

PERFORMERS INVITED! - for THE CRUCIBLE. Director: Michael Horne. Show Dates: Mon. 17th - Sat. 22nd September. ARTHUR MILLER'S CLASSIC PLAY, about the Puritan purge of witchcraft, paranoia and the danger of false accusations. For details of the play, synopsis, characters and to contact the Director, please visit: www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk. WORKSHOPS & AUDITIONS: Tuesday, 20th March, 7.30pm: First get-together & workshop. Thursday 22nd March, 7.30pm. Workshop (and back-up/early audition date for those unable to make the Sunday 25th). Sunday 25th March, 2pm: *Main auditions*. All take place at the Mill Theatre.

TWO 'WARM UP' APPEAL EVENTS TO ENJOY:

MILL THEATRE SPRING QUIZ - CASH PRIZE! Societies, families, friends, solos, everyone welcome! Friday 6th April, 7 for 7.30pm. Teams of 4-6/singles may also join in. Bar, Raffle. TICKETS: £5 pp available from: Amelia Newman: 07976 218573 or amelia.newman@hotmail.co.uk

'PRIME SUSPECT' (An unsuitable job for a women), by the ex-Met Officer and consultant for ITV's prime Suspect, Jackie Malton. This is the next in the 'Lunches at The Mill' series on: Wednesday 11th April, 12noon for 12.30pm. 2-course lunch. Wine/soft drinks available, raffle. Tickets (limited) £16, available NOW! - from Virginia Pope 01933 356 974.

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 OFFICERS

Rector	Fr Reuben Preston	(782000)
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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

March 2018

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

For many of us we picked up a bunch of daffodils at the checkout in M&S during early February, but the beautiful yellow daffodil is in fact the floral emblem of March, and always manages to put a burst of colour into my otherwise drab March garden. In March the traditional Saint of the month is St Joseph, Jesus' step-dad. It is a month when **Mothering Sunday** usually falls, and this month we shall be keeping the celebration with one of the **Community Services and the customary posies of flowers for everyone in church.**

As we think of mothers and fathers and families and 'mother church' we also find ourselves in the midst of the **Leading Your Church Into Growth Local Study course** - and thank you to those who have come along so far. Do keep attending as we reflect and study together and consider the role and outreach of St Mary's in our villages. The wonderful resource of St Mary's building is being examined in the light of making it more available to everyone in the villages. The 800th anniversary of the church building falls in 2020, and consideration is being given for how to make the building more 'user friendly' for 2020 to encourage more people to ask to both use the building and join in with the life of St Mary's.

So as you reflect on March and what it might mean to you, what resonances it has for you; consider also what resonances St Mary's Church building has for you and how you think it could be made more suitable for life and your spiritual life looking to 2020. Be adventurous in your thoughts and ideas, as the humble daffodil is, in bursting into bright colour in the darker borders of our gardens.



Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for March 2018

Sunday 4th March **3rd Sunday of Lent**
11am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th March **4th Sunday of Lent**
MOTHERING SUNDAY
11am Community Service
(see next page for details)

Sunday 18th March **PASSIONTIDE BEGINS**
5th Sunday of Lent
11am Parish Communion

Thursday 22nd March 6pm Compline at St Mary's

Holy Week begins

Sunday 25th March **PALM SUNDAY**
11am Parish Communion with the
Passion Narrative

Tuesday 27th March 6pm Compline at St Mary's

Thursday 29th March **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
9.30am Holy Communion &
Stripping of the Altar & Sanctuary

Friday 30th March **GOOD FRIDAY**
10am Radwell to Felmersham Walk of
Witness and Stations of the Cross ending
with Veneration of the Cross at St Mary's

Sunday 1st April **EASTER DAY**
11am Easter Communion & Baptism

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

Babysitting (Felmersham)	Laura Hewlett 782063	Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman 782290
		Electrical Services	Martin Blizard 782527
		Painting & Decorating	Eric Barford 781719
Childminding	Maxine Boswell 781940 07985 228 116	IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967 783246
Community Care	07786 344 176	Piano/Guitar Lessons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
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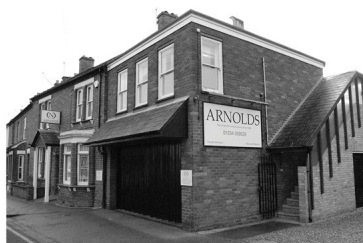
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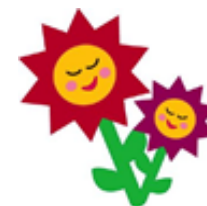
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Community Service for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 11th March, 11am at St Mary's Church

Come and join us for this short, informal
celebration with songs, flower posies, tea & coffee, squash,
cake & biccies and chat afterwards. All welcome 0 to 110 !



COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 3rd MARCH

Jane Wells

The March Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be at the home of **Tom and Jane Wells on Saturday 3rd 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. Everyone welcome.

The **April Coffee morning** will be hosted at the home of **Judith Folbigg at 10.30am on Saturday 7th April.**



Dates of the LyCiG Local Study Course

Main Session 4: Friday 9 March, 7.30pm hosted at Pinchmill Sch, Felmersham
Main Session 5: Tuesday 20 March, 7.30pm hosted at Village Hall, Souldrop
Main Session 6: Saturday 21 April, 2-3:30pm hosted in St Peter's Room, Sharnbrook

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ACTIVI-TEA

at The Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook

Our meetings will be at 2pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

Come & join us on

March 13th & March 27th

Churches Together working with Tibbs Dementia Foundation.

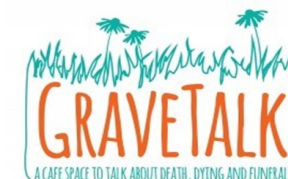
Meet with other Carers knowing the person you care for is enjoying activities in a safe and friendly environment.

Suggested Donation: Cared For £4 Carers £1

For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator

Linda Hoar 07791214148 lindahoar@hotmail.co.uk

**An informal safe space to have a conversation
about the many issues and questions
surrounding death**



Saturday 10 March : Felmersham (Pinchmill School)

Saturday 28 April : Souldrop (Village Hall)

2.30 – 4.30pm

For more details contact **Andrea Maffei: 783598**

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COMMUNITY CLEAR UP AND LITTER PICK

Saturday 17th March 10am-noon

Once again we're organising a clear up to keep our villages looking beautiful. Whether you can spare 30 minutes or a couple of hours, please come along and help, whether it's cleaning algae of some of the road signs or picking up litter - we'd love your help.

Radwell - meet at the village green
Felmersham - meet at the bus shelter

**If you'd like more information contact
Rosie Cheetham 781046**

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Denise Canning

So you think you can't wear red? Well think again. Sue Chaplin, a colour analysis consultant, explained that you just need to find the right shade for your colouring. Every colour falls into 3 main groups, either deep, cool or bright, these are then teamed with a secondary group of light, warm and muted, when you find the right combination, you know which shade of colour to look for.

Colours can have a huge impact on how we look, feel, and how others perceive us, get it wrong and you can look tired and unwell, get it right and you look fabulous.

The next meeting is on March 20th and entitled Musical Handbells.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dave Girling

A recent message from the police wrote about **telephone fraud** where the callers pretend to be the police, or a bank or similar. Please remember if phoned concerning money always make checks from another phone. The thieves might keep on the line they called you on for hours, and can realistically impersonate the police, fraud companies, banks, even the speaking clock. If you must use the same phone, call someone you know and if you don't get an answer be suspicious.

There have been a number of **car thefts** in Bedfordshire recently where the car keys are first stolen in a burglary. It is advisable not to keep car keys near a door or window where they can be seen and snatched easily.

Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall



Bake Off



SUNDAY 22nd April 2018

Enter your favourite cakes and bakes in our villages bake off or just come along and enjoy sampling all the entries (after judging) along with a cuppa of your choice.

Categories

Children (12 & Under)

- 4 x decorated homemade biscuits
- Showstopper (must be baked)

Adults

- Swiss roll with any filling
- Savoury – bread, scones, muffins, cheese straws etc
- Chocolate – brownies, muffins (must have chocolate and be baked)
- Showstopper – anything goes!

£1 per entry (enter as many classes as you wish)

£5 entry for non-bakers

£2 entry for 12 & under non-bakers

Entries to be in place at the Village Hall between 12—1pm. Judging will take place between 1—2.30pm.

All welcome from 3.00pm for tea, cake and prize giving.

For entry information please go to our Facebook page or email frvhc@yahoo.com

PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman

What a busy month, where did it go? We had a lovely visit from an illustrator who fascinated the children with his drawing techniques. He shared some of his books and illustrations, and demonstrated the techniques he uses in his work. The children were fascinated by these and have used some in school. Thanks to Mike Spoor for spending his time here. At the beginning of February we had another illustrator and author in to work with the children across the school to produce some spectacular pieces of art work - they are a talented lot!

Our Year 4 children also enjoyed a day on their bicycles, working towards their 'Bikeability Award'. This teaches the children how to ride their bikes safely and was a great day with all the children achieving the standard required to get a badge and certificate. Well done everyone.

At the end of last half-term we had a very interesting morning where the children in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes had the opportunity to visit Queen's Park Academy to experience activities around the Chinese New Year, and an Asian Day with the children there. There was dancing, music and lots of fun to be had and we all had an interesting and exciting time. We have also had a visit from a Viking; he came and taught us some Viking phrases and we learnt a lot about how things were all that time ago.

We are now busy preparing the Year 4 children for our annual residential trip, I, for one, am hoping for some warmer weather when we go at the end of March. We will also be having a visitor in school to talk to the Year 5 children about the Anglo-Saxons. This promises to be a fun day with many activities for the children to join in and learn from. On Friday 2nd March, we are holding our World Book Day celebrations, the children have been invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, staff will also be joining in with this - so keep an eye out to see who you can spot coming in to school. You never know who will turn up!

We will be posting photos of all of the events on our website so feel free to visit and take a look at all that has been going on, and find out about what is coming up.

PARENTS OF YOUNGER CHILDREN....ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A BABYSITTING CIRCLE/CLUB??

Mercedes Macfarlane

My daughter is 10 but we often find that we both need to go out and she doesn't want to be home alone. Do you have a younger child and would love to join a class or see a friend, and your sitters aren't local or you feel bad asking again? It would be great if the community could support each other with babysitting help - whether for an hour or a few hours. I'm happy to set it up and manage it. Interested??? Please call Mercedes on 07789 716 708.



Thank you to everyone who came to the Neighbourhood Plan Session on 10th February for the reporting back on the results of the questionnaire. We do hope that you also found it informative to talk to all the Agents that attended.