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### REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Sunday in each month	7.30pm Sunday Sisters	The Sun
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
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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	Jane Templeman	
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Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25<sup>th</sup> of the month



Parish Online: [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net)

July 2018

### LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

**Belonging - where do we feel we belong?** July is a significant month for me because it is when I'm called to my monastery to celebrate St Benedict's Day on 11 July. I have been associated with Alton Abbey since I was a curate in 1991 when one of our congregation set out on the path of the Religious Life to become a monk in the Church of England. I visited him for years and then took the plunge to become an 'Oblate'. We live something of the shared life of the monastery, but at a distance and in ordinary life, sharing in prayer and study with other oblates around the country.

Benedict was born in Nursia, central Italy, around the year 480. As a young man he was sent to study in Rome, but was soon appalled by the corruption in society and withdrew to live as a hermit at Subiaco. He quickly attracted disciples and began to establish small monasteries in the neighbourhood. Around the year 525, a disaffected faction tried to poison him, so Benedict moved to Monte Cassino with a band of loyal monks. Later in life Benedict wrote his Rule for Monks, based on his own experience of fallible people striving to live out the gospel. He never intended to found an 'order' but his Rule was so good that it was disseminated and widely followed, becoming the model for all western monasticism. Benedict died at Monte Cassino in about the year 550. (ctd. overleaf)

### Don't miss the following:-

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## Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for July 2018

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>NO SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE am 11.15am St Albans Cathedral Diocesan Ordinations</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b><i>St Thomas the Apostle</i> 7.30pm House Communion at the Rectory</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>11am Parish Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>11am Parish Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b><i>St Mary Magdalene</i> 11am Choral Matins 6pm Knotting Benefice Evensong</b>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>The Feast of James the Apostle</i> 9.30am Sharnbrook Holy Communion followed by drinks and nibbles</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>11am Parish Communion and Baptism</b>

As a parish priest, having a place to belong spiritually is important as we move from post to post, and Benedict's Rule provides that Christ-centred point of focus during the weeks and months of the year, and also shapes how to learn to work and live amongst people and strangers.

For Benedict hospitality is an important element of the Christian life. Welcoming the stranger at the door of the monastery, his monks are taught to welcome the visitor as if welcoming Jesus himself.

In this month of July why not consider how you welcome the 'stranger'? How could you be more welcoming either at home or at work? So often we are caught up in our ordinary social routines; we miss the vitality and gift of the stranger to our lives.

**When we get to 11 July – Happy St Benedict's Day.**

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## THE CRUCIBLE by ARTHUR MILLER

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**TICKETS: STUDENTS IN FULL TIME EDUCATION: For the Monday and Tuesday performances,** priority booking is being given to local schools. For more information about these performances and the educational resources available please contact Kathryn Rose: 07753 634985 or kathryn.rose86@gmail.com

**ADULTS (£1 booking fee) WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY: Tickets £9/11** are now available in person at PICK-A-LILY, Florist,, 61 High St / Park Lane, SHARNBROOK, or on line: [www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/tickets](http://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.

**Heating & Ventilation Appeal Update:** Some £183,000 has been raised to date towards the £186,000 cost of Phases One (Auditorium) & Two (extension of the system to other areas) of the water heat pump heating to radiator system; installation of the latter is nearing completion. Fundraising will then continue for Phase Three: natural Air Ventilation for the Auditorium, which is currently being re-evaluated. Those who came to Spamalot on the warmer evenings will appreciate the need for Ventilation for optimum comfort!

Meanwhile, the refurbishment of the Foyer and the phased redecoration of the whole of the public areas is well underway. We rarely stand still!

## **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 12 noon for 12.30 pm**

The next in our popular series 'Lunches at The Mill'.

**FLORAL DEMONSTRATIONS BY JO JACQUES OF PICK-A-LILY, FLORISTS OF SHARNBROOK; PRECEDED BY A 2-COURSE LUNCH.** Ticket £16. Wine/soft drinks available. Raffle.

## **Advance notice: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm.**

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## **COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Jane Wells**

The July Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Paul and Pat Keeble, in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July.** 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 **August Coffee morning** will be hosted by **Sue Whitehouse and Elaine Longstaff** in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on **Saturday 4th August.**

## **TEA IN THE CHURCH: WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY, 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.

## **CHURCHYARD TIDY**

**Sue Whitehouse**

Thanks again to those regulars who came to help me in the churchyard. There is always more to do but hopefully the dry weather will discourage the weeds to some extent.

The next session will be **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 2 - 4pm** for anyone willing and able to join me with some garden hand tools and a bucket for transporting the weeds. Tea and biscuits will be provided.

## **LIGHTING UP FOR ADVENT**

**Sue Whitehouse**

Following my appeal for help with the floodlighting of the church in last month's Ouse News, I am pleased to say that we have received a few generous donations and now have £500 towards our target of £800.

Many thanks to those who have so far contributed. If anyone else feels able to give towards this lovely part of the build up to Christmas in Felmersham and Radwell, please get in touch with me or Ken Shrimpton.

## **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

**Andy Evans**

The **door to door collection** held in the village in May, raised the **wonderful sum of £196.86.** Thanks to Denise Canning and Sue McWhirter for their help. All the money will fund projects to help children who are in need both in this country and also around the world. Thank you to all who gave so generously.



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There are several areas in **www.felmersham.net** that require updating. Also some clubs, meetings and other regular events that happen in Felmersham and Radwell do not feature and could be added for general interest. Dates and especially contact names for further details would be much appreciated.

Please send any such updates to  
**kenshrompton@felmersham.net.**



### Dates for your diary

Sunday 8 July Kimbolton Country Fayre & Classic Car Show

Sunday 15 July British Red Cross Bedfordshire Open Gardens,  
Panacea Museum, Bedford

The  
20<sup>th</sup> Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show  
and  
Art Exhibition  
will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
in Pinchmill Hall

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### Felmersham Bridge 200

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- **Photography** "Felmersham Bridge—Celebrating 200 years." A portrayal of Felmersham Bridge, or part of the bridge, or one which includes the bridge. May include wildlife or people. Open to all ages.
- **Art** "Felmersham Bridge—Celebrating 200 years." As above. Any medium. Open to all ages
- **Model of the Bridge**—open to children aged 11 and under on 1 Sept

**Closing Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**For more details see the Schedule for the Autumn Show.**

## PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman

We have had a busy June here at Pinchmill Primary School. We started the new term with a visit with Year 1 and 2 children to the Botanic Gardens in Cambridge. We had a fantastic time, investigating plants from different habitats - tropical to alpine - and looking at the enormous trees there, carrying out bark rubbing and measuring activities. It was a fantastic day and the weather was kind to us too.



The Year 3 and 4 children have started their swimming lessons and are enjoying their time in the pool. They have also enjoyed a Greek day related to their topic for the term. They learnt about and made traditional Greek dishes, and then enjoyed tasting these. They also participated in some wrestling activities which they really enjoyed!

The Year 5 children have visited Compton Verney in Warwickshire to find out all about the Shang Dynasty. We sketched, listened, photographed and learnt lots about the ancient Chinese Dynasty. We also created clay pots in the style of the Shang Dynasty which the children enjoyed; we brought these back to school to decorate. The grounds were fantastic and we had an outdoor picnic lunch to add to the enjoyment of the day.

We have also taken part in a variety of sports competitions – tennis, golf, cricket, and athletics – across the school. The children have enjoyed participating and have represented the school brilliantly. Our Year 4 children have been invited to take part in a Dance Workshop at Bedford Girls School and are very excited about this event which will be on 28<sup>th</sup> June. As the end of term rapidly approaches we have our final sports event of the year, our annual Sports Day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping for good weather and lots of fun and enjoyment for the children and parents who come along to watch and support.

The children have also completed all of the statutory curriculum tests and have made us proud of the way they approached these. We are now busy preparing for the end of this term and for the new classes and new children joining us in September; this will be our first year as a full Primary School. There is still lots to do before the end of term which will be rounded off with a whole school trip in the last week. Information is on our website and there will be lots of photographs of our work and events so do take a look if you are interested.

## POPPY WALK FOR HONOUR



Calling families, dog walkers and ramblers! Get walking and raise funds for The Royal British Legion, Bedfordshire's Poppy Walk for Honour. The Poppy Walk returns to commemorate the end of the First

World War and to say thank you to the First World War generation- all who served, sacrificed and changed our world. Come to Bedford Priory Country Park in Bedford, Barkers Lane, Bedford MK41 9SH on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. Join the Poppy Walk Squad and be part of the fun!

We will be gathering at the Visitor Centre at Priory Country Park Bedford from 11.00am to embark upon a choice of two routes: 2km, which is wheel chair and push chair friendly or 10km for those that really want to stretch their legs. Stroll around some of the area's most interesting sites. As well as the walk there will be live music and activities with refreshments available at the Cloverdale Retreat-the Parks Café. A wonderful day out for the whole family to enjoy while raising funds for our wounded, injured, sick members of our Armed Forces and their families. Why not come and join us?

Registration 11:00am, Act of Remembrance 11:30am, Walk starts 12:00pm

Register online at: [www.bedsoppywalkforhonour.co.uk](http://www.bedsoppywalkforhonour.co.uk) or upon arrival on the day

Adult 12+ £8.00, Child £5.00, Family £20.00 (2 x Adults + 2 x Child or 1 x Adult + 3 Child)

## ACTIVI-TEA

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