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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	Vacant. Please contact the Churchwarden.	
Lay Leaders of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
	Jane Templeman	(07885 617 583)
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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

February 2019

Letter from Father Mac

Thinking about last month, I was delighted with the service we had for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Three different denominations getting together in worship – unity in action.

As for February this is often the month when the first shoots of Spring push their way through the dark and unpromising earth that has been bare since autumn. Snowdrops are often the first real sign that the garden is waking up again after the winter. Snowdrops have quite sharp leaves that push up through the soil and then the flower opens to reveal the delicate nodding white and green petals.

New beginnings; new promises – all to excite us but also to maybe leave us a little apprehensive about what the future holds for us. As I write, the Brexit issue has not been settled, and how long will we have to wait before we get a new Rector? This together with the multitude of problems which face our world does make one at times feel uneasy. But this where faith and trust in God comes in. It is really hard to take on new challenges all on your own – but when you have the sense that God is leading you forward and supporting and encouraging your actions and choices, it makes all the difference.

I pray you will feel that sense of encouragement in the new challenges and opportunities that may be facing you in your life - and know that the Church family in our Benefice are here to offer friendship and support when you need it.

With all blessing

Father Mac

The February Header: A Read Bunting (male) photographed in Felmersham Nature Reserve by Sarah Royal.

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

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

Sunday 3 February *Presentation of Christ in the Temple*
Candlemas *PLEASE NOTE TIME*
 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion

Thursday 7 February 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 10 February 11am Parish Communion

Thursday 14 February 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 17 February 11am Parish Communion

Thursday 21 February 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 24 February 11am Parish Choral Matins

Thursday 28 February 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 3 March 11am Parish Communion

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

Jane Wells

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, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome. Do come along.

The March Coffee Morning will be hosted by Jane Rhodes, Felmersham on Saturday 2nd March at 10.30am.

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* NB: Monday 11th March is a Charity Night for The Rotary Club of Rushden.
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Wednesday 10th April, 12 for 12.30,

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THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Rosemary Cheetham

Date for your diary: **The Annual Community Litter Pick** will take place on **Saturday 16th March, 10-12noon.**

Felmersham: please meet at the bus shelter.

Radwell: please meet at the village green.

Please do come along if you can - many hands make light work!

THE SUN INN

As some of you may already know, Peter Anthony will be leaving the Sun Inn at the end of his tenancy in March and moving onto pastures new (#PEXIT). Peter has enjoyed his time living in Felmersham and will leave with many happy memories and some great friends. Pete would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made the last three years so memorable.

On a happier note: we are delighted to announce that the pub will be serving food on Thursday evenings over the next couple of months. There'll be some new and exciting food options so please keep an eye out on the chalkboards and Facebook for more information.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dave Girling

A Felmersham resident reported that a "young lad" recently knocked on their door; it was dark and fairly late at night. He was selling various items. The resident remembered that in the past a group called the "Nottingham Knockers" had used vulnerable young people in this way to scout out possible burglary opportunities. A number of other people said that the young lad had also knocked on their door. A few days later (13th Jan) and possibly totally unrelated a Quad bike was stolen from Felmersham. The police confirmed similar activity had recently increased in our area and the radio recently reported theft in rural areas was on the increase. Possibly, these all happening recently is just a coincidence but please phone 101 if you have any information so the police can build up their intelligence. If at any time you feel vulnerable do not open your front door unless you know who is calling. If you believe a crime is happening at the time you phone dial 999 and not 101.

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THE ODELL GARDENING CLUB

Mary Crouch

The Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in Odell Village Hall. Membership is £20 per annum, entrance £2:00 for members and £5:00 for non-members. This includes tea/coffee/biscuits and door prize.

The next meeting on 21st February is a light-hearted Horticultural Quiz. If you would like further information, contact Mary Crouch at maryjcrouch@icloud.com. Please feel free to bring your own wine/soft drink for this meeting and join a table of 4 for a fun evening.



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Jill Girling



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Ros Collins

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

We had a very successful and well attended Quiz Night on the 24th November so thank you to everyone that came along; we raised £840 which will help with the costs of running the Village Hall. We had a change of caterer this year and everyone enjoyed the food provided by Vicky from the Pavenham Kitchen so we have already booked her for the 2019 Quiz.

Our next event is the Bake Off on Sunday 3rd March; please see overleaf for more details. The Committee look forward to seeing you for tea and cake from 3pm.

We are always looking for new members to join our committee (only 10 meetings per year) so please contact FRVHC@yahoo.com for more details.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL COMMUNITY CARE

Maggie Spoor

The AGM will be held in Pinchmill Hall Committee Room on Thursday 7th February starting at 7.30pm.

Community Care celebrated its 21st birthday last year. In order to continue this good neighbour scheme we are looking to recruit more volunteers. Could you spare an hour or so occasionally to help those members of our community who don't have close family or friends able to assist with lifts to the doctor or shops, light shopping, prescription collection, hospital appointments, etc? Then please come to the AGM on the 7th February to meet our volunteers, who are all Felmersham or Radwell residents, and find out how Community Care provides this valuable service.

Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall



Bake Off



SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2019

Enter your favourite cakes and bakes in our villages' bake off or just come along and enjoy a cuppa and some cake.

PRICES

£1 per entry – enter as many categories as you wish

£5 entry for non-bakers

£2 entry for 12 & under non-bakers

CATEGORIES

Children 12 & Under

4 x homemade gingerbread people

4 x homemade decorated fairy cakes or cupcakes

Adults and 12 & Over

Lemon drizzle cake

Chocolate brownies

Scones (sweet or savoury)

Showstopper (anything goes!)

**Entries to be delivered to the Village Hall between
12 and 1pm.**

Judging 1-2.30pm

Come along at 3pm for tea, cake and prize giving

BAKE OFF GUIDELINES

- ⇒ All entries must be homemade (no packet mixes please)
- ⇒ The Village Hall will be open from 12pm for delivery of entries by 1pm
- ⇒ Judging 1pm to 2.30pm
- ⇒ All entries will be portioned up and shared after the judging at 3pm
- ⇒ Prize- giving from 3pm
- ⇒ All bakers will have free entry at 3pm (plus refreshments)
- ⇒ Please note the entry prices for non-bakers – this includes tea, coffee or soft drinks plus a selection of the Bake Off entries to try
- ⇒ As the entries are homemade we are unable to provide allergy information

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

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