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9 – 18? WELCOME TO SHARNBROOK MILL YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL!

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th July, from 9am – 4pm, with performance in the Auditorium on Saturday 28th July 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. The fee of £120 for the week includes tuition, supervision, Summer School t-shirt, two tickets to the Saturday performance and a souvenir programme. **The Summer School fee also includes a year's student membership to the full society.** It is advisable to book early, as places are strictly limited. Please contact Paul Wildman (Summer School coordinator) at wildchildtheatre@yahoo.co.uk.

REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
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)
Lay Leaders of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
	Jane Templeman	
Churchwardens	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

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

Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

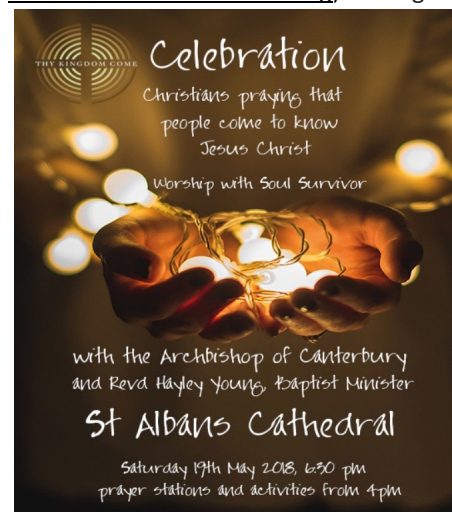


Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

May 2018

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

May – the month for gardens springing to new life and colour! And a less known fact is that the United Kingdom celebrates May as the **National Smile Month**. (see www.nationalsmilemonth.org) calling us to consider our oral hygiene. Whatever your particular take on the month of May we are called this year 2018 to join in a Celebration of Pentecost with Archbishop Justin at St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 19 May. It is an ecumenical event as part of the Thy Kingdom Come season from Ascension Day (10 May) to Pentecost (20 May).



Here in the **Sharnbrook Deanery** we shall be celebrating Deanery Ascension Day service on 10 May 7.30pm at St Mary's, Keysoe –followed by refreshments to start of the period of call to prayer and reflection.

As my bit I am calling the Benefice to use the Examen Prayer each day for the 10 day period.

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Please support Christian Aid Week 13th –19th May

A resident from the village, who will have a badge of authorisation, will collect the envelope which is enclosed with this edition of Ouse News between 13th and 31st May.

The Sun

Monday 7th May Bank Holiday

The unveiling of our great new event

See the Header and turn to page 5 for details

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for May 2018

Tuesday 1st May	Ss Philip & James 7.30pm Sharnbrook Holy Communion followed by drinks and nibbles
Sunday 6th May	ROGATION SUNDAY 11am Parish Communion 4pm Rogation Walk starting at Felmersham, finishing at Sharnbrook. Evensong will follow at 6pm at St Peter's
Thursday 10th May	ASCENSION DAY 9.30am Felmersham Holy Communion followed by drinks and nibbles
Sunday 13th May	<i>Christian Aid Week begins</i> 10.30am Churches Together Service at Park Lane NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST MARY'S
Monday 14th May	The Feast of St Matthias the Apostle 7.30pm Sharnbrook Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel followed by drinks and nibbles
Sunday 20th May	PENTECOST Whit Sunday 11am Parish Communion
Sunday 27th May	11am Choral Matins

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT: *Monday 4th – Saturday 9th June, 7.30 pm

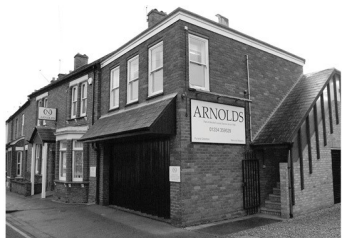
Eric Idle & John Du Prez's musical lovingly ripped off from the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Join King Arthur, Sir Lancelot and the Knights of the Round Table on their very silly adventures! Book & Lyrics by Eric Idle, Music by John Du Prez & Eric Idle. [MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH, AND ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE SUPPLIED BY, THEATRICAL RIGHTS WORLDWIDE (TRW), 180 AVENUE OF THE AMERICA, SUITE 640, NEW YORK NY10036 WWW.THEATRICALRIGHTS.COM.]

EARLY BOOKING ADVISED – HIGH DEMAND EXPECTED! TICKETS £12 – 13 NOW ON SALE: (£1 booking fee) - in person at Pick-a-Lily, Florist, 61 High St/Park Lane, SHARNBROOK, or on line: www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/tickets.

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The Examen prayer will take the form of a guided meditation (15mins) each evening at 6pm in Church to reflect on the day gone by and the day ahead of us. The Examen prayer comes from hundreds of years of spiritual formation and is used widely across the world by people desiring to grow in their spiritual life. It is a prayer that is structured and easy to do as it calls us to reflect on the actions, emotions and encounters of the day gone by as we draw closer to our creator God. Why not come and give it a go? There are some more details about the Examen prayer on the website www.ignatianspiritualdirection.org.uk.

There will be copies of my Examen booklet available to buy in Church for £1 to help you follow the prayer through and also keep some notes.

Have a good May

Fr Reuben

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 5th MAY

Jane Wells

The May Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be at the home of **Barry and Janet Welsh, Felmersham at 10.30am on Saturday 5th May**. 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 **June Coffee morning** will be hosted at the home of **Geoff and Celia Hulatt, Felmersham on Saturday 2nd June**.

TEA IN THE CHURCH: WEDNESDAY 16th MAY, 2.30 - 4.30PM

Jane Wells

Do come along with your neighbours and friends for a chat, a cuppa and a piece of cake. If you are new to the village this is a good way to meet your neighbours and to find out what is happening in the village. Everyone and all ages are welcome.

Teas in the Church will also take place on Wed 20th June, 18th July, 15th August and 19th September.

CHURCHYARD TIDY 20th MAY

Sue Whitehouse

It's that time of year again when the weeds start springing and we need to tackle the undergrowth before it becomes overgrowth. If you can spare an hour or even two on Sunday afternoon 20th May between 2 and 4pm, I would be very pleased to have your help. Please bring garden hand tools and a bucket for the weeds. I will bring tea, coffee and biscuits. I look forward to seeing you there.

BELL RINGERS

Mike Benson

The Northants mid-week bell-ringing group will be ringing at Felmersham on Wednesday 2nd May from approximately 2 - 4pm.

The "Golden Oldies" (from various parts of the country, but centred in Northants) will be ringing at Felmersham on Tuesday 22nd May from approximately 11am - 12.30pm.

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WI

Denise Canning

Following a delicious fish & chip supper, the business side of our AGM got under way. Our current president Sue introduced Pam Plumb, a WI advisor for the Bedfordshire area. Pam has been active in this role since 1991, and is available to offer guidance if needed.

Reports were given by Sue, May and Gina, in their roles as president, secretary and treasurer respectively. Sue thanked the committee for their support and hard work, Marjorie, Sylvia and Pauline for running the monthly raffles, and all who had helped in any way towards achieving another successful year. Special thanks were also given to Lynn and Maria for their work on the committee as they step down from their roles.

The cup for the winner of the most competitions this year was awarded to Jill, and I was fortunate to receive the bursary to attend a course of my choice at Denman College.

The History of Nursery Rhymes is the subject for our next meeting on 15th May.

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CALLING ALL ALLOTMENTEERS

Sue Whitehouse

Many thanks to everyone who mucked in to help tidy the allotment site on Saturday 21st April.

A good result was achieved with a lot of hard work in unseasonable heat. There will be ongoing problems with brambles and overgrowth in some abandoned or neglected plots but we will try to tackle them as and when we can.

Most regular plot holders will know that we are in the process of organising a regularised water supply so if you have been thinking of taking up an allotment and the lack of water has been putting you off, please let me know. We can make half plots available for the more time restricted.

CHURCHYARD WALLS

Churchwardens

In case it has escaped anyone's attention, some of the stone caps on the churchyard wall along the High Road are crumbling. There is also another area which is sinking and in danger of collapse. The PCC is seeking to solve these problems as soon as funds can be raised.

Ivy growing on Churchyard walls can expose potential problems in their decay. Part of the PCC's obligation to maintain the boundaries and to avoid further repair costs has been an annual contract for spraying of the walls to kill and to prevent the growth of ivy. This is the recommended advice given to help preserve Churchyard walls for future generations. This year the spraying of the walls will take place on Tuesday 15th May at 9am. Care will be taken with the walls adjoining neighbouring properties.

The Sun

Monday 7th May Bank Holiday

The unveiling of our great new event

Scalextric digital car racing in the Back Bar. This will be our first testing day in preparation for full race days.

Next events:

Bank Holiday Monday 28th May Charity Scalextric Race Day

Saturday 30th June Felmersham Bridge 200

Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall

Bake Off

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Bake Off on Sunday 22nd April**. The standards of entries were 'exceedingly good'!

We would also like to thank the judges; Vanessa Coleman, Reuben Preston and Anna Lewes. They commented on how tasty the entries were, but Reuben would like more items (especially cheese straws) in the savoury category next year please.

The provisional date for next year's Bake Off is Sunday 3rd March.

List of Winners

Children's (12 & under) Showstopper 1st Prize – Poppy, Noah & Millie Harris
Highly Commended – Sam Boswell and Macy Anderson

Children's (12 & under) Iced Biscuits 1st Prize – Eva Tandy
Showstopper 1st Prize – Freya Long

Highly Commended – Ester Anderson

Chocolate 1st Prize – May Mills

Highly Commended – Nicole Finneron

Savoury 1st Prize – Jill Bance

Felmersham Bridge 200

SATURDAY 30 June 2018

This year we celebrate the 200th anniversary of Felmersham Bridge.

Events on 30 June continue to be planned, beginning with the blessing of the Bridge at 3pm by Father Reuben and a horse and carriage crossing the Bridge in celebration of its opening. After this and moving to The Sun for children's games and refreshments, there will be Scalextric digital car racing in the back bar, with the evening concluding with a BBQ and live music

In addition there are three competitions that you can enter. These are:-

- ◆ Photograph of the Bridge—open to those aged 16 and above
- ◆ Artist's portrayal of the Bridge—open to all ages
- ◆ Model of the Bridge—open to children aged 11 and under on 1st September

Closing Date: 8th September 2018

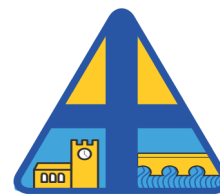
Full details to follow next month

Felmersham Bridge 200 Committee

PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman

Just before the Easter Break we took the Year 4 children on a residential. This included three days of fun, exciting and challenging activities for the children. They had to work as a team and face personal challenges which they all did with such enthusiasm and energy. We had great time and the weather was quite kind to us. We did get a little bit wet when we built rafts which we then took out on the water. Fortunately they were great and floated well. We had a few wobbles and some went overboard! We all survived to tell the tale.



We returned to school after the Easter Break full of energy and ready for the final term of the academic year. The children are excited about their new topics which are 'Ahoy There Land Lovers', 'Wild and Wonderful', 'We are the Groovy Greeks' and 'The Shang Dynasty'. As you can see there is a great variety and lots of opportunities for some fun and exciting learning.

Over the Easter break we submitted sixteen entries from the children across the school to the Harpur Trust Art Competition. The children did some amazing work which was focused on wellbeing and illustrated the theme of 'Where is your happy place'. We are looking forward to hearing back and hopefully seeing some of our work displayed at The Higgins, Bedford from 16th June to 26th August. This will make a great visit and will be a display of between 120 and 140 pictures from all ages and many schools across Bedfordshire.

We are busy planning trips for the children which include a visit for Year 5 children to the science labs at Sharnbrook Upper School (thanks to them for their kind offer) to see some 'whizz, bang, flash' experiments. We will also be taking the Reception Class to Gulliver's Land, the Year 1 and 2 to the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge, and Year 3 and 4 will be having a Greek Day in school, including traditional plate smashing!

We are also involved in Sports Festivals, The Sing-On Festival, and lots of fun clubs after school. There will be lots of news, dates and photographs on our website so take a look at Pinchmill.beds.sch.uk.

Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall (ctd)

Graffiti

We were disappointed to discover that there has been some rather obscene graffiti written on some of the play park equipment. It is the first time this has happened since the park was refurbished several years ago and is very sad to see. If anyone sees anything suspicious or has any information, please either contact the Committee via our email address FRHVC@yahoo.com or the police by phoning 101.

Also please use **this email address** for all correspondence related to the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee including bookings, and especially if you would like to join the Committee in any capacity.

Thank you

ACTIVI - TEA dates for this month

8th & 20th May