go to PROSTATE CANCER UK Registered Charity no: 905 9415 18.

DIARY DATE - the first show of 2018 – our 75th Anniversary Year! (1943 – 2018):

12th – 17th MARCH: THE FARNDALE AVENUE HOUSING ESTATE TOWNWOMEN'S GUILD DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION OF MACBETH – A COMEDY. Tickets on sale from 1st February. Details to follow in the January Ouse News - or please visit our website.

ODYSSEY OF LOVE – LISZT AND HIS WOMEN; SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2018 - the third in successive years COMPOSER PORTRAIT BY THE WORLD RENOWNED PIANIST LUCY PARHAM, with readings by distinguished British actors JOANNA DAVID & ROBERT GLENISTER, to be performed at The Quarry Theatre at St Luke's, St Peter's St, Bedford, MK40 2NN. Champagne Reception 6.15pm. Performance: 7.00pm. Tickets: £20, are available now from The Quarry Theatre Box Office: (01234) 362337 or www.quarrytheatre.org.uk/tickets. A Mill Theatre 'Warm Up' Appeal event.

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

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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

December 2017

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly¹ with your God.

Micah 6:8

As you receive this issue of Ouse News we shall be about to embark upon a new year in the life of the worldwide church and, as normal, in Advent this verse from the prophet Micah echoes in our heads and hearts as it sets the scene for our call to faith, our call to otherliness, our call to a spiritual life.

With the prospects of the C word on the horizon, the themes of JUSTICE, MERCY and HUMILITY are in the air as we get ready to welcome afresh the Christ-child into our hearts. This will be a difficult Christmas for those who have lost loved ones in the year past, those who have lost income, jobs, homes, partners.... but a great Christmas gift you can give to someone is a bit of time.

As we know that God gave us time in the person of Jesus – he gave us about 30 years of his time. We know that Jesus also became human – taking up space. The faith we are invited to participate in with Jesus is an embodied one – taking up space and time. The great theologian of the 1940s, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writes about God choosing to take up physical space with us embodying JUSTICE, MERCY and HUMILITY.

In the weeks of Advent season and looking to Christmas, take some time for yourself and giving thanks for the fact that you are created and take up space, and that God delights in your specialness, as well as calling you into his spiritual intimacy as you celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. Pray for the gifts of JUSTICE, MERCY and HUMILITY as you embark upon this season.

May the peace of the Christ-child dwell and emerge deep within you.

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

Please see the enclosed sheet for all the services in the
Sharnbrook Benefice for Christmas 2017

Sunday 3rd December	ADVENT SUNDAY 11am Parish Communion
Sunday 10th December	2nd Sunday in Advent 11am All Age Parish Communion
Sunday 17th December Gaudate Sunday—Rejoice!	3rd Sunday in Advent 11am Parish Communion 4pm Nine Lessons and carols
Advent Compline begins “the journey to the crib” Every day Monday 18th to Friday 22nd at 6pm in St Mary's	
Sunday 24th December	CHRISTMAS EVE No morning Service at St Mary's, but a Benefice Sung Communion at Souldrop at 10.30am 4pm Christingles at the Crib 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
Monday 25th December	CHRISTMAS DAY 12noon Christmas Eucharist
Thursday 28th December	The Holy Innocents 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 31st December	1st Sunday after Christmas 11am Parish Communion

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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Don't miss 23rd SHARNBROOK CHRISTMAS FAYRE on FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER! - where 'The Mill' will have one of some **25 various stalls** including Seasonal Gifts and Craft stalls, both set out in the large Marquee-on-the-Green, and individual 'gazebo-style', all open 4 – 8pm. Most shops will be open late too; Children's Entertainment from 3.30pm at Sharnbrook Primary School, then visit Father Christmas in his Grotto on Village Green; Christmas Tree & Village Centre Lights switch-on 6pm; Grand Draw; St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival; Traidcraft at The Methodist Church; Musical entertainment; various refreshments, mulled wine; hot chestnuts.....enjoy!

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COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Jane Wells

The December Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be at the home of **Graeme and Cherrie Dawson, Milton Ernest** on **Saturday 2nd December** 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.

There will NOT be a Coffee Morning in January.

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 3rd February 2018** at the home of **Alleyne and Margaret Leach, Felmersham**.

EVENTS IN THE AREA FOR DECEMBER

BEDFORD MESSIAH CHOIR 80th Anniversary Concert

Saturday 2nd December Handel's Messiah

7.30 pm Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, Bedford

Conductor Janet Welsh. Adults £10. Concessions £9.00

ST PETER'S CHURCH, SHARNBROOK

Friday 1st December Christmas Tree Festival all weekend ending on Sunday 3rd December with A Concert of Advent & Christmas Music at 3pm.

Conductor Janet Welsh. Admission £6 (including wine and mince pies)

Proceeds to The Children's Society.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ST PAUL'S SQUARE, BEDFORD

6th-10th December Christmas Tree Festival

Theme: 'Stories for Children' : Opened by Julia Jarman at 10.45am on 6th December
Daily concerts by community groups

Cellophany: Cello Octet Festival Concert

Saturday 9th, 7pm £15 (inc mulled wine and mince pies).

www.bedfordhospitalcharity.org.uk

Tickets from 01234 340163/783181

ST PETER'S CHURCH, DE PARYS AVE, BEDFORD

Saturday 9th December Christmas Concert, 7.30pm. Adults £9 (including light seasonal refreshments)

TABLE TENNIS, VILLAGE HALL, TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7.30 PM

New members are always welcome to come any Tuesday, but please note that there will be NO table tennis on Tuesday 19th and 26th December.

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BEDFORDSHIRE MIDWEEK

You may be aware that the **Bedfordshire on Sunday** is no longer being published. It has however been replaced by the **Bedfordshire Midweek** printed on Wednesdays, and this paper is available for collection from The Sun.



FELMERSHAM TO CARLTON WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SCHEME

From the latest information received from Anglia Water, the road closure on the Felmersham Road, Carlton is expected to extend to 10th December. For further information contact **03457 145145** or go to the website www.anglianwater.co.uk/yourarea.

CHRISTMAS CRYSTAL BOUTIQUE

Joy Davies

On Saturday 16th December 2017 from 10am - 6.30pm will be selling a range of gifts, ideal for Christmas and beyond including crystals, candles, incense, tea light holders, crystal jewellery, salt lamps and more. If you have time please pop in for a browse, a Christmas drink and some nibbles. There will also be raffle with all donations going to Keech Cottage Hospice. I hope to see you then. 1 Church End Cottages, Felmersham, MK43 7JA.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

Clive Just

Has anyone not seen the bright yellow cabinet containing a Powerheart G5 AED on the front wall of The Sun? It can't really be missed!

Should you need to use the AED first of all phone 999 and report the problem, they will dispatch an ambulance and also give you the code to open the cabinet. Once open just grab the device and take it away it has everything that is needed.

Although courses in using an AED are available training isn't essential as the device gives voice guidance - opening the case starts the process of talking you through each step. Once the pads are in place it monitors the heart beat and will not activate unless it's necessary, it may also instruct you do undertake CPR.

Details of the device can be found on the Powerheart website and there is also a YouTube video which shows how to use it. Go to www.felmersham.net/defib.htm for these links.

The AED and cabinet were donated by Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and special thanks go to Martin Blizzard who donated his time and the materials to install it. (Although the G5 doesn't need to be recharged the cabinet has a small thermostatically controlled heating element to stop the pads getting too cold in winter. You wouldn't want the shock of a cold pad on your body would you!). Thanks also to Peter Anthony who allowed it to be installed and pays for the electricity.

Finally the device checks itself regularly and has a Rescue Ready indicator which is normally green. The device is also checked regularly, but if you look through the small window in the cabinet and you see it has turned red, please contact me (781967) or the Clerk to the Parish Council.

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Denise Canning

Christmas is just around the corner, as we discovered at our November meeting.

Local florist Catherine Elworthy of Elworthy Flowers, showed us how we could all make our own beautiful Christmas wreaths and table decorations. With just a bucket of greenery and some moss, a metal ring was magically transformed into a lovely door wreath.

Catherine, who is based in Harrold, also runs a variety of seasonal workshops, throughout the year. The flowers and greenery, used in Catherine's bouquets and arrangements, are sourced, as much as possible, from local suppliers in Oakley and Renhold.

For further information go to www.elworthyflowers.co.uk or telephone 07846 419732.

PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman

Wow! What a busy time we have had this November! It has been an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the children with reports and parent consultations. We are very proud of all of our children. We have had two class trips; one to The Imperial War Museum at Duxford relating to the World War II topic, and the other to the National Space Centre in Leicester relating to the Space topic. The trips were both very interesting and informative. The children were fabulous and we had a great time and learnt lots. We are also having a visitor in school this week who will be talking to the children in year 3 and 4 about coding and spies, very exciting!

We are taking part in the Harpur Trust Art competition this year and we have had a visit from a local artist to work with the children on their own pieces to enter into the competition. This was an interesting and stimulating morning and the children are now finalising their entries ready to be sent off. We hope to have some winners as we did previously.

We are busy preparing and rehearsing our **Christmas play** this year. The children will be performing at the **St Mary's Church** as usual, and once again we have an open invitation to any community members who would like to join us – no need to let us know, just turn up at **10am on Tuesday 12th December**.

The children have also been busy making things for our **Christmas Fayre**, which promises to be a fantastic afternoon. It will be held in the School Hall from **2 – 4pm on Saturday 2nd December**. All are welcome to browse and be entertained. We will be having a special visitor for the children so come along and see what is on offer. St Mary's Church representatives will also be providing tea, coffee, cakes and mince pies for you to enjoy. Our final event in December will be a visiting pantomime in school, a fun and enjoyable play where the children can get involved. Oh yes they can!

ACTIVI-TEA

at The Methodist Church, Park Lane, 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 with the Tibbs Dementia Foundation

Tibbs Dementia Foundation already run groups like this in the Bedford area and their trained staff are responsible for providing activities for the Cared-For, while the Carers have the chance to have tea and chat together. Carers are also welcome to come on their own. There is the opportunity for one-to-one conversations with an experienced counsellor.

Come and join us on

Tuesday December 12th at 2.30pm

For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator, Linda Hoar 07791214148,
lindahoar@hotmail.co.uk

