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CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000, 07968 606 377)
Lay Leader of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
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Editor of Ouse News: Jane Carwithen (782185) or email janecarwithen@gmail.com
Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month



OUSE NEWS

October 2025

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The Age of Faith Ernest Carwithen

As a young teacher, I stage-managed a school production of "R.U.R" (Rossum's Universal Robots) written by Karel

Capek in 1920. The play depicts a successful rebellion by robots against their human owners, during which the robots become capable of loving one another. Fast forward to 2025. Artificial Intelligence and its implication are engaging the world's cleverest minds. So, will AI supplant human beings?

The Bible tells us that to be human is to be made in the image of God. The infant Jesus was born in a manger, a baby who would grow into an adult. Every one of us, too, begins life as a baby. After birth we become capable of a range of emotions and thoughts. These developments simply happen: a miracle unfolds before us as the infant becomes an adult. A moment's reflection makes us aware of the wondrous nature of what is happening.

To be human is to have a mind and a body, and perhaps a soul. We are, in essence, biological beings with instincts and feelings. Our brains are not inorganic computers, but a part of our bodies, receiving messages from our nervous system. There is a stark contrast between the inorganic nature of AI and the organic nature of a human being. The importance of the human body has always been recognised by Christians who every Sunday express their belief in the resurrection of the body.

What would my great-grandfather make of our lives in 2025 with its computers and mobile phones, and now Artificial Intelligence? He lived at a time when an intelligent layman could understand how things worked. However, if someone asks me how my mobile phone works, I can mutter something about microchips, but I have no inkling how they function - even after I have (Ctd)

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Welcome



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Wed 1 October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 5 October	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>Harvest Festival St Peter's</i>	10.30am	Harvest Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
Wed 8 October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 12 October	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>Harvest Festivals at St Mary's & All Saints</i>	10.30am	Harvest Holy Communion at St Mary's
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	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Mary's
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 15 October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 19 October	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>Trinity 18</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at All Saints
Wed 22 October	9.30pm	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 26 October	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>Trinity Last</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 29 October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 2 November	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Benefice Patronal All Age at All Saints
	6.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving for our departed loved ones at St Peter's



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(Ctd from page 1) asked AI to help me. But my grandfather could take his crystal radio set apart and visualise how it worked. His was a world of observation and explanation. Mine is a world in which I know what works but not how it does so. I need to have faith that my phone and computer will work.

It seems to me that it is faith rather than understanding that characterises our lives today. When I attend church, I do so in the knowledge that I must have faith in God, as my human mind cannot encompass his omniscience. In the secular world I also need to have faith. The opposition between understanding and faith seems completely outdated. Human beings and AI complement each other. AI is taking rationality to new levels while human beings are doing the same with faith.

Also Thursdays 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom

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

COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Jane Wells

The October Coffee Morning will be held in **St Mary's Church, Felmersham** on **Saturday 4th October 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.

LUNCH TOGETHER

Maggie Spoor, Jane Wells, Jane Rhodes

The next lunch together will be on **Friday 10th October at 12.30 at The Sun Pub.** Please come and join us for soup and a sandwich. The cost is £7. This does not include drinks. It is an ideal opportunity to see friends old and new. Pete and his team always make us very welcome and we are very grateful to them.

Please ring **Jane Rhodes on 01234 782138 by Wednesday 8th October** so that we can let Pete have the numbers in good time. As always, we look forward to seeing you.

TEAS IN THE CHURCH

Jane Wells

We had the last Teas in the Church for this year in September. I am hoping to restart them again in April 2026.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with making cakes and helping on the day. It has been very much appreciated. Thank you to all who have supported this event too; it has been lovely to see you and a great way to catch up with everyone.

Keep warm this winter, and when the temperature begins to warm, Teas will start in the Church.

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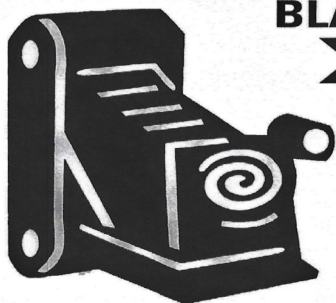
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Bedfordshire homelessness charity's preloved Fashion Show set to be a runway success!

Bedfordshire homelessness charity Emmaus Village Carlton will be hosting a charity Fashion Show which is set to be an evening of preloved style and pre-Christmas sparkle.

The event is being held on Wednesday 19th November at the Carlton House Club, Olney, and the charity is inviting members of the public to join them for a fabulous evening of runway fashion and retail shopping.

All the outfits featured will be styled from beautiful, preloved finds kindly donated to the charity, including some designer, vintage and rare pieces. Tickets to this unmissable event are £10, which includes entry into a raffle on the night.

The doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 8pm. The club bar will be open and serving refreshments throughout the evening.

Tickets will be available from October 1st at both the Carlton Club (High Street, Olney) and Emmaus Village Carlton (School Lane, MK43 7LQ). You can also call Emmaus Village Carlton directly to arrange your tickets on 01234 720826.

Further details in next month's Ouse News – but get your tickets now !!

CARERS TOGETHER

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

**The next meetings will be at 2.30pm
 on Monday**

October 6th and 20th

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

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1st—Ozzy Osbourne

2nd—Simon Cowell

3rd—Ed Sheeran



Harvesting for the Food Bank

Sue Whitehouse

This year, as part of the annual harvest celebrations, the children of Pinchmill school will be collecting for the Foodbank. As you will all know, this is increasingly needed, as many people struggle with rising bills and housing costs, including in our own villages.

Felmersham and Radwell people have been very generous in past years, so I hope we can join in this push by the school to produce a good collection from the whole community for those in need.

There will be a box in the church porch for donations from Monday 29th September to Sunday 12th October, the date of St. Mary's Harvest Festival Service. The box will be checked daily.

The usual things are needed:-

in-date tins of beans, soup, meat, veg, rice pudding etc;
pasta, pasta sauces, jars of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, biscuits, UHT milk and juice; toiletries and cleaning products: shower gel, sanitary items, toothpaste, laundry tabs and more.

All donations will be so much appreciated and thank you.



Changes to bus times

With effect from 21 September, most of the buses on route 50 have been retimed. The service pattern is unchanged, but almost all of the journeys have been retimed by a few minutes, some earlier (particularly in the morning) and some later (particularly in the afternoon). Remember that you can check the live running of your bus on bustimes.org (search for Kettering 50) or on the Stagecoach app.

<https://bustimes.org/services/50-kettering-rushden-bedford>

Autumn Show 2025

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Autumn Show, the 25th. Following such a dry growing season it was to be expected that some vegetable classes would suffer, but we still had entries in seven out of ten classes. Fruit, however, has done well this year and there were plenty of eating and cooking apples to judge. There were some fine entries too from the cooks and bakers and a range of incredibly intricate skills on display in the craft sections. We only had entries in the children's 6 - 8 years classes, but there was some excellent art work and some very imaginative vegetable monsters. The photographic classes were well supported with some excellent examples of sunrises/sunsets, people, animals and humorous situations.

Our thanks to the judges who have the difficult task of choosing prize winners each year. Congratulations to all and congratulations also to the winners of the trophies: Best in Show - Sue Whitehouse; the Show Plate - Helen Rose; the Amy Rootham Cup - Wendy Freegard; the Rose Bowl - Peter Hartop.



Thank you to the artists of the Art Group who put on another amazing exhibition, to the PSA for the tea and some seriously yummy cakes (if you missed those you missed a treat!) and the army of helpers who helped clear and tidy up at the end of the show. A special mention to the pupils of Pinchmill School. Their own autumn themed art display was a delight. Thank you too to the Village Hall Committee for enabling us the use of the Hall for this community event. See you all in 2026!

Maggie Spoor



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