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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)
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



Ouse News

The Season of Lent

Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

March 2019

Letter from Revd Dr Vicky Raymer

March is emerging like a lamb this year. Violets and daffodils are taking over from snowdrops. There isn't much that's edible in the garden but shops are full of fruit and veg from warmer climes.

It's strange to remember that in medieval England early spring was called the starving time. Grain supplies would be running out. Most meat would have been used up in the autumn, to preserve fodder for animals able to produce young in the spring. The Lenten fast was imposed in preparation for Easter. It also meant that everyone's diet changed, poor and (to an extent) rich endured hunger together and scarce resources were conserved.

Contemporary variations on the social solidarity of a shared change in diet are emerging. Young people influence the cuisine of colleges and restaurants and argue about ecological living over vegetarian menus with vegan options. Old and young can make common cause and learn from each other how to do better with less and enjoy it more. Conscious caring acts can deepen our awareness of the wondrous spring generosity of nature and prepare us to share in God's Eastertide generosity in love for the world.

Sunday 31st March at 10.30am (note time!)

in St Mary's Church

Villages' Community Service

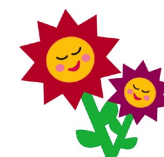
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Mothering Sunday

Come and join us for this short, informal celebration with

songs, readings - and flower posies + tea / coffee / squash + cake / biccies + chat

All very welcome – bring all the family!



Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

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

Sunday 3 March	11am Parish Communion
Thursday 7 March	9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 March	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> 11am Parish Communion
Thursday 14 March	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 17 March	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 11am Parish Communion
Thursday 21 March	9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24 March	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> 11am Parish Choral Matins
Thursday 28 March	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 31 March	10.30am Mothering Sunday

Compline during Lent will be every Tuesday at 8pm
beginning on 12 March

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 2nd MARCH

Jane Wells

The **March Coffee Morning** to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted at the home of **Jane Rhodes, Felmersham on Saturday 2nd March 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 **April Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Andy and Sue Evans, Felmersham on Saturday 6th April at 10.30am.

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*** NB: Monday 11th March is a Charity Night for The Rotary Club of Rushden. Please phone: 01933 312668.**

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TWO FORTHCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS IN AID OF THE 'WARM UP' APPEAL:

Thursday 16th May, 7.45 pm,

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Friday 10th May 2019, 7.30 pm

DAVID FLETCHER (FROM THE BBC'S FLOG IT!)

will bring antique items and talk about his life as an auctioneer

Tickets £16, which will include a supper, are AVAILABLE NOW from Brian Woodrow:

01234 349455 or brianwoodrow38@gmail.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Sue Whitehouse

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on **Friday 26th April** at **7.30pm in Pinchmill Committee Room**. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting when we review all aspects of the work of St Mary's Church; fabric, finances, mission, giving and worship. We also elect Church Officers and PCC members.

There are two parts to the meeting:

- 1) Election of Churchwardens
- 2) Reports on mission, restoration and management of St Mary's Church, election of PCC members and election of members of the Deanery Synod

Whilst all are welcome to the meeting and vote for the Churchwardens, you must be on the Church Electoral Roll in order to vote for PCC and Deanery members. The Electoral Roll is being reviewed this year and all who wish to have their names on the new roll, whether on the existing one or not, will be required to complete and return forms by 17th March to 7 Trinity Close. Forms have been given out to existing names and some new ones, but if you attend the Church and would like to be included, please contact me on 781300.

If you would like to apply for one of the posts, nomination forms are available from me.



ADVANCE NOTICE : ALLOTMENTS

Sue Whitehouse

On **Saturday 9th March** allotment holders will be having a tidy up day starting at about 9am. This will involve a few **bonfires** in the morning and will go ahead unless the rain is torrential or the snow very deep. **Please take this as an advance notice to keep windows shut and washing indoors for that morning if you are affected.** We apologise for any inconvenience but sometimes these tasks have to be tackled, so better that we all do as much as we can in one go.

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THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Rosemary Cheetham

A Date for your Diary:

**The Annual Community Litter Pick will take place on
Saturday 16th March, 10—12noon.**

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Radwell: please meet at the village green.

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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.

At the next meeting on **March 21st** Peter Lickorish will give a slide presentation entitled 'Are Plants Like Humans'. Peter teaches practical horticulture at Shuttleworth College, has experience in garden design, maintenance and retail and is studying for his RHS Masters qualification. Further information from marycrouch@icloud.com.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

DON'T FORGET



Bake Off on Sunday 3rd March

The Committee look forward to seeing you for tea and cake at 3pm.

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

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**Blanche Smith**

## FUN OIL PAINTING with Michael Peachey

Michael is a man of many talents. Although he has had no formal lessons, he describes himself as a professional artist with experience producing high quality portraits, animals, seascapes, surreal and mural work. As a young boy of nine years of age he was inspired to copy Constable and at eleven he sold his first oil painting for £2! As well as giving talks and demonstrations to many WI's in the area, Michael visits hospitals and nursing homes, mostly in Northamptonshire, to give lessons to patients and residents, encouraging them to take up painting, which has been proven to reduce stress. He set up his easel, oil paints, etc and proposed that he paint a landscape for us. His audience suggested - Spring, sunset, waterfall, castle, sheep and daffodils! In no time at all the scene took shape and Michael encouraged us to participate but this fell on deaf ears as no one was brave enough to help 'fill in' the picture! However, we showed our appreciation for his efforts with a vote of thanks for an entertaining evening.

We look forward to next month's meeting, March 19th, 'Musical Memories' with Peter Scrivener.



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Tel : 07767 866808, email: [frparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:frparishclerk@outlook.com)

## PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Vanessa Coleman**

The first half of the Spring Term was busy and went rapidly! There was lots to do and much to learn; the children were enthusiastic and excited about the approaching opportunities.



Our topics for this term are: Reception Class – To Infinity and Beyond, all about Space; Year 1 and 2 – Fire and Ice; Year 3 and 4 – What did the Romans do for us?; and Year 5 and 6 - Stone Age to Iron Age. We have so far taken the children in Reception for an exciting and interesting day to The National Space Centre, and are now waiting to take Year 1 and 2 to the Snozone in Milton Keynes.

It is an exciting time for our Year 4 children who are preparing for an adventure – their first residential trip. Many have not been away from home for three days before so excitement is mixed with a bit of trepidation! They will have a range of outdoor activities and opportunities to take part in and will have heaps of fun. Our Year 6 children, who are our first cohort ever, will also have the opportunity for a residential trip later on next term.

We will be holding our Easter Celebration Assembly on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm at the St Mary's Church as usual. The children will be singing and performing class pieces. You are more than welcome to join us if you wish.

Our Year 4 children have also had the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability Course. This teaches them about cycle control, road safety and maintenance of their bicycles. All of the children passed the course and have obtained a certificate for Level 1 Bikeability.

Pinchmill Primary Year 3 to 6 children were also invited to participate in the Bedford Modern School Art Competition. We have had some very successful children in the past and are hopeful again this year. Entries were submitted on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February so we are eagerly waiting to hear.