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

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000, 07968 606 377)
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



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An 'Attitude of Gratitude'

Revd Paolo Di Leo

In the gentle rhythm of village life, where the seasons turn with familiar grace, the notion of gratitude often feels like a natural companion. We might find ourselves thankful for the warmth of the morning sun, the comforting chatter of neighbours, or the simple beauty of the countryside that surrounds us. These everyday blessings form the backdrop of our lives, and pausing to appreciate them can bring a quiet joy. Yet, the reality is that life in our village, like life everywhere, is not always a smooth and untroubled path. Some among us have faced, and continue to face, significant difficulties and heart-wrenching tragedies. Illness, loss, financial hardship – these shadows can fall upon any of our doors, leaving us feeling vulnerable and questioning. It would be disingenuous to speak of gratitude without acknowledging these harsh realities that some in our community bravely navigate.

And yet, even within the depths of adversity, sorrow and struggle, the human spirit possesses a remarkable capacity to find glimmers of light. Perhaps it's the unwavering support of family and friends, the kindness of a stranger, a poem, a passage of scripture or even the sheer resilience of our own inner being that helps us get through.

These moments, however small they may seem, can become anchors of gratitude in the storm. The wisdom of scripture echoes this sentiment in Romans 5:3-5 *"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."*

This powerful passage reminds us that even in our sufferings, there is a potential for something more profound to emerge. It suggests that these difficult times can cultivate within us perseverance, building a stronger character that ultimately leads to hope. This aligns with the profound truth that often emerges from the crucible of hardship. Victor Frankl a holocaust survivor summed this up well when he wrote (ctd)

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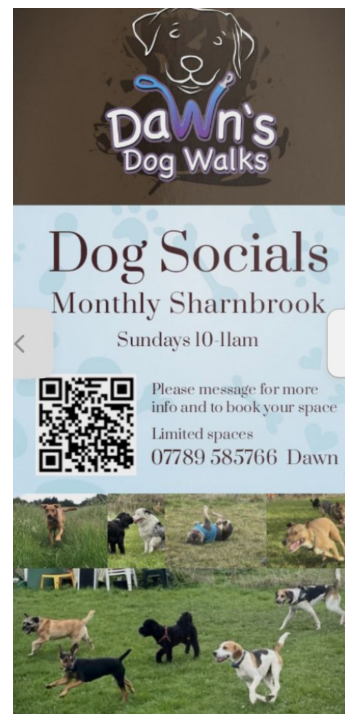
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Welcome



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Wed 2 July	9.30pm	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 6 July <i>Trinity 3</i>	9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 9 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 13 July <i>Trinity 4</i>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's Holy Communion at All Saints Faith Explorers at St Mary's
Wed 16 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 20 July <i>Trinity 5</i>	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's Faith Explorers at All Saints Evensong at St Margaret's Knotting
Wed 23 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 27 July <i>Trinity 6</i>	9.00am 10.30am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's



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(ctd from page 1) *"Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms— to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."* (Frankl Victor, Man's Search for Meaning)

Our troubles, while undeniably painful, can lead to a deepening of our understanding of life and a transformation we might never have anticipated. The challenges we overcome can forge within us a strength and empathy that were previously untapped. We may discover hidden reserves of courage, a newfound appreciation for what we have, or a deeper empathy with others who have faced similar trials.

They may lead to a change in life, to make decisions for the better, to discover opportunities and friendships that have been buried in neglect, which without these difficulties would never have surfaced. Perhaps a setback forces us to re-evaluate our priorities, leading us down a more fulfilling path. The unexpected redundancy may lead to the job we always dreamed of and wanted but felt was impossible because the change was too radical. Sometimes everything needs to be taken away, for us to make that new start we have always been dreaming of.

So, as we go about our days in our village, let us make a conscious effort to be grateful for the blessings around us. Let us extend our compassion to those who are facing adversity and difficulties. Let us remember that even in the darkest of times, there is always something for which we can be grateful. And perhaps, in embracing an attitude of gratitude, we can not only find more joy and hope in our own lives but give a gift of hope and joy to others.

COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY 5th JULY

Jane Wells

The July Coffee Morning will be held in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 5th July at 10.30am.

There will be a small raffle and plenty of chatter with your coffee, tea and biscuits. Friends, family and neighbours are all welcome.

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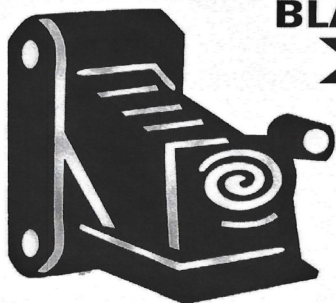
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Saturday 16 August

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CARERS TOGETHER

Come and join us for tea, cake,
and a chat

The next meeting will be at 2.30pm
on Monday

July 7th & 21st

Meet with other Carers knowing the person you
care for is enjoying activities in a safe and friendly
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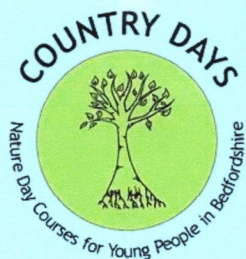
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LUNCH TOGETHER

Maggie Spoor, Jane Wells, Jane Rhodes

The next Lunch together will be on **Friday 11th July at 12.30 at The Sun pub**. The cost is £7 for soup and a sandwich. Drinks are not included. This has become an established occasion which everyone enjoys. It is a chance to see new friends and old and just relax. Thanks must, as always, go to Pete and all his wonderful staff for hosting us and looking after us so well.

Please ring **Jane Rhodes on 01234 782138 by Wednesday 9th July** if you would like to join us so that we can give Pete approximate numbers. We look forward to seeing you.

TEAS IN THE CHURCH - WEDNESDAY 16th JULY

Jane Wells

Teas in the Church will take place on
Wednesday 16th July from 2.30pm - 4pm ish.

Come along to enjoy a cup of tea, a slice of cake and, of course, friendly chatter.

All ages are welcome

Do come along

The 25th Autumn Show & Art Exhibition

will be held on

Sunday 21st September

in Pinchmill Hall

Schedules will be delivered this month

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Local Events in the Area in July

Sharnbrook

The Tofte Manor Open Air Shows are on the following dates in July:-

Saturday 5th July: Labyrinth Open Air: Boris Brejcha, Argy, HVOB & more

Saturday 12th July: Sasha & John Digweed 5-hour set at Tofte Manor

Sunday 13th July: Madness at the Manor

Details can be found here: <https://www.labyrinthevents.com/tofte-manor> and a copy of a letter which has been sent to all residents in Sharnbrook giving more details as to the arrangements affecting residents in the village can be accessed on the [Facebook](#) Sharnbrook Noticeboard.

Harrold

Harrold Summerfest is back at the Harrold Centre on Saturday 12th July for a fantastic evening of live music.

The programme includes folk duo Elizabeth and Jameson with music from their new album, Indie-pop band Iona Sky and a talented local band to be confirmed. Doors and the bar open at 5.30pm with the entertainment continuing until 10.30pm.

Tickets are £18 (£9 for 18s and under) which includes bbq food and salads, available from Harrold Post Office or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/harroldcentre.

Clifton Car Day at
Clifton Reynes
Sunday 27th July
12-4pm



Ouse Valley Mothers' Union



Strawberry Tea

Thursday 10th July at 2.30pm

St Peter's Room

New members and visitors welcome (suggested donation £4 for MU Charities)

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We welcome anyone who would like to know about Mothers' Union

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