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

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Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000, 07968 606 377)
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Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month



A Reflection on Peace

Revd Paolo Di Leo

Each year on Remembrance Day, we gather to honour our fallen, to recall the immense cost of conflict, and to reflect on a desire that lies at the heart of our remembrance: 'Peace. The desire for peace is a fundamental human longing, a truth we feel in the very core of our being. Yet for a desire so universally cherished, it remains remarkably elusive, both in definition and in practice. We find it so difficult to achieve, so challenging to maintain. Cain seems to always kill Abel.

Perhaps this is because too often we content ourselves with a fragile, 'negative peace' based not on a transformation of the human heart but in the negotiation of external factors. We negotiate times of quiet and calm, where the sound of gunfire and sirens are gone and all hostility has ceased. This is a peace we gratefully welcome, but is it peace or just the presence of calm?

In our hearts, the part of us that seeks deeper meaning, we might feel that true peace, 'positive peace', is something more. It is not a void, but a vibrant presence. It is the existence of justice, the flourishing of compassion, the freedom for all to reach their potential without harming others. It is a state of being where love triumphs. This peace is not a passive state, but an active, ongoing creation. It is the difficult, daily work of building bridges, of healing wounds, of reconciliation, and of nurturing a society where our shared values exile conflict into the abyss of our collective will to 'Never again!! Never again!!

Yet the harsh truth is, our world can know calm yet remain perpetually poised on the precipice of conflict. To ignore this reality is to condemn ourselves to repeat the tragedies of the past. And so, each year, on Remembrance Day, we stand in silence to honour those who have laid down their lives for us, those who believed that their sacrifice would lead to peace. Let us remember our fallen not only for their sacrifice, but also as a solemn reminder of our (Ctd)

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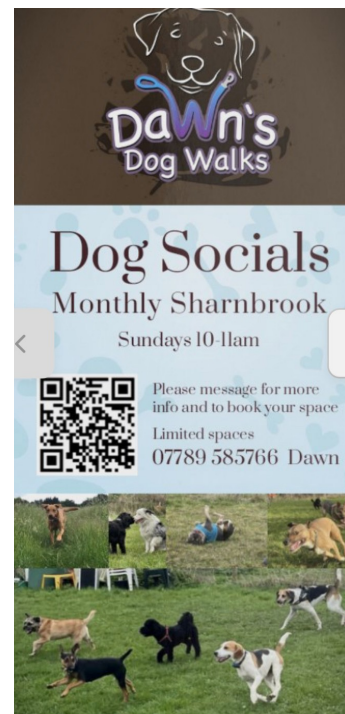
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Welcome



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

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
Wed 5 November	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 9 November	10.45am	Act of Remembrance, Memorial Lane
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>		& Service in St Mary's (see notice on page 5)
<i>Felmersham</i>	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 12 November	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 16 November	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>2nd before Advent</i>	10.30 am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at All Saints
Wed 19 November	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 23 November	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>Christ the King</i>	10.30am	Churches Together Service for Global Education Week, St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 26 November	9.30pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 30 November	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>Advent Sunday</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's



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(Ctd from page 1) own duty to build a world where such sacrifices may no longer be necessary. We stand with those who loved their nation, history and heritage more than they hated their enemy.

True peace needs to be a rooted in a transformation of the heart. A transformation that requires our acceptance of the divine offer to be given a new heart and new spirit, where we willingly and reciprocally seek to love others, even to love our enemies. The key here of course is 'willingly' 'and reciprocally'. This is the transformation Jesus set out for humanity and the true road to lasting peace. (*Matthew 5:43-48 & 7:12*) and where Cain need not kill Abel.

Perhaps this is not a reality that will unfold in this life, but it will be in the next, where eternal peace is promised and where *"God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."* Revelation 21:4

COFFEE MORNING AND **SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The November Coffee morning will be held at Riverside House, The High Road, Felmersham on **Saturday 1st November at 10.30am.**

Christmas Cards in aid of Save The Children will also be on sale.

Do come along for a coffee/tea/biscuits while choosing your Christmas cards. There will also be a small raffle and, of course, plenty of chatter.

This will be the last coffee morning for this year. They will start again in March/April 2026 in the Church. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the coffee mornings this year, whether it be monthly or standing in when I have been away and to all who have supported them. It has been very much appreciated.

Jane Wells

LUNCH TOGETHER

Maggie Spoor, Jane Wells, Jane Rhodes

Over twenty people enjoyed another lovely soup-and-sandwich lunch at The Sun in October. Our thanks to Pete and his team for looking after us so well. The next lunch will be on **Friday 14th November at 12.30pm**, the cost is £7 a head (drinks not included).

Please book your place by ringing Maggie on **782031** by Wednesday 12th November. See you there!



And an advance notice, in December we will be having a Christmas lunch - more details to follow, but make a note of the date Friday 12th December



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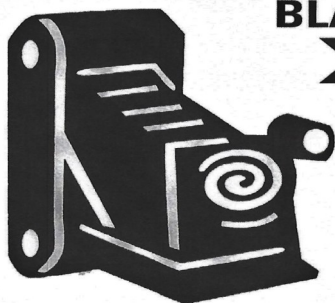
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Charity Fashion Show
WED 19th NOVEMBER

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 are available 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.

CARERS TOGETHER

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

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

November 3rd and 17th

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

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Harvesting for the Food Bank

Sue Whitehouse

A big thank you !!!

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the food bank collection. Pinchmill School will eventually get a thank you note from Food Bank with the weight delivered. I don't have that information yet, but between us all it was a LOT. A wonderful effort that will help many people.

Well done Radwell, Felmersham and Pinchmill parents and children.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, FELMERSHAM

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 9th 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.

Advent Windows 2025 – "Pantomimes"

Rosie Cheetham

For several years, residents of Felmersham and Radwell have come together to create festive **Advent window displays** throughout December. This year's theme is "**Pantomimes.**"

Each day in December, a new decorated window will be revealed, with photos shared on the Felmersham and Radwell Village Facebook Group.

If you'd like to take part, please sign up via the Facebook group or contact Rosie Cheetham (781046).

Many thanks



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Christopher Goodwin, *lyre, lute, uke*

Jeni Melia, *soprano*

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