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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	
Churchwarden	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

June 2018

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

Most of us are dependent upon highways – be they superhighways, motorways, trunk roads or just plain roads. 200 years on and who would have imagined that the vicar would be wading into the midst of the river to bless a bridge? Our lives are so shaped by our communication links and transportation possibilities and this month sees us as a village celebrating 200 years of the bridge over our river. Albeit a modest bridge, it has made access and movement around the local area so much quicker and easier despite the odd flood from time to time.

Movement and change are themes for the rest of the month too as we say good bye to Andrea Maffie, our Benefice Ordinand, as she is ordained Deacon on Sunday 1 July at St Albans Cathedral. We shall all then have the opportunity to share in this moment of movement and change for her and her family. It is a great time of celebrating that we have nurtured and supported Andrea through the last years of her full-time training here, in Bedford and in Cambridge. She will go off to begin a new phase of ministry as Assistant Curate in Flitwick Benefice and it is good to see women's faith and ministry being developed and nurtured from our villages. We shall miss her contributions to our Benefice life. (ctd)

Don't miss the following:-

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	June Rural Bulky Waste Collection
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Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for June 2018

Sunday 3rd June	11am Parish Communion
Sunday 10th June	11am Parish Communion
Monday 11th June	The Feast of St Barnabas the Apostle 7.30pm Sharnbrook Holy Communion followed by drinks and nibbles
Sunday 17th June	11am Parish Communion
Sunday 24th June	NO SERVICE AT FELMERSHAM The Birth of John the Baptist 10.30am Sharnbrook St Peter's Benefice Patronal Festival Communion
Sunday 1st July	NO SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE am 11.15am St Albans Cathedral Diocesan Ordinations

Every Thursday	9.30am Holy Communion

If you would like to contribute to her Ordination Gifts from the Benefice a collection is started to buy the traditional ordination gifts of an Ordination stole and Preaching Scarf. In your generosity give your donations to the Rector in cash, or cheques payable to "R.Preston" or Paypal to rjp@reubenjamespreston.co.uk or BACS 20-07-82 10181048 Ref 'Andrea'.

So whether you pass over the bridge after its 200 years with us or step into St Mary's, say a prayer to bless Andrea as she steps along this new part of her journey of ministry and faith as she moves with her family to Flitwick after her Ordination. Thank you for your help and support in helping Andrea reach this point.

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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.]

TICKETS £12 – 13 (£1 booking fee) - in person at Pick-a-Lily, Florist, 61 High St/Park Lane, SHARNBROOK, or on line: www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/tickets. . Groups (10+) 10 % discount (Not Fri/Sat). 2 wheelchair spaces (please phone (01234) 781372 to book); easier access seating; hearing loop. ***NB: Monday 4th June is charity Night in aid of Autism Bedfordshire. 100% of the ticket price will be donated to the Charity. Please contact Sarah Grimes: (01234) 214871 or sarah.grimes@autismbeds.org.uk**

THE MILL THEATRE HAS WON TWO AWARDS FOR TWO OF THEIR 2017 PRODUCTIONS:

The Best Youth Production Award for *Phantom of the Opera* and The Best Technical Award for the Costume Department of *Cloud* for the "fabulously inventive costumes for the futuristic production of Cloud". These were presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony of The National Operatic and Dramatic Awards Eastern Region (District 2) in St Ives on Sunday, 13 May. Two further 2017 shows had also been nominated: *Cheshire Cats* in the Best Drama category and *Cloud: a New Musical* for Best Musical.

THE CRUCIBLE by Arthur Miller, 17th – 22nd September. Tickets on sale straight after *Spamalot*. This exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem is both a gripping historical play - and a timely parable of our contemporary society. The story tells how small lies – children's lies – build and build until the suspicions of a whole town is aroused. Set in a small tight-knit community, personal grievances collide with lust and superstition, fuelling widespread hysteria. Arthur Miller's timeless parable attacks the evils of mindless persecution and the terrifying power of false accusations. (An Amateur Production by arrangement with Josef Weinburger Ltd).

Priority booking is being given to local schools for the Monday and Tuesday performances. For more information about these performances and the educational resources, please contact Kathryn Rose kathryn.rose86@gmail.com or 07753634985.

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 2nd JUNE

Jane Wells

The June Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be at the home of **Geoff and Celia Hulatt, Felmersham at 10.30am on Saturday 2nd June**. 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 **July Coffee morning** will be hosted by **Paul and Pat Keeble, in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 7th July**.

TEA IN THE CHURCH: WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE, 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 Wednesday 18th July, 15th August and 19th September.

CHURCHYARD TIDY

Sue Whitehouse

Many thanks to everyone who turned up to help clear the hay field that was the churchyard on 20th May. It was great to see so many and we achieved quite a lot in the time.

The next session is on Sunday 17th June at 2 - 4 pm. As usual I will provide tea and biscuits for anyone kind enough to join me.

LIGHTING UP FOR ADVENT

Sue Whitehouse

As you have probably noticed, St Mary's in common with many local churches, is floodlit during part of Advent and over the Christmas period. The cost of the electricity for this has kindly been borne in recent times by one or two local people each year. However, the floodlights themselves are old, unsafe and some of the wiring to enable them needs to be replaced.

We have been quoted £820 for replacement with LED lights and wiring. LEDs will obviously use less power and will save money in the long run, but this is a luxury item for a church with more pressing calls on it's purse.

If you enjoy seeing the church lit up at Christmas and think you would like to help fund this mini-project by making a contribution, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact me or Ken Shrimpton.

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WI - The Secret History of Nursery Rhymes

Blanche Smith

Terry Bennett's research into the history of Nursery Rhymes revealed some 'dark secrets' which most of us, reciting these to our children and grandchildren, would have thought to be harmless. Many of these rhymes were written to parody the Political and Royal characters of the time, as well as the social unrest in the country - rather like the cartoonists of today - and as early as 1381 the first rhymes were written to portray the suppression and execution of rebel leaders involved in the Peasants Revolt. Mary Tudor or 'Bloody Mary' was Mary, Mary quite contrary with her silver bells and cockle shells - instruments of torture - and the 'pretty maids' the guillotines! She was also the farmer's wife in Three Blind Mice who pursued her Protestant ministers and had them beheaded! There are many other examples - too many to mention - which puts a rather new slant on 'Listening with Mother'!

During our tea break we celebrated Jean's 'Special' forthcoming birthday with a delicious cake made by our star baker, May.

Next month on June 19th is our outing to the Cecil Higgins Museum.

Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust

A reminder to you all that the **Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust** was set up by the late Margaret Alleway, a resident of Felmersham between 1964 and 2002. This Trust was set up for the benefit of residents of Felmersham and Radwell and is intended to provide financial help with domestic support for the elderly, sick, disabled or those in need within the two villages. It can also provide facilities for social welfare, recreation and leisure in cooperation with other relevant organisations for the benefit of the inhabitants of Felmersham and Radwell. If you would like to apply for a grant, or indeed if you know of someone who is in need, we would like to hear from you.

You can **download the application form** from the village website www.felmersham.net or approach any of the Trustees for advice. The Trustees are Peter Hartop, Gill Whiteway, Jeff Stokley and Simon Witham.

Bedford Borough Council Collection of Felmersham & Radwell Bulky Waste 2018

Please take your domestic waste to the following locations:

Saturday 9th June Radwell - The Green

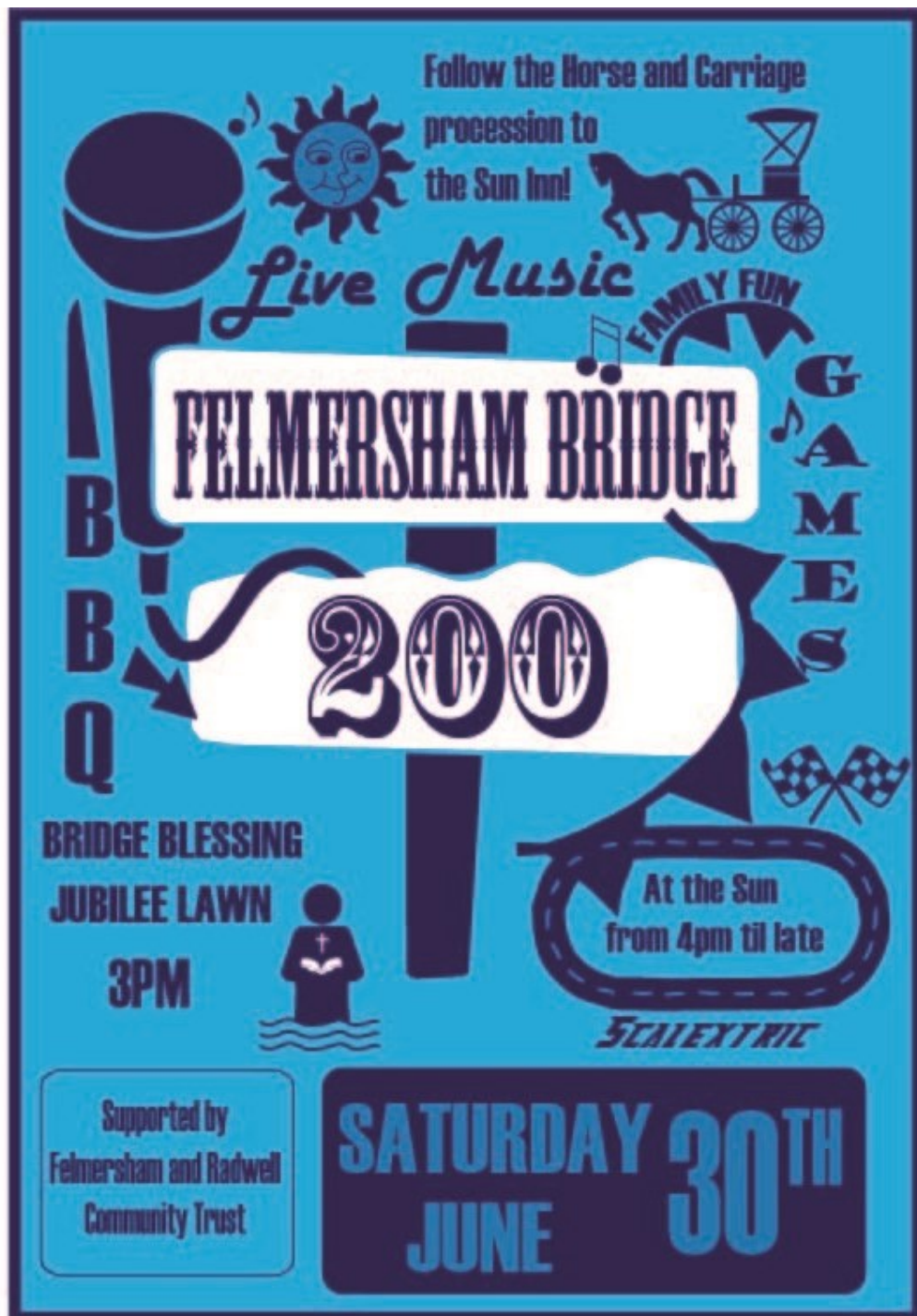
3.00pm until 5.00pm

Sunday 10th June Felmersham - Marriotts Close

1.00pm until 3.00pm

Times are approximate to allow for travel between sites

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Felmersham Bridge 200

SATURDAY 30 JUNE 2018

Supported by Felmersham & Radwell Community Trust

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

Events will begin at 3pm down at the **Jubilee Lawn** with the Blessing of the Bridge by Father Reuben, with a horse and carriage crossing the Bridge in celebration of its opening in 1818.

Moving to **The Sun** there will be children's games and WI cream teas. There will be a BBQ and Scalextric digital car racing in the back bar. With entertainment from clog dancers, a ukulele band and other live music, the day will be one to remember.

Don't forget these **competitions** that you can enter :-

- 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 1 Sept

Closing Date: 9th September 2018 with entries being judged at the Autumn Show.

Ken Shrimpton & Jane Carwithen

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A REQUEST

Paula Blizzard

My son, Rory, is taking his silver Duke of Edinburgh award at Sharnbrook School and is looking for suitable work to complete his volunteering section. If anyone could use some help in their home or garden, please contact us on 01234 782527. It would be on a weekly or fortnightly basis for an hour at a time for either 3 or 6 months.

14 & 15 July Art Exhibition and Sale

To be held at **Carlton Village Hall**, The Moor, Carlton for St Mary's Church, Carlton from Sat 10am to 5pm & Sun 12noon to 4pm. Entry £1.00. Info & entry forms – Sue Brown (01234 720442).