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### REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Monday in each month	7.30pm Monday Sisters	The Sun
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
2nd Thursday in each month	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm WI	Committee Room

### CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Vacant. Please contact the Churchwarden.	
Lay Leaders of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
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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 2019

**ORDINATION IN ST ALBAN'S ABBEY – A REFLECTION**

Jane Templeman

The swelling tones of the organ heralded the procession: the choir, the cathedral clergy, the diocesan bishops, the supporting clergy, and the seventeen deacons, each to be ordained as priest before the congregation packed into St Alban's Abbey. The procession wound its way through the huge assembly of friends and family, all to be witnesses to this laying-on of hands by Bishop Alan and a small group of supporting priests for each deacon.

As the long procession passed, and before the thousand and more voices in the Abbey joined as one in the singing of the first hymn, I paused to think for a moment about vocations and journeys - not just of priests but of all who find a way to bring to fruition their talents, gifts and interests, and especially those whose vocations lead them into the service of others.

Each one of us has a story to tell about our own life's journey, and each of us can bring to mind the names of those who helped or guided us along the way in discerning our vocations or ambitions, and who supported us as we worked to achieve them.

So it was perhaps for Andrea, as she took her turn to kneel before the bishop, felt his hand on her head, and the hands of her supporters, Father Reuben, Rev. Tom, Father Mac and Rev. Robert, (see picture left to right), as well as her present incumbent Rev. Lucy, on her head or her shoulder. So it was perhaps for each of the deacons, with their own clergy supporters who had trained and guided them. (Ctd.)



## Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

*We are sorry to hear that Father Mac has been unwell and will not be able to take Services for a while. We aim to find other clergy to cover where needed for the next few months until our new priest is in place, but some services listed may be subject to change at short notice.*

*Details of changes will be posted on the noticeboard by the church gate.*

<b>Sunday 4 August</b>	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11am Parish Communion
<b>Thursday 8 August</b>	9.30am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 11 August</b>	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11am Parish Communion
<b>Thursday 15 August</b>	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 18 August</b>	<b>PLEASE NOTE TIME</b> 10.30 am Benefice Patronal Festival Communion
<b>Thursday 22 August</b>	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Sunday 25 August</b>	<b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11am Choral Matins
<b>Thursday 29 August</b>	9.30am Holy Communion

### Other Dates:

- There will be a wedding in St Mary's Church on Saturday 3rd August at 2.30pm.
- The **Licensing Service for Revd Paolo Di Leo** will be at St Peter's, Sharnbrook on **Monday 4th November** at 7.30pm.

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**PAGE TO STAGE**

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*The two events above are in aid of the 'Warm-Up/Cool-Down' Appeal*

**(A REFLECTION CTD.)** And so it was for all friends, family and clergy in the congregation, as we lifted the hands of our hearts, bidding each new priest to go well in Christ.

Later, outside the Abbey, as I watched Robert, Tom, Mac and Reuben grouped around Andrea as the cameras and smart phones recorded the moment, I reflected how much we in our benefice also owe to all of them as incumbents, curate, and retired clergy, who have guided and supported so many of us over the years, in times of perplexity, sadness or joy.

It was an emotional and uplifting experience, a compression of time as we greeted, perhaps with a silent prayer of thanks, all who have been there with us through the years.

**COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 3 AUGUST**

**Jane Wells**

The **August Coffee Morning** to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted at the home of **Laurie and May Mills, Felmersham, on Saturday 3 August at 10.30am.**

Contributions to the bring and buy stall are welcome (toiletries, bric a brac, cakes, produce etc...). Everyone welcome.

The **Coffee Morning in September** will be hosted by Ian and Margaret Coomber, Felmersham on Saturday 7 September at 10.30am.

**TEAS IN THE CHURCH : WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST from 3.00 - 4.30pm**

Do come along and join us for a cuppa and a piece of cake. Bring your friends and neighbours for a chat, to meet others and to find out what is happening in the village. Everyone and all ages are welcome.

Teas in the Church will also take place on **Wednesday 18 September.**

**CHURCHYARD TIDY UP**

**Sue Whitehouse**

My thanks to the few stalwarts who turned up to help at the last session.

As always, there is more to do, so the next session will be on Sunday 11th August from 2-4pm.

All volunteers with hand tools and weed bucket will be most welcome. Tea, biscuits and chat will be provided.



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### TWEAK TO BUS TIMETABLE

The route 50 timetable is tweaked from Monday 28 July. All southbound buses will be timed at Felmersham and Radwell 3 minutes earlier than previously (except for the first two of the day which are unchanged) and all northbound buses will be 4 minutes later (except the first one of the day which is unchanged). The Sunday timetable is unchanged.

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**Sponsored Bike 'n Hike**  
**BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

## **Bike 'n Hike - Saturday 14th September 2019**

Are you a cyclist or walker (or a *motorist\**) who likes visiting Churches? Then the annual sponsored Bike 'n Hike could be your thing! It is also an opportunity to raise money both for St Mary's church and for the Beds. & Herts. Historic Churches Trust.

Every £1 we raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to us. This makes the Bike 'n Hike a very effective way to raise funds for the restoration and maintenance of our church. All the organizing 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 then distributed, in the form of grants, to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital repairs to their church or chapel.

Taking part involves being sponsored for either cycling or walking to visit churches or chapels in Beds and Herts (you plan your own route). Last year the Bike 'n Hike raised £101,784! With your help, our church can also benefit from this fundraising event. So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day cycling or walking to churches and chapels in Beds and Herts, and at the same time boost St Marys' repair fund.

\* With many many of the churches and chapels open in our area, it is also an opportunity for those who do not cycle or walk to visit our local churches and chapels. All we ask is that you make a donation to each church you visit by using the sponsorship form.

For more information and a sponsorship pack please contact Ken Shrimpton 781381.

## **FELMERSHAM & RADWELL**

### **21<sup>st</sup> AUTUMN SHOW and Art Exhibition**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Pinchmill Hall**

**Open for viewing 2.30 – 4.30 pm**

**Teas provided by Felmersham & Radwell WI**

**Sponsored by Milton Ernest Garden Centre**

## FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL COMMUNITY CARE

Felmersham and Radwell Community Care is a 'good neighbour' scheme which has been operating in the parish since October 1997. We are an independent group, but we benefit from advice and help provided by the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity who support over 50 other good neighbour schemes in towns and villages across the county.

Over the last twenty-two years our volunteers, all of whom have DBS checks, have assisted many fellow residents, of all ages, with neighbourly tasks such as lifts to their GP, dentist, hospital appointment or social function; collecting prescriptions or shopping, form filling or dog walking. We also have a wheelchair and bed cradle available for short term loan. We currently have 17 volunteers, but in common with many organisations, find ourselves short of available people at times, especially during holiday periods.

If you live in Felmersham or Radwell and feel you could help this vital local scheme on a regular or ad hoc basis, please contact Maggie Spoor on 782031 or Jane Rhodes 782138.

### THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Village Hall Committee needs a new booking clerk to take over by the end of this year. If anyone is interested, please could they email [FRVHC@yahoo.com](mailto:FRVHC@yahoo.com) for more information.

The play park currently has a number of maintenance issues, so we are looking for someone to carry out the repairs. If anyone would be able to do this, or knows of anyone that could, then please could they contact the above email address or Claire on 07866753183.

Finally, our annual Quiz Night is on Saturday 30th November. Further details to follow.

Dogs

Sue Whitehouse

I think most people would agree that dogs are fun to have around and are an important part of many families, with the proviso that they come with caring and responsible owners who keep them appropriately controlled.

As I walk the fields around Felmersham and Sharnbrook I often see owners drifting along, wedded to their mobile phones and largely oblivious of their dog's activities.

At this time of year there are many ground nesting birds. I have seen Lapwings (population declined by 80% since 1960) repeatedly chased from their nests by dogs who are merely entertaining themselves in the way that dogs do. This last week I came across a distressed oyster catcher - an uncommon visitor to these parts - his dead mate still warm from an encounter with someone's pet.

Can I please appeal to dog walkers for greater awareness of the loss and damage to the life in our countryside which it is our privilege to enjoy?

WI

Denise Canning

This month's speaker was Stephanie Hardwick. Stephanie and her husband Granville married 3 years ago at Sharnbrook Chapel. Their honeymoon was to be a 15 day touring holiday of the North Western United States of America. Denver was their first stop and they happily explored the sights on day 1. Unfortunately in the early hours of day 2, Granville was unwell, and spent the next 11 days, either lying down on the back seat of the coach or in bed. Poor Granville could only glimpse the sights they had come to see, Fort Laramie, The Black Hills of Dakota, Boot Hill, the geyser 'Old Faithful' and many, many more. Luckily, by day 14, Granville was feeling much better and managed a helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon, before returning home the following day.

To quote Stephanie 'it was a very funny honeymoon'.

Our next meeting is on the 20th August at 'The Sun', for an evening of drinks and desserts.



Bar Hours:  
Monday 16.00-22.00  
Tuesday-Thursday 16.00-23.00  
Friday and Saturday 11.00-23.00  
Sunday 11.00-16.30

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Friday and Saturday  
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