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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)
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

September 2018

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

September is a month of thanksgiving as we remember the fruits of the seasons coming to an end in Harvest Thanksgiving, and also with the fruits of our partnerships in growth and creativity at our Village Show. There is always a sense of excitement and remembering our connectedness to the seasons, although for most of us the pains of farming often completely pass us by as we walk the aisles of the supermarkets or click through the products available online. We generally put very little effort or resources into receiving our food.

This harvest at St Mary's we are supporting the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal which is about helping others grow food for themselves and sell on surpluses. The details can be found at <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/bishop-s-annual-harvest-appeal/> and involves helping people in Malawi.

"Farming communities in rural southern Malawi have suffered severe hardship because of changing and unpredictable weather patterns. However, by starting to grow the drought-resistant and commercially valuable crop, the remarkable Pigeon Pea, people's lives are being transformed, bringing them new hope for the future."

I hope you will support the appeal this year as we help to give hope (ctd)

Must-reads for all in Felmersham and Radwell:-

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Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for September 2018

Sunday 2 nd September	11am Parish Communion
Sunday 9 th September	11am Parish Communion
Sunday 16 th September	11am Parish Communion
Sunday 23 rd September	11am Community Service <i>followed</i> <i>Harvest Celebrations</i>
Sunday 30 th September	St Michael & All Angels 11am Parish Communion

Every Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

(Letter from Fr Reuben continued)

to others in a very different part of the world, and remember our connectedness to nature in our Harvest Celebrations on Sunday 23rd September as we have a service of words and music in celebration of the work of those women and men who labour for the harvests we are fortunate enough to be able to purchase at will.

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Jane Wells

The September Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Jeff and Karen Stokley, Felmersham on Saturday 1st September 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 **October Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Brian and Blanche Smith, Felmersham on **Saturday 6th October.**

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS 23rd SEPTEMBER

The Community Service at 11am on **Sunday 23rd September will be followed by a Ploughman's Lunch** in the Church to raise funds for the Bishop's Appeal.

Tickets are £5 per head from Sue Whitehouse from Sunday 9th September.

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Wednesday 12th September, 12 noon for 12.30 pm

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

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Friday 12th October, 7.30 pm

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To book tickets for these two Mill Theatre 'Warm Up' Appeal Events, please contact: Brian Woodrow (01234) 349455 or email: brianwoodrow538@gmail.com.

THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The next Quiz Night is Saturday 24th November, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. More details will follow in next month's Ouse News.

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

Meetings for this month: September 11th and 25th at 2.30pm

Co-ordinator Linda Hoar 07791 214 148

Announcement to the Parish

Sunday 19 August 2018

The Rector will be leaving the Church of England ministry to join the Scottish Episcopal Church: moving from the English Province of the Anglican Church to the Scottish Province.

Fr Reuben will finish his ministry here in the Benefice on Sunday 7th October and will be Licensed on All Saints Day to be Rector of St John's Church, Johnstone & St Margaret's Church, Renfrew with a diocesan responsibility to develop the Anglican presence in the Glasgow Ignatian Spirituality Centre. Reuben will be moving to the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway where Stephen and Reuben are buying a home in Renfrewshire. They are planning their wedding next September.

At this time of change, of your charity, please pray for this Benefice as well as Reuben & Stephen as they leave the Church of England.

SERVICE FOR ST JAMES, RADWELL HALL FARM

Jane Rhodes

On Sunday 5 August 2018 we had a service to commemorate St James. This took place in the barn at Radwell Hall Farm. There is said to have been a chapel on the farm dedicated to St James and a few years ago Hazel invited us to celebrate St James on the farm, the first occasion being in an adjoining field. Since the weather has determined whether we are inside or out!

Very sadly Hazel died only a short time ago but her daughter, Pip, asked us to continue this tradition. This year we were once more in the barn but not because it was raining: we all struggled to find some shade in the barn! It was a very lovely service with an excellent sermon from Father Reuben. Pip laid on refreshments in the house afterwards. We would like to thank you Pip for all the preparations you made to accommodate us, and to make it a special occasion. Hazel was very much in our thoughts.

Ian Stewart and family would like to thank all those who kindly sent cards and wishes following the death of Chris. She is now happily resting in Glen Esk surrounded by the beautiful Scottish hills.

Agnes Stewart (daughter-in-law) on behalf of Ian

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DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Clive Just

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Blanche Smith

Our August 'Social Event' was this year held in The Sun and could be called 'short & sweet'; no business to report but plenty of sweetness provided by Karen, Lesley, Jane W, Edith and Sue! After the delicious selection of desserts, we were offered tea or coffee and then challenged to solving a quiz set by Jill. We had to identify a series of pictures of celebrities from TV, sportsmen and women and even royalty. No prizes for coming first!

Next month's meeting on September 18th, 'How to Reduce Energy Costs' comes just in time for the winter months.

The
20th Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show
and
Art Exhibition
will be held on Sunday 9th 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: 9th September 2018

For more details see the Schedule for the Autumn Show

TEA IN THE CHURCH: WED 19th SEPTEMBER, 2.30 - 4.30PM **Jane Wells**

This is the last Tea in the Church for this year. 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.

CHURCH CHOIR **Janet Welsh**

We need more singers for the Church choir, especially ladies. Can you help?
We practise Sunday morning before the service , and we would love to see youno auditions required!!
Give me a ring if you are interested on 781010.

LIGHTING UP FOR ADVENT **Sue Whitehouse**

Very many thanks to everybody who contributed so generously to the flood-lighting. I am delighted to say that we have reached our target and have asked Martin Blizzard to proceed with the work so that the church can be lit up for the festive season. A great result. Thank you all.

SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018 **A REMINDER**

As part of **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS** St Mary's will again be welcoming visitors from 10am to 4.30pm on this day. Displays of local information, including photographs from Felmersham Bridge 200 and some of the Parish Records will be available to view. Refreshments will be on sale. All are welcome.

For more information and details of other events in the area, see **www.heritageopendays.org.uk**.

Sponsored BIKE 'N HIKE **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust**

Also on this day is the BIKE 'n Hike. For further details, see the August edition of Ouse News or contact Ken Shrimpton on 781381.

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.

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE SUN

Clive and Rosalyn Just

After 5 years of ownership we have decided to sell The Sun public house. It is now a thriving and profitable business with the capacity to do even better with a little more investment and we believe it is a great opportunity for the right person or group.

Peter Anthony, the current tenant, would be happy to discuss carrying on should any new owner just want to "buy to let" and he has many ideas for developing the business further. However he is also prepared to move on should it be bought by someone who wants to run it themselves. The Sun was registered as an Asset of Community Value with came with an obligation to publicise the sale in case a local community group wanted to express, formally, an interest in putting in a bid. In which case the building could not be sold for 6 months to give the community group enough time to raise the money and make an offer. As the rules stand, at the end of the moratorium the owner of an ACV can decide who to sell it to, there is no obligation to accept the community bid.

Although The Sun is doing well at the moment on average 2 pubs per week close down and the property is worth much more as a house than a pub. A local pub was bought by someone who kept it open three years then tried to redevelop the site, though luckily had a change of heart. Other locals eg The Red Lion and Slaters Arms are seemingly still closed waiting for permission to develop. Community ownership prevents that from happening so please consider whether you could participate in such a scheme. If so let us know and we will put all like minded people in touch with each other. There are organisations to help community ownership and some grant funding for the process may be available.

Alternatively if you might consider buying The Sun yourself or know someone else who might - either as a good investment or to be the licensee - we will be happy to provide all the information you require.

Call us on 781967 or email clive-ros@justs.info .

CHURCHYARD TIDY

Sue Whitehouse

Our next session is on Saturday 22nd. September from 2-4pm. If the Horse Chestnut leaves have dropped by then, there will be a lot to do, so if you can spare an hour or two with garden hand tools I will be very pleased to have your help. Tea and biscuits will be provided as always. Thank you in anticipation.