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### REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES - ALL POSTPONED EXCEPT PC

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

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Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25<sup>th</sup> of the month



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**November 2020**

A Remembrance Day Message from the Revd. Paolo Di Leo

## We will remember them .....

I'd like to start by telling a story. Imagine that somewhere there is a small town hidden in some fabled valley far away, lost to our imagination, where our many New Year and midyear resolutions are wandering around, wondering and asking why they were created? Orphaned from the original commitment that created them, they find themselves drifting around with a vague sense that they once had a good purpose, but for some reason the original commitment that created them, had gone. And as any resolution knows 'without commitment, a resolution is nothing more than a set of words with no purpose'. For a resolution to be realised it needs commitment.

Coupled with commitment is faith. Faith gives commitment hope, and with hope comes an expectation of good things to come dispelling despair and annulling apathy. In order not to orphan our resolutions and banish them into our imaginary town of lost resolutions, we need to be committed to them and have faith that sooner or later there is a better future. Resolving to create a better future is a hope that is worthy of faith and deserving a commitment that needs no explanation and should brook no opposition. Hope is the friend of faith and when accompanied by commitment energises us to realise our resolutions.

*"Of the past 3,400 years, humans have been entirely at peace for 268 of them, or just 8 percent of recorded history"* . It seems that throughout history what we have learnt is that we do not find war, war finds us. The history of wars seems to surface an uncomfortable and uneasy moral dynamic, in that war is always a matter of doing evil in

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## The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham

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The Online Services each week are as follows:-

**Sundays:** 9.30 am - Parish Communion

**Wednesdays:** 9.30 am - Holy Communion (BCP)

**Thursdays:** 9.30 am - Morning Prayer (CW)

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 for Felmersham Sharnbrook and Souldrop, please see the next page.**



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## A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

A bah humbug of a show!

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2020

2 performances: at 2.15 for 3pm and 6.45 for 7.30pm

God bless us, everyone... the Sharnbrook Mill Theatre is opening its doors again!

The award-winning theatre is proud to announce that **the great, great, grandson of Charles Dickens** will be performing two performances of his special one-man show on Saturday 12 December.

**GERALD DICKENS** will present his own adaptation of "A Christmas Carol", playing over 30 characters using vocal and physical talents to bring each scene vividly to life.

It will be the first performance the theatre has hosted since the country went into lockdown in March.

Douglas Pope, Chairman of the Trust said: "We are beyond excited to be opening again with such a prestigious show."

"So far this year we have had to cancel three of our own shows and several fundraising events, so to be able to reopen our doors and welcome back our supporters fills us all with pride as well as giving us a much needed boost."

"Our volunteers have spent so many hours over the past few months making sure the building is **COVID-secure** and also refurbishing and redecorating the theatre and our bar."

"This means anyone visiting our unique building will not only be surprised by the updates, but also secure that we will be keeping them safe."

The event is in aid of the 'Cool-Down' Appeal, to fund air conditioning in the theatre.

Work is currently underway to install the air conditioning units, as the Theatre Trustees decided to utilize its period of closure and get the work done.

The next job is to raise the remaining £20,000 of the £70,000 the work will cost, as it was only made possible through loans from friends and members of the Trust.

**TICKETS (limited – book early!)** are £17.50 (plus £1 booking fee) and are available from our website: [www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk) or PICK-A-LILY Florist, High Street/Park Lane, Sharnbrook, in person. 2 wheelchair spaces, please contact Alison Bean, (01234) 781372.

(ctd from page 1) the hope that good may come out of it. However, St Augustine laments that although *'Those wars are now past history; yet the misery of evil is not yet ended'*. Paradoxically and tragically we often seek peace by waging war. To date, despite all our advancements, we have no solution to wars and ironically war provides no solution to our desire of attaining enduring love, justice and peace.

Whatever the causes or reasons of war, war takes lives and it is this that we must resolve to remember. It is the precious real lives and tragic deaths of all that have fought and been subjected to war, soldier and civilian, that we must remember. Our resolution should be to remember, not simply to reminisce. To remember in such a way that we make resolutions to participate in establishing a better world where hope with faith accompany our commitment to never repeat the same mistakes.

This year our remembrance parades and services will shortened and attenuated due to the ongoing COVID crisis. Therefore, let us be firmly committed to the resolution, that wherever we are, whatever we are doing:

## We will remember them .....

Hedges, C. <https://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/06/books/chapters/what-every-person-should-know-about-war.html>

Morris, I, War What is it Good for, p. 5

St Augustine, City of God, Book XIX Chapters 7,11,12.

### FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st November	11am Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
	6pm Benefice Evensong at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Wed 4th November	11am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
<b>Sunday 8th November</b>	<b>8.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
<b>Wed 11th November</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Felmersham</b>
Sunday 15th November	6pm Benefice Evensong at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Wed 18th November	11am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Sunday 22nd November	11am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
<b>Wed 25th November</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Felmersham</b>
Sunday 29th November	6pm Benefice Evensong at St Peter's, Sharnbrook



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Community Archives have now become Community Histories and can be explored through this new map: -

<http://apps.bedford.gov.uk/archives/BedsMapCA.html>.



"I think sometimes we need to take a step back and just remember we have no greater right to be here than any other animal."

**David Attenborough**

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN PANDEMIC TIMES

**Sue Whitehouse**

This year, our traditional remembrance of the fallen of two world wars and beyond, will change to help us to comply with Covid restrictions. On **Sunday 8th November at 9.30am** there will be a Benefice wide service of Remembrance on Zoom ( link <https://zoom.us/j/763110804> Password 079014 ) and this will include reading the roll of the fallen for each parish. Then at **10.50am** a few people will gather at the memorial for the short service led by Revd. Paolo.

It is important that we do not gather in the numbers that we are usually pleased to see at the memorial, but if you feel it is important to you to be present and perhaps to plant a cross for someone named upon the memorial, please come along and respect strict social distancing. Please contact me on 781300 if you would like to place a cross.

I would also like to hear from you if you know of any serviceman or woman from the parish who has died while serving this country in conflicts since the Second World War. We are anxious to extend the process of remembering to more recent generations who have given their lives.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

**Sue Evans**

Many of you will have seen poppies displayed on churches and other public buildings creating a powerful effect. It was decided to replicate the idea in Felmersham starting this year and nearly twenty people volunteered to help by knitting poppies.

Although it proved a challenge sourcing the wool during lockdown (it seems knitting became very popular) it also provided people with some extra time in which to make the poppies. I was delighted to receive over 200 poppies and would like to thank everyone who contributed towards this project.

The PCC is currently discussing the best place to 'hang' the 4m x 10m banner, which will serve as a visual reminder of all those people who have lost their lives in conflicts over the years.

Once again a massive thankyou to everyone. I am sure you will be pleased with the display.



## THE 800 TREES PROJECT UPDATE

Sue Whitehouse

As part of the now postponed 800 year celebrations for the church we invited ideas from the villages and one of them was to plant 800 trees in the parish. Meanwhile the Borough and Parish Councils have plans to change the current Daisy Bank Picnic Site into an area of woodland and this will form a large part of the 800 target.

Some 420 trees are being delivered by the Woodland Trust in November but the site will not be ready for planting until some time next year, so we would be pleased to hear from any willing volunteers to help us heel them in on one of the plots on the allotment site as a temporary measure to see them through the winter.

Please contact me (781300) or Graeme Dawson (781180) if you can spare a little time to help and we will arrange a planting day when they have been delivered.

Many hands make light work.....thanks in anticipation.



## SAVE THE CHILDREN

Andy Evans

Many thanks to those who supported the sale of Christmas cards recently from our garage. The magnificent sum of £210 was raised, all of which will support the work of the charity both in the UK and throughout the world.

Grateful thanks

## THIS MONTH'S HEADER FOR REMEMBRANCE

Our thanks for this month's Header to Ouse News are to Peter Hartop for the soldier and to Pat Hartop for the flower arrangement.

## FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

It has been a quiet year for the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee but we have been able to get the bark at the park topped up to the required levels,



so we thank you for everyone's patience while the park was closed. The next maintenance jobs planned are the repair of the rear fence and for a fence to be erected inside the front hedge to plug the existing gaps which are currently used as entry/exit points. The new fence will allow the hedge to grow and fill the gaps keeping the natural appearance of the park. The aerial slide has had the seat removed as it is

no longer safe to use and the supplier no longer has the parts to repair it so we are looking at alternative equipment that could replace it as we are aware it was popular with the children who use the park.

Unfortunately we have been unable to plan any events this year which means our popular annual quiz will not take place. The Village Hall is still available to hire, currently for groups of 6 and all necessary Covid procedures are in place. Please email [FRVHC@yahoo.com](mailto:FRVHC@yahoo.com) if you would like any details about booking the hall.

**Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm via Zoom.** If you would like to comment or ask any questions then please submit these to the email address above and we will respond after the meeting.

The wedding of Rosanna Allison and Ben Horrell will take place at St Mary's on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

We wish them every happiness on their very special day and for the future.

