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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	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000)
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	Jane Templeman	(07885 617 583)
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Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

September 2020

Local and Global

From Revd Paolo Di Leo

One of the many slogans in business that has remained with me over the years is 'think global, act local'. For many businesses global expansion and local presence has delivered exponential growth. Not only have they been able to supply their products and services across many countries, they have also met the local needs with tailored and relevant product offerings.

Being aware and willing to meet local needs is a key factor in the success of many organisations. In Godshill on the Isle of Wight, The Taverners Pub and Eatery provides a wonderful menu. On the restaurant wall, they have a map of the island showing the range of local foods supplied and their 'food miles'. They take great pride and are deeply appreciated for sourcing locally. They take great care on how they serve the local people, be they long term islanders or tourists.

Reflecting on the Taverners, my mind turned to our local enterprises. The COVID crisis has severely eroded and challenged our local businesses, churches and charities. These enterprises form part of the life, heart and culture of our villages, but without our patronage and support they will struggle. Another slogan that we need to consider is 'use it or lose it' or 'you'll miss it when it's gone'.

As we reflect where we spend and give our hard-earned money, (Ctd.)

INSIDE:

See page 3 for details of the resumption of Church Services at St Peter's, Sharnbrook and St Mary's, Felmersham.

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Welcome



The Online Services each week are as follows:-

Sundays: 9.30 am - Parish Communion

Wednesdays: 9.30 am - Holy Communion

Thursdays: 9.30 am - Morning Prayer

and also do remember

Tuesdays: 10 -11 am 'Hall of Friends' An informal chat session with friends over your cup of coffee

For online services:-

the Link is: <https://zoom.us/j/763110804>

The Password is: 079014

For 'Hall of Friends':

the Link is: <https://zoom.us/j/99397336200>

The Password is: 019892

See <http://www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org/> for further details.

For Church Services for this month Felmersham, and Sharnbrook, please see the next page.



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...is proud to present: 'A conversation with... ACTOR JAMIE TYLER: FROM SHARNBROOK TO SHAKESPEARE' via Zoom on Thursday 4th September at 7.30 pm

Jamie started 'treading the boards' as a pre-teen member of The Mill Theatre company, performing in shows such as Bugsy Malone, Billy and Follies; before heading off on UK Tours, West End engagements and, more recently, several seasons with The Royal Shakespeare Company. Jamie joins us to talk about his time at The Mill, and the training that gave him for the profession. He will also share some stories and tips from the industry!

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, please email: live@sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk soonest!
An optional suggested donation of £5 can be made to The Mill Theatre, (cheques payable to SMTT), to support our theatre during the pandemic-imposed closure.

This is one of a series of Zoom interviews....more to follow!

Please visit www.sharnbrookmilltheatre/blog for news, updates, articles, interviews, show critiques etc

RECENT POSTS (AUGUST) * 'From Lambing to Lighting' – an interview with Ricky, our lighting designer. * 'A Slice of Canada' - how *Madison Violet* burst onto the Sharnbrook Mill Theatre stage. (July): * 'Wired for sound' - an interview with Mark Luckin, our sound engineer * 'Wot we learned' – interviews with cast members of *Daisy Pulls It Off*.

THEATRE WARM-UP COOL-DOWN APPEAL UPDATE

This major project, started 2013, has raised £243,024 for the Warm-Up / Cool-Down Appeal to date. The comprehensive and innovative water-source heat pump-based heating system, utilizing the mill pool; plus the air conditioning serving the rehearsal/club room, are fully funded *and* proving a great success.

Now for the last lap! Installation of the cooling/air-conditioning system in the Auditorium started in mid-August - whilst the theatre is still closed to the public and some pandemic work restrictions have been eased. Of the c£67k cost, some £42k has been achieved. So, only about £25k has still to be raised!

Thank you for your valuable on-going support.

(ctd from page1) we may perhaps, consider apportioning and diverting a small percentage to our local businesses, churches and charities. Our local enterprises and charities are here and have remained with us throughout the COVID crisis and continue to provide local services and support to us and we wish them to remain. Perhaps one last quote to consider from the book Proverbs 22:9, "the generous will themselves be blessed".

FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 30th August	11am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Thursday 3rd Sept	11am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Felmersham
Sunday 6th Sept	11am Patronal Festival at St Mary's, Felmersham 6pm Benefice Evensong at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Wed 9th Sept	11am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Sunday 13 Sept	11am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Felmersham
Thurs 17 Sept	11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Sunday 20th Sept	6pm Benefice Evensong at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Wed 23rd sept	11am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Felmersham
Sunday 27th Sept	11am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Thursday 1 October	11am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Felmersham

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Andy Evans

With the lack of opportunity to fund raise in recent times but an ever increasing demand for support for at risk children both in this country and throughout the world, we will be holding a socially distanced Christmas card sale at our house at 11 Marriotts Close on Saturday 10th October at 10.30am. We will put up a table either in the back garden or the garage (weather dependent) to display this year's selection of cards and wrapping paper so please feel free to pop round and have a look. Otherwise if this is not convenient, please ring to arrange a personal viewing on a date near the 10th (782523)

I look forward to seeing you on the 10th!
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Extracts from a letter (17 August) from Richard Fuller, MP

Bedford Borough Council's Local Plan 2030-40 consultation - *The Issues and Options Consultation and Call for Sites* - asked for sites for potential development to be submitted by August 14th 2020 and for consultation responses to be submitted by 4th September 2020.

The document contains suggestions for significant growth in this area which will have an impact on all residents. The large 'garden villages' at Twinwoods, Thurleigh, Colworth and Wyboston, put forward by the Borough Council in the last Local Plan but not taken forward at that time, and also submitted to the East West Rail consultation in March last year, could be considered as potential sites for

2030-2040/45, according to the document.

Given the Borough is looking to build up to c. 20,000 homes in the Borough during the period up to 2040 and only a relatively small number is proposed south of Bedford, it would appear the majority of the new homes will be built in North Bedfordshire. This is supported by the Borough's submission to the East West Rail Consultation in March 2019.

For more information see:-

<http://keepnorthbedsgreen.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/BBC-EWR-Response-March-2019.pdf>

<https://edrms.bedford.gov.uk/OpenDocument.aspx?id=0oGrcg%2bElvEGZR6su3cQA%3d%3d&name=Issues%20and%20Options%20Paper.pdf>

Bedfordshire Walkers go Pop in September

As part of next month's Bedfordshire Walkers Go Pop In September, Bedfordshire Area Ramblers will be offering a number of on-line training courses designed at improving your knowledge on Maps, Compasses and much more.

To see details of these courses plus the other events we have on offer go to www.bedswalkfest.co.uk.

21ST CENTURY MONEY

Stephen Hill

In our 800th anniversary year, not only has St Mary's church embraced technology by conducting a full programme of services on Zoom, we are also now able to accept donations by digital means. What would Friar Tuck or Oliver Cromwell have made of it all?

It costs around £25,000 per year to keep St Mary's open, so donations large or small, occasional or regular, are always gratefully received.

You can donate by scanning this QR code or by visiting www.stmarysfelmersham.org.uk/donate.



If you wish to set up a standing order, or if you want your donation to be directed to the Restoration Fund which is dedicated to the fabric of the building and the churchyard, or for more information, please talk to our treasurer, Stephen Hill, or you can email him at treasurer@stmarysfelmersham.org.uk or phone 781064

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH...

Sue Whitehouse

For those who would like to attend, churches are now holding public worship again.

For the time being, we are sharing our in-church services with the others in the Benefice so they will not be as frequent in any one parish and Zoom services will continue in addition.

Things will necessarily be a bit different for a while.

Anyone over the age of 11 attending an indoor church service is required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical reason for not doing so. The church has a small supply in case anyone forgets.

Alternate pews are marked 'reserved' to establish social distancing and the priest will use these to bring communion to the people for Eucharist services. Vergers will guide anyone who is not sure of proceedings but otherwise the usual common sense things apply. Hand gel is provided on entering and we are required to keep contact details of those attending, for track and trace purposes.

Those who have attended so far have not found the experience to be at all daunting, so do come along and join us.

St Mary's Patronal Festival on 6th September at 11am will be the next Sunday service. Any questions, call me on 781300.

A VERY DIFFERENT BIKE 'N HIKE 2020



SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Are you a cyclist or walker and would you like to raise money for St Mary's church? The **annual Sponsored Bike 'n Hike** organized by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will be held on **Saturday 12th September**, only this year it will be a very different Bike 'n Hike. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic there are some important changes to the Bike 'n Hike.

Ask **Ken Shrimpton**, our Bike 'n Hike Church Organiser, about the Bike 'n Hike and how it is different this year. Don't forget, Bike 'n Hike - Saturday 12th September 9am to 5 pm. Contact Details: Tel: 781381.

COMMUNITY SHOP GROUP

Our anticipated solution of a portable building on a plot of land in the village was unsuccessful as none of our preferred plots were available. However we now have the possibility of a fantastic bricks and mortar building with immediate availability. The building has great possibilities not just for a shop but for a social space as well and it provides a number of options. Approaches have been made to Bedford Borough Council about planning issues and the steering group have a meeting with the Plunkett Foundation on Wednesday 26th to benefit from their expertise in community projects like this. Following this meeting we will have a better understanding of costs and timescales. However we are all very keen to get this operational as quickly as possible so may want to communicate with anyone who is interested before the next edition of Ouse News. If you haven't already signed up to the email list please do so either by visiting <https://bit.ly/ShopInfo2> or scanning the QR code on your mobile phone. You can also email any comments to shop@mk437.net especially with suggestions as to how we should provide updates eg. via email, FB page, WhatsApp, etc etc.



COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

1st Felmersham & Radwell Scarecrow Festival 2020

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Thank you so much to everybody who entered the 1st Felmersham & Radwell Scarecrow Festival. With 19 entries, the event was a great success. Extra points were gained for sturdiness, given name, authenticity, creativeness and humour! Thanks to The Sun Pub for sponsoring and hosting the afternoon winners' presentation and to Revd Paolo for diligently and fairly judging the entries. Next year we hope the event will be an even greater success! Winners were - 1st prize to the Spoor family, 2nd prize to Judith in Radwell and 3rd prize to the Coomber family. Very well done.



THE WINNERS

Far left First place

Above Second place

Left Third place