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2nd Wednesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Curate	Revd Dr Diana Stretton	(07807 341 638)
Lay Leader of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
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Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

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



OUSE NEWS

November 2024
www.felmersham.net

This Thing Called War

Ernest Carwithen

On Remembrance Day we remember the brave men and women who died fighting for their country. We also pray that “the peace of God which passeth all understanding” may enter human hearts, so that we may live without war.

In 1940, my grandmother, Caroline Carwithen, wrote of the impact war had on her as a mother -

Monday's telegram simply read, “Arriving tonight - Den.”

But why? His leave was not due.

I sat down, my knees trembling. Then, for some reason, I recalled part of Den's last letter – “Three of my pals went across while I was home on leave, Mother. I'm going to miss them.” I found myself repeating, “Please God, not that.”

He came at eight, having travelled a night and a day to reach me. He looked curiously detached and grave, and he said quietly, “It's embarkation leave, Mother.”

“How long?” I asked.

“Until I get a telegram.” I was silent. We talked long into the night.

We had breakfast late the next morning, after which he went to our nearest town, sixteen miles away, to put his affairs in order.

I watched him walk down the garden path, six feet tall, broad of shoulder, and oh so smart. The winter sun glinted on his fair hair, and his grey eyes were steady as he waved goodbye from the gate. My boy whom I had reared so carefully - but for what?

At four o'clock the bell rang. The telegram had arrived.

(Ctd overleaf)

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Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX



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Welcome

FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER

Sun 3 November	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
All Saints Day	10.30am	All Saints Patronal All Age Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
All Souls Day	6.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Loved Ones at St Peter's
Wed 6 November	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 10 November	10.45am	Act of Remembrance in Felmersham (See notice)
Remembrance	11.00am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sunday	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 13 November	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 17 November	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Churches Together Service for Global Education Week at St Peter's
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at All Saints
Wed 20 November	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 24 November	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 27 November	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
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(ctd from page 1) There it was in black type – RETURN IMMEDIATELY. Numb, I sat holding the wire. Then I heard his footsteps on the garden path.

“Ah, Mother, a lovely fire. It’s jolly cold outside. It’s good to be home.”

“It’s come,” I said quietly.

“What?” His smile died as he took the slip of paper from me. “I must leave here at seven o’clock, Mother. I’ll have a wash.”

What was it I wanted to tell him? I had forgotten. He was going away. Who knows? Perhaps for ever. My mind was a blank. He came down the stairs for tea, putting his bag in the hall.

I made a show of eating, while the hands of the clock raced. “You should get some rest, Mother; you look all in.” He got into his greatcoat, and cap in hand came to where I was sitting at the tea table.

“Goodbye, Mother.”

“I got to my feet and he folded me in a close embrace, and whispered, “Take care of yourself.”

The door banged. He was gone. I sank again into the chair.

What is this monster that brings untold misery to millions of homes? It is this thing called war.

Online Link for Church Services

<https://zoom.us/j/763110804> The Password is: 079014

Coffee Morning Saturday 2nd November Jane Wells

The last coffee morning for this year to raise funds for the Restoration Fund will be held at **Riverside House, The High Road, Felmersham** at **10.30am on Saturday 2nd November**.

There will be plenty of chatter, coffee, tea and biscuits.

Everyone welcome

Thank you to you all for supporting the Coffee Mornings and Teas in the Church this year. A big THANK YOU to those who helped at the events and to those who stood in for me when I was unable to be there. Your help is very much appreciated. The next coffee morning will be sometime after the New Year and the Teas will start again around Eastertide.

Thank you all again

Jane Wells

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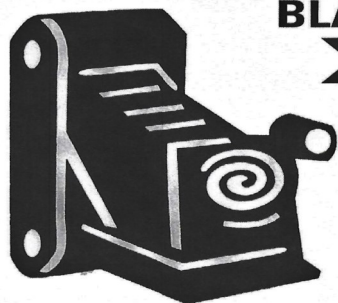
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November 4th November 18th

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, FELMERSHAM

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 10th November at 10.45am



We meet at the War Memorial
for the Act of Remembrance:
the reading of names, planting of crosses and
the Last Post at 11am.

After this, we follow the choir in procession to

St Mary's Church for Remembrance

Sunday Parish Communion.

Refreshments will follow the service.

A Service of Thanksgiving for our Departed Loved Ones

Sunday 3rd November (All Souls' Day) St Peter's, 6.00 pm

You will be most welcome to this quiet service at which
you will be invited to leave a prayer leaf card and light a
candle in memory of loved ones.

If you are unable to attend, but would like someone
remembered, leaf cards are available in Church and can
be handed to Revd Paolo or a member of the clergy.



Lunch Together

Maggie Spoor, Jane Wells, Jane Rhodes

The next Lunch Together will be on **Friday, 8th November at 12.30 in The Sun.**
As always we are extremely grateful to Pete and his team for looking after us
so well. The cost is £7. If you would like a cup of tea afterwards, it will be £1
extra. Please let **Jane Rhodes know (01234 782138) by Wednesday 6th** if you
would like to come so that we can let Pete have numbers. It is a happy
occasion so do come and join us.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL COMMUNITY CARE

We would like to introduce **Debbie de Vere** who has kindly agreed to take on the running of Community Care. We very much appreciate her willingness to be our lead and will give her our full support.

Firstly, we owe a huge vote of thanks to Maggie Spoor who has now stepped down from running Community Care after many years. Maggie has put in a great deal of work and commitment over the years and we are very grateful to her. She remains on the committee and we will continue to appreciate her knowledge and experience.

Moving forward we want to outline a few points for future information: The scheme now has a dedicated email address, felradcc@gmail.com, which should be used for any communications other than requests for help. Requests for help should be made by calling **07786 344176**. Both will be answered as soon as possible and these are the only points of contact for the scheme. It is important to give as much notice as possible when requesting help.

We are currently looking for more volunteers to provide occasional help to the scheme – you only do as much as you are able; even an hour every couple of weeks is a great help and will enable the scheme to continue and the workload to be shared.

Volunteers can be reimbursed a fuel allowance by the scheme.

The purpose of Community Care is to provide occasional, short-term help for anyone in the parish with reduced mobility or who are elderly and need support to access appointments, go shopping etc.

The scheme is not intended to replace other services that are available (such as the bus service) or to do the work of other businesses such as gardeners, dog walkers etc. that might be needed on a regular basis.

Community Care has been going for 27 years. With your help and co-operation we hope to continue for another 27 years



Ouse Valley Mothers' Union



A Radioactive Life

Revd Patrick Forbes will recount his varied experiences – from Dan Dare and time at sea to producing Christian radio programmes!

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