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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

Vacant. Please contact the Churchwarden. Rector

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



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net September 2019

We plough the fields and scatter, The good seed on the land.

The first two lines of probably one of the most popular and well-known harvest hymns. It was written in German in 1782 and loosely translated into English in 1862. This was at a time when most of the working population either worked in farming or in allied trades. The 1851 census for this parish shows that out of a total population of 520 there were nine farmers, 138 agricultural workers and two shepherds. Harvest time was an important time in the farming calendar. Whole families would be recruited to help. With the harvest safely gathered in, it was a time to celebrate and thank God for His "almighty hand".

Today less than 1% of the population work in agriculture and, as a nation, we have lost touch with the land. It would be wise to say here that there are 340,000 allotment holders in the country of whom a couple of dozen live in this parish. However I think it is safe to say that most of us buy our harvested food from the supermarkets. So, has the church's celebration of Harvest Festival lost its relevance? I am pleased to report that the answer is "no". This is one area where the church has kept up with the times. We now thank God for the wider harvest and give thanks for the abundancy of His gifts and, more importantly, we look to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year the monies raised at our (ctd)

Header: Farmer Reg Rootham of Radwell harvesting oats with a horse drawn binder, circa 1930.

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

Sunday 1 September 11th Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Communion

Thursday 5 September 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8 September 12th Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Communion

Thursday 12 September 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 September 13th Sunday after Trinity

11am Harvest Parish Communion

Thursday 19 September 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22 September 14th Sunday after Trinity

11am Choral Matins

Thursday 26 September 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 29 September St Michael and All Angels

NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S

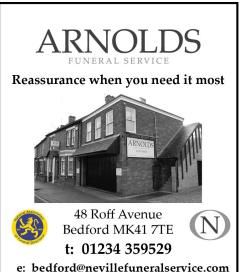
10.30am Benefice Parish

Communion at St Peter's,

Sharnbrook

Harvest Festival will be used to purchase solar panels for people living in the Singida region of Tanzania. They currently have no access to electricity which restricts their lives and opportunities. More details are given on the next page in this edition of Ouse News.

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TICKETS - Do you have yours?

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TUES. 10th SEPT. in aid of SERVICE SIX Wellingborough

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WED. 11th - SAT. 14th SEPT. (£1 booking fee) £10/11

from PICK-A-LILY, Florist, Sharnbrook - in person or www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/tickets

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patabbott1936@yahoo.co.uk



Imagine if, when you flicked on a light switch, nothing happened. For many people in Tanzania, where access to electricity is scarce, households cannot function easily after dark; families struggle with everyday chores, their children suffer with poor performance in school, and, without electricity, all basic services – water, health, education – are hindered.

'Light Up Tanzania' seeks to bring electricity – in the form of solar panels – to around 350 households in the rural area of Singida, Tanzania. These will make a huge difference! Presently, people rely on paraffin-style (kerosene) lamps in the evenings – which have caused many serious burn injuries – and their cooking is done on firewood or charcoal, creating high levels of smoke indoors too.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S

Sue Whitehouse

Having exhibited our vegetables at the Autumn Show, we will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** in the church on 15th September at 11am.

This year The Bishop of St Albans Harvest appeal is called **'Light up Tanzania'**. It aims to help poor households with no access to electricity, to save a little money and purchase their own solar panel.

With a power supply in the evenings, children can have light to do their homework, food can be cooked without an environmentally damaging open fire and adults may do extra work to earn more money.

Following the Service, we will be having a ploughman's lunch in the Church at a cost of £5 a head. If you would like to join us, but cannot make the service, please do come anyway. Let me know (781300) or Jane Rhodes (782138) by Sunday 9th September so that we can organise enough food. Proceeds will go to the Bishop's appeal.

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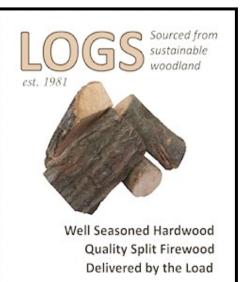


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Churches Together working with Tibbs Dementia Foundation

Suggested Donation £2

For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator Linda Hoar 07791214148 lindahoar@hotmail.co.uk

ODELL GARDENING CLUB

Mary Crouch

At the next meeting on Thursday 19th September Peter Scott from the Historic Rose Group will give a slide presentation which includes the various classes of historic roses and their botanical and cultural history.

The meeting held in Odell Village Hall starts at 7:30pm.

Members £2:00, visitors £4:00 to include refreshments and door prize.

Contact maryjcrouch@icloud.com Tel:01234 711 503 for more details.

Art Exhibition at Emmaus Village Carlton NOW OPEN UNTIL 8 September

This is the second year we will be holding this event. Last summer we received a tremendous response from visitors who saw the exhibition and this year we will be showcasing the talents of even more companions. Exhibiting to the public can be nerve-wracking but also a rewarding experience and we're excited to celebrate the creative talents of the people we support. Their art is testament to what can be achieved despite a person going through tough times. The free exhibition is open Tuesday – Saturday 9.30am - 4.30pm and Sunday 10am - 4pm inside the Emmaus Village Carlton Home Store, School Lane, Carlton, MK43 7LQ.

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Jane Wells

The **September Coffee Morning** to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted at the home of **Ian and Margaret Coomber, Felmersham on Saturday 7 September 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 October** will be hosted by by Ernest and Jane Carwithen in St Mary's Church on Saturday 5 October at 10.30am.

TEAS IN THE CHURCH: WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER from 3.00 - 4.30pm

This will be the last Teas in the Church for this year so please 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.

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

Sue Whitehouse

Thank you to all who turned up last time and for the good progress made. As always, there is more to do, so the next session will be on Sunday 22nd September from 2-4pm.

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

St Mary's Church Carlton



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Saturday 7th September, 7.30am

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21st AUTUMN SHOW on Sunday 8th September 2019

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Elisabeth Curtis Centre Riding for the Disabled in Bromham, is looking for volunteers. If you have any spare time, it's a really worthwhile way to use it. If horses aren't your "thing", there are a lot of other ways you can help: fundraising, admin, gardening are a few of them. Do have a look at the website



www.elisabethcurtiscentre.co.uk, or contact them on 01234 824469, or email elisabethcurtiscentre@gmail.com.

Hope you can find something to appeal to you.

Jill Girling

NOTICE OF AN APPEAL 19/00038/NONDET

A letter giving a Notice of an Appeal against the development for 90 houses in Harrold has been received by some people living in the area.

APPEAL BY: Catesby Promotions Limited - Ed Barrett

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and outline planning permission for residential development of up to 90 dwellings (Use Class C3) including means of access into the site (not internal roads) and associated highway works, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved.

PLANNING NO: 19/00842/MAO

LOCATION: Land Adjacent Harrold Lake, Odell Road, Harrold Bedfordshire

The Chief Executive of Bedford Borough Council is required to give notice to those owners and occupiers of property near the site and to other interested parties that an appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the failure of the Borough Council to determine the application.

A **Public Inquiry** will be held in the Council Chamber, Cauldwell Street, Bedford commencing at 10:00am on **12.11.2019**. This Appeal is due to be held over **multiple dates**. Any interested parties may attend and, at the Inspector's discretion, give their views. **www.bedford.gov.uk/searchplans for more info.**

WHALEY BRIDGE Mike Benson

Early in September last year, I joined the bell ringers, mostly from Sharnbrook, on their summer outing, well-organised by Pat Albon. We stayed in Derbyshire at Whaley Hall. It is now a Retreat House, just down from the Reservoir that has been much in the news recently, as it threatened to flood the town. To get to Whaley Hall, one has to go up Reservoir Road for about a mile. There is a difficult turn into the Hall. The offending dam is a little further on up the hill. There is a Sailing Club just opposite the entrance to the Hall.

We rang at Eyam where the plague in 1666 was contained within the village, at Chapel-en-le-Frith, at Tideswell, at Hathersage and also in Buxton. It is a lovely part of the world.

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL 21st AUTUMN SHOW and Art Exhibition

Sunday 8th September 2019
Pinchmill Hall

Details of all the classes are in the schedules and copies can be downloaded from www.felmersham.net

There are classes for everyone and prizes for every class, plus the chance to take home one of the trophies available.

Go on, why not have a try? Good luck and see you on 8th September.

Tea and cakes will be served during the afternoon by Felmersham and Radwell WI.