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Tuesday	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
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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)
	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

October 2019

Dear Friends

ALL CHANGE & ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END

The end of this month sees the end of the Sundays after Trinity, a quiet season with little going on with very few festivals – that will all change. One change will be that we will be saying goodbye for another to Green vestments November sees the beginning of Sundays before Advent, but before they start, we have All Souls' Day on November 2nd when there will be a Benefice Service in St. Peter's, and All Saint's Day on November 3rd when there will be a Benefice Service at Souldrop celebrating their Patronal Festival. At this service Rev Lionel and I will be co-celebrating with Lionel preaching; it will be our Swan Song! Remembrance Sunday this year falls on November 10th.

Of course the big change takes place on November 4th when Rev Paolo di Leo is inducted as the Rector of the Benefice thus ending the interregnum which started in October of last year, the third interregnum in the Benefice. We have had three interregnums in the Benefice in the last 15 years, which must be a record! I'm sure we all wish Rev'd Paolo every success as he begins another chapter in his ministry. May it be a long one. (Ctd overleaf)

This Month's Header: Taken at the entrance to what is now Marriott's Close, circa early to mid 1930's.

Photograph by courtesy of Adrian Hunt

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

Thursday 3 October	9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 6 October	16th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion
Thursday 10 October	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 13 October	17th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion
Thursday 17 October	9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 October	18th Sunday after Trinity NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S 10.30 am Churches Together Service for One World Week at the Methodist Church, Sharnbrook
Thursday 24 October	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 27 October	Bible Sunday (Last after Trinity) 11am Carers Community Service
Thursday 31 October	9.30am Morning Prayer

THANKS FOR THE HARVEST

Sue Whitehouse

On Sunday 15th September a Harvest lunch was held in the church following our Harvest Festival service. The occasion was very enjoyable and special thanks are due to the organisers Jane Rhodes, May Mills and Pat Keeble. Thanks also to Pat Hartop and all those who arranged the flowers wonderfully as usual.

The proceeds from the lunch and the collection came to £211.08 which will benefit at least two poor families in Tanzania who will now be able to improve their lives with the help of solar panels.

Across the Diocese last year £59,363 was raised for the Bishop's appeal which helped many farming families living at subsistence level in Malawi. So a final thank you to all who contributed last year and to those who gave this year towards the Tanzania appeal.

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Wednesday 30th October, 12 for 12.30pm - Hallowe'en Eve!

PRECEDED BY A 2-COURSE LUNCH

Wine/soft drinks available - Raffle

Tickets £16 from Pat Abbott: 01933 358319 or patabbott1936@yahoo.co.uk

In aid of the Cool-down Appeal

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

Tuesday 26th - Saturday 30th November 2019 at 7.30pm

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Tickets, £15, from Sidey Design Associates, 10 Market Square, Higham Ferrers

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Tickets for Wednesday 27th – Saturday 30th November (£1 booking fee) £12/13

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RUBY RECOLLECTIONS

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available now from Pick-a-Lily, florists, High St/Park Lane, Sharnbrook

or www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/tickets

In aid of the Cool-Down Appeal

(Letter ctd.) As regards 'all good things come to an end', with Rev Paolo's induction another change will take place. Since October 8th last year I have had the privilege, together with Rev's Lionel and Vicky of working in the Benefice taking Sunday and Mid-Week Services. During previous interregnums I got to know many people in Felmersham and during the last year I have met so many more. I can't say I am sorry my 'temporary office' has come to an end because I have enjoyed my involvement in Felmersham, but of course it will be good for the Benefice to have an incumbent.

Hanne and I will miss Felmersham where we have been made to feel at home. It is the only parish I have served in where I was offered a cup of tea *before* the service. We plan to attend St Mary's at least once a month and of course the coffee mornings, and I hope Stephen will continue to send me a copy of Ouse News each month. I promise to pay the postage.

Thank you so much for your friendship; you are a wonderful crowd.

With all Christian Love,

Father Mac.

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

Jane Wells

The **October Coffee Morning** to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Ernest and Jane Carwithen in St Mary's Church on Saturday 5 October 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 November** will be hosted by Bruce and Lynn Edward, Felmersham on Saturday 2 November.

*****STOP PRESS*** The annual sale of Save the Children Christmas cards etc will take place at the October Coffee Morning.**

TEAS IN THE CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who helped and baked for Teas in the Church this summer. Thank you to Janet Welsh for entertaining us with her music most Wednesdays; the music was enjoyed by all.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the tea, cake and chatter. Teas in the Church will resume again next April.

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Emmaus Village Carlton

PLEASE HELP: Yesterday evening (Sept 19) some of our hard-working companions and staff went out to do our regular weekly 'Rucksack Stomp' in Northampton centre. We helped over 70 homeless people with food, clothes, toiletries etc. - a very humbling experience as always. But we noticed that worryingly, the number of street homeless people are increasing each week. Yesterday we ran out of underwear, warm clothes and wet wipes.

URGENT APPEAL: If anyone could help by donating new (or as new) underwear, warm adult clothing and/or packs of wet wipes, we'd be very grateful. We've set up special drop-off points in our Emmaus Village Carlton Home Store and in the Bistro.

Please share if you know others who might be able to help.

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

Think Before You Waste It

Water is everywhere and we need it to stay alive
It's in our food, our drinks, we need it to make our clothes, our cars,
and our laptops and 60% of the human body water.

When 70% of the earth's surface is water, it seems there should be
plenty for us but ~

Most of the earth's water is salt water and just 1% in the world is fresh
water that's safe and available for us to drink.

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human and animal on the planet takes from this 1% of fresh water.

While developed countries tend to waste water, 844 million people in
developing countries lack access to safe drinking water.

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Denise Canning

In some countries they are known as 'Butterflies of the Night', but to most of us, they are just plain old brown moths, occasionally eating our wool carpets and jumpers. How wrong could we be!

Andy Harding has been studying moths for the past 11 years; his garden is a haven for all insects, but moths are his passion. There are 2800 species in this country alone, with many different colours or combinations of colours. Some moths fly over from continental Europe, their energy to make the journey comes mainly from the nectar they eat. Moth larvae are the favourite food of Blue Tits and thousands are eaten every day, especially when they are feeding their chicks. The birds don't eat the moths that are a combination of black and red, these colours spell danger. It's not that they are poisonous, they just don't taste nice. How the moth enthusiasts know this, Andy didn't say!

The August 'Desserts and Drinks' evening at the Sun was a great success. Peter and Conny made everyone feel very welcome, and Peter came up trumps with some lovely desserts. Unfortunately I missed this event as I was on a 'Mosaics for the Garden' course at the W.I. Denman College. Denman College is also open to non W.I. members, so if anyone is looking for a new skill, google 'Denman College'.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th October.

* **Felmersham and Radwell** **21st Autumn Show and Art Exhibition** *
* Thank you Autumn Show entrants one and all. Entries may have been down *
* this year but what was on display showed what talent exists within our two *
* villages. From the growers and bakers to the stitchers and photographers *
* the standard on display was extremely high. Thank you too to the members *
* of the Art Group; the paintings in the art exhibition were quite simply *
* stunning. *
* Thank you to the Village Hall Committee, Felmersham and Radwell WI and *
* Pinchmill Primary School for their help and support and to everyone who *
* contributed to the Show. *
* Congratulations to all prize winners with special mention of the trophy *
* winners: **Show Plate:** Monique Eyre Smith; **Best in Show:** Pat Keeble; *
* **Rose Bowl:** Holly Lindsay-White; **Amy Rootham Cup:** Denise Canning. *
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FROM THE FELMERSHAM NW DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR**David Girling**

At the recent **Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch AGM** Chief Inspector Rachael Glendenning from Community Policing Bedfordshire gave an interesting presentation. Rachael was open and honest about lack of police numbers but a recruitment drive is presently under way for more agreed posts, some of which are in our area. We all know about 999 for emergency calls and 101 for non-emergency (slow answering of 101 at busy times was acknowledged) but if you have access to the internet then the following site gives a gateway to reporting many different situations including amongst many others reporting a crime, a lost dog or a pothole. There is also a link to Crimestoppers where you can report something anonymously. In some cases the site stays with the police, in others it guides you to the correct party such as the Council. Using the headings at the top of the page you can also apply for information about various situations or look at police vacancies. There is also a News and Appeals section and in another section you can home in on your own area for information, so it really is a "one stop shop". It is not perfect and it is not an alternative to 999 but first impressions are that it looks very useful.

The site is www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report

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We would like to bring to your attention that in recent months there has been some vandalism at the park. The following items/equipment has been damaged;

The gate has been removed as it was hanging from its hinges and the supporting post subsequently needs replacing or repairing. We understand that 'older' children have been swinging on the gate.

There has been graffiti scratched into some of the equipment which cannot be removed.

The bird deterrents above the swings have been broken off.

The kick boards holding the bark in the play areas have been removed along with the disabled ramps. These ramps are being moved around the park and used as obstacles for 'stunt' type bikes.

The climbing wall has some type of fire damage.

As a Committee we, and I'm sure you as residents, are disappointed and saddened that this is happening in Felmersham, as a lot of hard work went into raising money for the park by the local community.

From the reports we have had, and the type of damage done, we think it is slightly older children responsible for some of the items.

Please could we politely ask that if anyone's children/grandchildren/relatives/friends use the park unsupervised, you could ask them to treat the park with respect.

We are due to top up the bark in the next month and had planned to upgrade this, but due to the repairs required we will now be unable to do this. One piece of equipment is going to cost £3000 to repair so our funds are going to be severely depleted.

We are currently obtaining quotes to repair the kick boards and ramps so if there is anyone local that would be interested in quoting or donating their time then please get in touch on the email address below.

Our next fundraising event is the Village Hall Quiz Night on Saturday 30th November. Please see to the left for details.

If anyone has any ideas for events that they would like to see put on at the Village Hall or would like to join our friendly Committee then please email us at FRVHC@yahoo.com

Finally a reminder that the Hall is available to hire in the evenings and at weekends and there is a lower rate for Felmersham and Radwell residents. Please email Sam Bance at the above email address if you require further details.