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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



# HOUSE NEWS

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**September 2021**

### 9/11: A Tragedy

**Revd Paolo Di Leo**

As I write the news headlines read as follows “Taliban sweeping across Afghanistan, capturing swathes of territory as isolated government troops surrender” “400,000 Afghans have fled their homes since the start of the year, including almost 300,000 since May”.

11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of over 3000 innocent victims through the destruction of the twin towers in New York by radical idealist extremist terrorists sparking the beginning of the now 20-year Afghan war.

The destruction of the twin towers was a tragedy so globally significant that many will remember exactly what they were doing on that day. For me I was working as a senior executive at Cisco Systems in our European, Middle East and Africa headquarters in London, discussing long term internet strategy with some of our largest international government partners, when the giant screens in our executive briefing centre lit up with live pictures of the North tower burning and the second aeroplane being flown into 60<sup>th</sup> floor of the South Tower. Our meeting fell into silence. Our gaze was fixed on the screen. In seeking solace and answers our stares slowly moved from the unspeakable horror on the giant screens into each other’s eyes. Nothing was said for what appeared to be an eternity, until as chair of the meeting I quietly suggested we pause our discussion and adjourn.

Tragedy has a way of silencing our hearts, minds and souls, not with a peaceful

**This month’s Header : “Pick Me” by Angie Bessant  
on a visit to Stevington**

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Welcome



### FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

<b>Sun 5 Sept</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also ZOOM'd)
<b>Wed 8 Sept</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
<b>Sun 12 Sept</b>	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also ZOOM'd)</b>
	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
	6pm	Benefice Evensong at St Peter's
<b>Wed 15 Sept</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
<b>Sun 19 Sept</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also ZOOM)
<b>Wed 22 Sept</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
<b>Sun 26 Sept</b>	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also ZOOM'd)</b>
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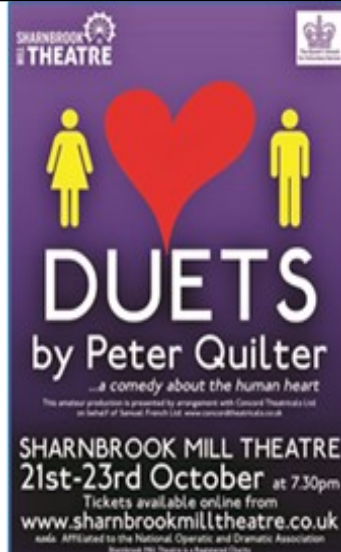
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Hearing loop



**I, Clara, Clara Schumann - A Life in Music**

It is with regret that we must announce the cancellation of *I, Clara*, Lucy Parham's composer portrait with Dame Sheila Hancock, at The Quarry Theatre in Bedford, which was due to take place on Sunday 17th October. For several reasons, it has been decided not to proceed with the performance. Ticket holders will be contacted via The Quarry Theatre very soon. Please accept our apologies for this necessary action.

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stillness, but with a turbulent emptiness that dizzies the senses and mangles our thoughts. Tragedy that seems to come from nowhere and which inflicts undeserved brutal suffering and injustice on innocent victims always demands a response. When wounded by such events some take stock and plan a proportionate response that seeks to address the injustice. For some the answer is simply to rapidly retaliate with angry force, matching brutality with brutality. Answers to such real and tragic dilemmas are not easy to formulate and impossible to get right.

The suffering for the now hundreds of thousands from the consequences of the events of 9/11 are clear to see in the news headlines and continue not just for the Afghan people, but also for the families of the victims of the twin towers tragedy, who are spread across the world. It is often missed that the victims of the twin towers came from over 90 countries.

None of us are exempt from tragedy in our lives. We live in an imperfect and fallen world that will inevitably deliver some form of tragedy. Solace in this may be difficult to find but learning is never far away if we wish to find it.

We know that violence escalates violence, and that any response to tragedy must always be proportional to the outcome it seeks to achieve and yet 20 years on war still rages on in Afghanistan and in many other places.

As we try and formulate our answers, we may consider with realism that in an imperfect world we will have times of war and peace (Ecclesiastes 3:8) but also that this is not our permanent state. We are promised a hope that a time is coming when God *"will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore"* (Isaiah 2:4). May this be our hope and prayer for the people of Afghanistan and for the many people in other places of war across the world.

*"We pray for all whose lives have been touched by tragedy,  
whether by accident or a deliberate act.*

*For those who mourn, immerse them in your love  
and lead them through this darkness into your arms, and light.*

*For those who comfort, be in both the words they use  
and all that's left unspoken; fill each heart with love.*

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For 'Hall of Friends' every Tuesday at 10.30am:

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

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

## TEA IN THE CHURCH, ST MARY'S, FELMERSHAM

Jane Wells

At last Teas in the Church can happen again. The Church will be open for Teas and Cake on Thursday 16th September from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Please come along with your friends for a chat, a cuppa and a piece of cake. If you are new to the village it is a good way to meet your neighbours. Everyone and all ages are welcome. So do come along and have a chat!

There will be an opportunity to purchase the beer glasses that were originally to be sold as part of the St Mary's Church 800 year celebrations last year, which was sadly postponed due to the pandemic. The beer glasses plus a free raffle ticket cost £5 each. Raffle prizes include a meal for 2 at The Sun, a case of Brew Point beer, an artist's easel plus paints, a food hamper and more. The beer glasses may also be purchased at The Sun pub.

Very much looking forward to seeing you.

## CHURCH CHOIR

Janet Welsh

Now that we are beginning to get back to normal....we hope! it is time to get singing. If there is anyone who would like to come and join us, we would be very pleased to see you. Contact me on 781010 or [prestissimo@btinternet.com](mailto:prestissimo@btinternet.com) and you could start straight away. We normally just have a practice before the Service.

## CHANGES TO MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

From 2<sup>nd</sup> September the mobile library is reverting to the old visiting times, although the dates of fortnightly visits will remain the same (so 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> September and so on). It will now be at the Sun in Felmersham from 14.00 to 14.30, then in Radwell from 14.35 to 14.50. It seems from the libraries website that for the mobile library it will still be Select and Collect.

The **ANNUAL BIKE AND HIKE** to raise money for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust and our own church restoration fund (half each) takes place on **Saturday 11 September**. You can visit local churches at your own pace and in any order you choose, being sponsored per church visited, or simply self-sponsoring for a gentle day out. For more details and for sponsorship forms, please contact Stephen Hill (781064).



## THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Claire Lurcock

The Village Hall Committee held their first 'in person' meeting in July and everyone agreed that it was nice to get together again after holding Zoom meetings for the previous 12 months. Here is an update of what has been on the agendas:

**Committee Room** We had a leak in the roof earlier this year which has been repaired temporarily but unfortunately means there is a hole in the committee room ceiling. We are waiting to hear from Bedford Borough Council's insurers as to whether we can make a claim to cover the repair costs or if we will have to cover the costs ourselves.

We were eligible for the Government Covid grants for village halls so this has covered our loss of income and boosted our bank balance so are hoping this won't be wiped out by any repair costs.

**Covid** Due to the pandemic we have been unable to hire out the hall until recently but now have some of our regular hirers returning.

**Play Park** The rear fence at the park is being replaced next month and a mesh fence is being erected inside the front hedge which will stop the gaps being used as access points and allow the hedge to grow to fill the gaps. Unfortunately we are having problems with the popular aerial slide, and it was also highlighted as an area for concern on the most recent ROSPA report, so enquiries are being made to find a suitable replacement- funds permitting. The park is checked weekly by the committee members and recently we have found some offensive graffiti (again) which we are hoping to have removed soon.

The **AGM will be held in November** (date to be confirmed) and we are very keen for new people to join the committee. Currently we urgently require a new Booking Clerk so if you would like information about joining the committee or the Booking Clerk role then please contact [FRVHC@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:FRVHC@yahoo.co.uk)

Due to Covid we have been made the decision not to hold our annual Quiz in November this year, so we hope to fit two in next year. The first will (hopefully) be on Saturday 26th February 2022 followed by our regular November quiz on Saturday 26th 2022.

**Please email [FRVHC@yahoo.com](mailto:FRVHC@yahoo.com) if you have any suggestions for community events for the village hall.**

## Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 7.30pm.**

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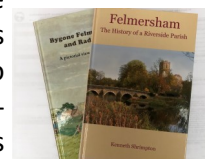
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## Felmersham and Radwell Archives

As many of you are aware, as well as writing his two books, Ken Shrimpton held the archives for the villages.



Before he passed away this collection was handed on to me for safekeeping. If you have any queries on the history of the villages, or indeed find any articles or artifacts that would be of interest to future generations, then please do not hesitate to be in touch.

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