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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

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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)

January 2019

Being moved

Ernest Carwithen

All of us have been moved (or touched) by a piece of music, a sunset, a starry sky or a poem. The capacity to be moved is an essential part of our humanity. Yet it remains a mystery. Winning the lottery gives us great joy, but it does not move us. Losing a favourite item of clothing makes us sad, but it is not moving. Being moved is more complex: to be touched by joy is to feel also a tinge of sadness; to be touched by sadness is inseparable from a tinge of joy.

There is a sense in which our feeling of being moved is a gift from heaven: it is outside our control and not a frequently felt emotion. Indeed, its infrequency makes it special, not commonplace. I was moved as a teenager when I heard the Overture to Tannhauser for the first time. Many years later I was moved by a celebration of Mass in Sacre Coeur, Paris. I have been moved by certain poems, by great mountains and by the vast expanse of the ocean.

In church each Sunday are we not anticipating that moment when the hand of God touches us and our hearts are uplifted? And, if we are honest, we know that there are numerous times in church when no such moment occurs. Yet, our (ctd.)



## Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

NB May be subject to change—please check the noticeboard by the Lych Gate for details

<b>Sunday 6 January</b>	<b>11am Parish Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 10 January</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 13 January</b>	<b>11am Parish Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 17 January</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 20 January</b>	<b>NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S</b> <b>10.30am Churches Together Service for</b> <b>the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at</b> <b>Park Lane Methodist Church</b>
<b>Thursday 24 January</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 27 January</b>	<b>11am Parish Choral Matins</b>
<b>Thursday 31 January</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 3 February</b>	<b>11am Parish Communion</b>

(Being Moved Ctd.) Christian faith tells us to be patient and not to lose hope: we wait for that divine moment, and it may only be a moment, when we are transported in our minds far away from the here and now. Perhaps it will happen at the taking of communion or during the intercessions or sermon; or perhaps when we hear the words of the "Jubilate Deo".

If it is to be relevant to people's lives, religious worship has to involve thinking about God in ways that make sense in 2018: we need to talk the language of ordinary people, not the jargon of a religious club. At the same time, however, our worship must create the conditions in which a worshipper may be moved (or touched) by something in the church service. Hence the importance of the liturgy. The challenge is how to reconcile the accessible and mundane with words and music that can uplift us.

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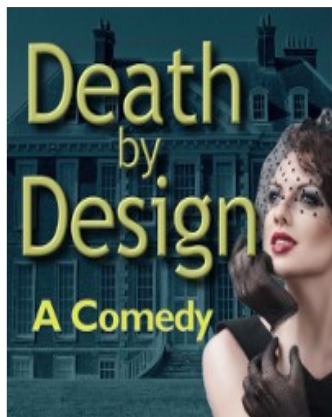
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## CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

Jane Wells

There is **no** coffee morning this month .

The **February Coffee Morning** to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted at the home of **Father Mac and Hanne, Sharnbrook on Saturday 2nd February at 10.30am**. Contributions of homemade cakes, toilet-ries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome. Do come along.

## VISITING RINGERS

Mike Benson



A group of ringers who were students at Leeds University (hence they do not have a name) have asked if they can ring for our (said) morning service on Sunday 30th December 2018.

They will be ringing for about half-an-hour or so .

## 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.

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**Denise Canning**

Once again the venue for our Christmas meal was 'The Sun', and we were not disappointed.

Delicious turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding and mince pies were all served by Peter and his friendly team. After lots of laughter and friendly chatter, we listened, enthralled, by the beautiful voice of Felmersham's own Bridget Peirson-Davis. Bridget chose songs that reflected her 'Felmersham Life', from first moving here at the age of ten, to returning this summer, after living and working in Brussels for a number of years. Sue, our President, then brought round the 'Secret Santa Sack' of presents. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a most enjoyable evening.

### **Stevington Cinema brings digital film and live theatrical**

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Stevington Cinema screens a live programme from the National Theatre. The Tragedy of King Richard the Second and I'm Not Running are the next two productions.

The Royal Opera House live screenings are also shown and will include Queen of Spades and La Traviata.

The events programme can be found at [www.stevingtoncinemaclub.uk](http://www.stevingtoncinemaclub.uk).

### **Events and What's on in Bedford**

Bedford has a dedicated **arts and culture magazine**. The Bedford Clanger which features up-to-date information on everything from theatre to live music. [www.thebedfordclanger.com](http://www.thebedfordclanger.com)

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Felmersham & Radwell's New Monthly

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### THE ODELL GARDENING CLUB

**Mary Crouch**

The Odell Gardening Club had a very successful first meeting in October and is open to anyone interested in gardening. A programme of talks, garden visits and related activities is planned for 2019.

Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, usually at Odell Village Hall but this may vary from time to time. Please check with the organiser Mrs Mary Crouch on 01234 711503 or [maryjcrouch@icloud.com](mailto:maryjcrouch@icloud.com).

It was agreed that Membership would be £20 per annum, plus £2.00 entrance at the door for members and £5.00 for non-members, which will include tea/coffee/biscuits and a door prize.

Is there any up and coming event that you think other readers might be interested in?

Do let the Editor know and it will be included if there is space.