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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)
Lay Leaders of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
	Jane Templeman	
Churchwarden	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
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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)

August 2018

### LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

If you look around the internet you will find that August was the **Word of the Day** on 23 August 2015 (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/august>).

Our month of August was named after the first Roman Emperor in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC.

As the website says...."August comes from the Latin word *augustus*, meaning "consecrated" or "venerable," which in turn is related to the Latin *augur*, meaning "consecrated by augury or "auspicious." In 8 BC the Roman Senate honoured Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, by changing the name of their month "Sextilis" to "Augustus." Middle English speakers inherited the name of the month of August, but it wasn't until the mid-1600s that "august" came to be used generically in English, more or less as "augustus" was in Latin, to refer to someone with imperial qualities."

This month is of course the month when we celebrate our **Patronal Festival** (we are keeping the celebration on **Sunday 12 August**) and this year's celebration has the title "BEHOLD I AM..." - words which we ascribe to Mary as she heard the invitation from the Angel Gabriel to be the bearer of Jesus in her womb. (Ctd )

### Don't miss the following:-

Page 3	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Service for St James at Radwell
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## Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for August 2018

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>NO SERVICE at St Mary's</b> <b>11am Holy Communion for St James in</b> <b>RADWELL (see next page)</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b><i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i></b> <b>7.30pm Sharnbrook Holy Communion</b> <b>followed by drinks and nibbles</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b><i>Assumption of Our Lady</i></b> <b>11am St Mary's Patronal Festival</b> <b>Benefice Sung Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>11am Parish Communion</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b><i>St Bartholomew</i></b> <b>7.30pm Sharnbrook Holy Communion</b> <b>followed by drinks and nibbles</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>11am Choral Matins</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>11am Parish Communion</b>
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<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>

### (Letter from Fr Reuben continued)

For Mary her words were "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord" and, as we celebrate the example of Mary's self-giving and decision to join in with the plan of God's salvation for the world, it is a good time for us to reflect on how we might finish that sentence for ourselves, this year, here in Felmersham and Radwell this August 2018..... "Behold I am....?????"

Do come and join the celebrations on **Sunday 12 August** if you can, and let's enjoy the music and song of the day to honour our Parish Church's patron.

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

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm.**

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**ACTIVI-TEA** AT The Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook

**We will not be meeting in August**  
**Come and join us again on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in September**

## **ST JAMES' DAY SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

There is **NO SERVICE** at St Mary's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Instead there is a **Celebration for St James with Parish Communion at 11am at Radwell Hall Farm, Radwell** (the farm on the right just before the river bridge). This is an open air service to celebrate St James' day, held where it is thought a chapel dedicated to St James once stood. Join us for this special service which will be held in the barn.

## **COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**Jane Wells**

The August Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Sue Whitehouse and Elaine Longstaff in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 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 **September Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Jeff and Karen Stokley, Felmersham on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

## **TEA IN THE CHURCH: WED 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 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.

The final Teas in the Church for this year will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

## **CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION**

**Rosemary Drewery**

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to Christian Aid this year (we raised £406.50), and Sue, Stephen, Jane and Iain for helping me.

I appreciate that not everyone had the chance to hand their donations over, but it is always hard to know when to actually try and collect them. Thank you once again.

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** As part of **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS** St Mary's will be welcoming visitors from 10am to 4.30pm each day. The Parish Records will be available to view and help given to find the location of any family graves in the churchyard. Refreshments will be on sale. For more information and details of other events in the area, see [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk).



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## WI

## Denise Canning

Our annual summer outing took place in June this year, members enjoying a visit to the Higgins Museum, to see the 'Women in Bedfordshire over the Last 100 Years' exhibition. This was followed by a delicious cream tea at the Swan Hotel.

This month, some of our members, have also been on outings organised by the Bedfordshire Federation of WI's. Judith went to Hampton Court Flower Show, and May, Maggie and I went to the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, to view the conservation work being done to the painted ceiling there. Both outings were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We were entertained at our July meeting by Anna Conti, a stained glass designer and restorer. Anna's interest in glass began at 11 years old, when she became fascinated by antique glass bottles, some she dug up from the local dump, and others she exchanged with friends who were also collectors. After graduating from the Chelsea School of Art, Anna has worked in both traditional and contemporary designs, as well as some restoration work. Her first commission was for Sir Richard Branson, although she now thinks she undercharged him, he wasn't as high profile then! Anna also showed us some of the beautiful work she has done over the last 30 years, her designs can be seen in many parts of Europe and America. Packing must be a nightmare!

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 Competitions

Don't forget these **competitions** that you can enter in the **Autumn Show**:-

- **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.**

### CHURCHYARD TIDY

Sue Whitehouse

Many thanks to Stephen and Rosemary who came to help tackle some of the weeds and particularly the bindweed and the Elder. Always more to do, so the next session will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 2-4pm with the usual refreshments provided.

Please feel free to join us with hand tools and a weed bucket to help keep the churchyard tidy for visitors and mourners.

### FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL COMMUNITY CARE

May Mills

The sound of popping corks reverberated around Pinchmill Hall as Felmersham and Radwell Community Care celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with guests from Thursday Club and Community Care volunteers. Our chairman Maggie Spoor welcomed everyone, including Mike Freyers from Bedford Rural Community Care, before we tucked into a delicious tea of savouries, sandwiches, scones and cake. Maggie asked the oldest member to help her cut the celebration cake, and thanked all volunteers and helpers who have given their time over the years to ensure that villagers in need know that we are available to support them as best we can. She also mentioned Mike Thomas who instigated and set up the scheme 21 years ago, and we are forever grateful to Margaret Alleway, whose bequest will give us financial security for many years to come.

### ALLOTMENT SANCTUARY

Sue Whitehouse

If anyone locally has plans to dismantle and dispose of an old shed, can you please let me know? We are looking to make a rain shelter, or somewhere to sit and have a cup of tea, on the allotment site and would appreciate something second hand even if a little dodgy around the edges. As long as it is mostly sound we could well be interested. (Tel: 781300)

### THANKS TO THE FRCT

Sue Whitehouse

On behalf of all allotmenters I would like to thank the Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust for funding the trough and installation for a water supply to the allotments. The work has yet to be completed, so the thanks are in anticipation at this stage, but it should serve to make the plots more productive and the prospect more appealing to those who want to have a go. Many of us this year, as in previous years, have lost crops to the hot weather given the difficulties of getting water to the site once the tanks have drained, so it will be much appreciated.

### FELMERSHAM BRIDGE 200

Joan White

The first peal of the Church bells heralded a celebration of the bridge which brought people together. It was a true village occasion, which we all enjoyed. The tone was set by Father Reuben whose warm appreciation of village life shone through his welcoming words. He blessed the bridge in splendid style, striding into the water resplendent in ecclesiastical stole and panama hat. The readings, which followed, explained the context of the building of the bridge and illustrated how difficulties were overcome and how co-operation for the common good eventually triumphed. There was so much to enjoy for everyone on a perfect sunny day, with the festivities continuing into the evening at The Sun. It was village life at its best.

Successful events like this do not just happen and all Felmersham residents owe a debt of gratitude to the planners, the bridge committee, the participants and not forgetting those who clear up afterwards. It is not possible to name all those who worked to make the day a success, but would they accept a heartfelt thank you from all of us.

*For photos see [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net)*

### BIKE 'N HIKE SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

The annual Bike 'n Hike offers the opportunity to raise money both for our church/chapel and for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. Taking part involves being sponsored for either cycling or walking to churches or chapels in Beds or Herts between the hours of 10am and 6pm.

Every £1 you raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to us. This makes the Bike 'n Hike a very effective way to raise funds for St Mary's church. All the organising is done for us; all we have to do is to take part! The other half of the sponsorship money goes to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust which is distributed, in the form of grants, to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital repairs to their church or chapel.

We often hear people saying their cycling days are over. Well this year, for the first time, we are encouraging people to consider visiting churches by car. By using the Sponsorship Form, you could make a donation for every church you visit. Your nominated church will receive half the donation, BHHCT will receive the other half and you get to visit churches that are normally closed! Now surely that is worth doing?

So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day cycling, walking or driving to churches and chapels in our area and at the same time boost our church's funds as well as those of the Trust.

For more information, please contact Ken Shrimpton 781381.



#### THE COMMITTEE OF FELMERSHAM BRIDGE 200

would like to express thanks to

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for their financial support of the Bridge Celebrations on 30<sup>th</sup> June