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### CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000, 07968 606 377)
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Lay Leader of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
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Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

Editor : Jane Carwithen (782185) or email [janecarwithen@gmail.com](mailto:janecarwithen@gmail.com)

*Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25<sup>th</sup> of the month*

### A Father's Day Reflection

Revd Paolo di Leo

In the UK Father's Day is usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of June. This year it falls on the 18th of June. Father's Day is a relatively new idea in the UK, with the first official celebration taking place in 1972.

The first recorded Father's Day celebration took place in the United States in 1908. Sonora Smart Dodd, a woman from Spokane, Washington, USA was inspired to create the day after hearing a sermon about Mother's Day. After her mother died, Dodd's father single-handedly raised her and her five young brothers. Dodd wanted to create a day to honour her father. The idea was originally met with some resistance, but it eventually caught on. The first official Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane USA in 1910.

It is the theme of fatherhood that I wish us to reflect on. Fatherhood is the state of being a father. Fathers are not born but made. It is a choice, not a biological commitment or inevitability. It is a way of being that can transcend past experiences. Good fatherhood is a choice, needs to be worked at, developed, nurtured and improved upon day by day. Defined in this way, it is a role that can be appropriated by a biological father, an adoptive father, or a stepfather. Fatherhood should be a lifelong commitment that involves providing for, loving, teaching, protecting, and nurturing children. But above all fatherhood is a choice.

For example, Joseph was not the biological father of Jesus. He was an adoptive stepfather. He chose to be a father to Jesus, he chose fatherhood. Joseph's fatherhood played a vital role in the life of Jesus. The Bible says that Joseph was a "just man" and that he was "troubled" when he learned that Mary, being a virgin, was miraculously pregnant. However, he did not doubt her or judge her or cast her away, he lovingly agreed to remain with her. After Jesus was born, despite not being the biological father, Joseph raised him as his own son. It would be fair to say that were it not for Joseph, Jesus may have died an early untimely death in his infancy. Joseph's commitment to fatherhood was displayed in an exemplary way when he courageously took Jesus and Mary to seek asylum in Egypt, protecting them from the murderous intentions of King Herod. Joseph is a prime example of loving, caring and dedicated fatherhood. He demonstrated what good fatherhood can be like. (Ctd)

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**FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES JUNE**

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<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
<b>Wed 7 June</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
<b>Thurs 8 June</b>	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise at St Peter's
<b>Sun 11 June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Faith Explorers at St Mary's</b>
<b>Wed 14 June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
<b>Sun 18 June</b>	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at All Saints
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
<b>Wed 21 June</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
<b>Sun 25 June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Peter's
<b>Wed 28 June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	10.00am	<i>Christian Meditation at St Peter's Room</i>
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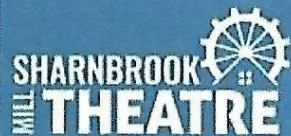
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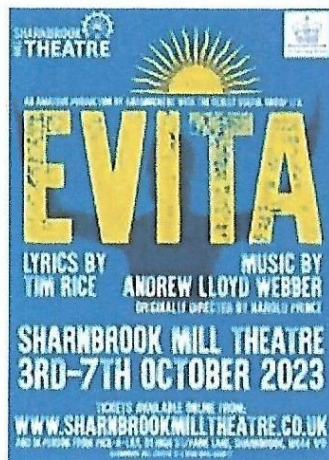
\*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is Charity Night; details on website soon.

Tickets on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE

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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm - Musicals & More - **POSTPONED** to a later date

A Cabaret Evening with Jonathan Reynolds & Friends

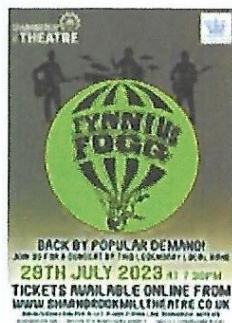
A fundraising event for Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

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Fatherhood is a choice and a commitment. It is a way of being, a way of living. Fatherhood is accepting, loving, trustworthy, protective, supportive, sacrificial, guides and teaches, and is always there when needed.

There is no one right way to be a father. Every father is different. But there is one characteristic of fatherhood that transcends all differences, binding all fathers together in an eternal bond of infinite joy, and that is the beautiful ancient art of telling 'Dad Jokes'.

Here are a few for you to enjoy or at least patiently endure!!!

What did the ocean say to the beach? - **Nothing, it just waved.**

Why did the scarecrow win an award? - **Because he was outstanding in his field.**

Which days are the strongest? - **Saturday and Sunday, the rest are weekdays**

We give our thanks, Creator God,  
for the gift of fatherhood  
and for all those who accept this gift.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual,  
and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all  
and forgiveness where it is asked for and repentant change enacted.

Amen

### Online Link for Church Services

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

### Coffee Morning: Saturday 3rd June

Jane Wells

The June Coffee Morning will take place on **Saturday 3rd June** from **10.30am** in **St Mary's Church, Felmersham** and this month in conjunction with the **Nature Count in the Churchyard as advertised (see the next page).**

There will be a small raffle, plenty of chatter, coffee, tea and biscuits. Bring your friends and family to take part in the Nature Count and to have a cuppa.

Everyone welcome.

### TEAS IN THE CHURCH

Jane Wells

TEAS IN THE CHURCH will be taking place on **WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE** from 2.30pm. There will be plenty of tea/coffee, cake and chatter. Bring your friends and neighbours and enjoy. This event will also, take place on every **third Wednesday** during the summer months ie 19th July, 16th August and 20th September. Everyone welcome.

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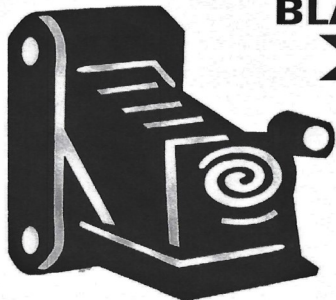
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## Traffic Data

The following traffic data is available from the installed speed activation devices:  
**High Road, Felmersham Traffic Monitoring** 61-day period during March and April 2023:

- 28,310 vehicle movements were detected.
- 41% were exceeding the speed limit.
- 34% were doing speeds between 31 and 40mph.
- 6% were doing speeds between 41 and 50mph.
- 1% were exceeding 50mph.
- 34 instances were recorded of vehicles doing over 60mph.
- 84mph was the maximum speed recorded.

**Radwell Traffic Monitoring** 61-day period during March and April 2023:

- 16,706 vehicle movements were detected.
- 35% were exceeding the 20mph speed limit.
- 31% were doing speeds between 21 and 25mph.
- 4% were doing speeds between 26 and 30mph.
- A small percentage were exceeding 30mph.
- 44mph was the maximum speed recorded.

## Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 7.30pm.

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 10 MAY 2023**  
**EDITED HIGHLIGHTS**

**Parish Council Membership**

The declaration of the poll uncontested for the Felmersham Parish had confirmed the appointment to office of Councillors Peter Hartop, Marjorie Pipe, Maxine Boswell, Matilda Boswell, Annette Courtney and Benjamin Just. At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Peter Hartop was re-elected as Chairperson and Marjorie Pipe was re-elected as Vice-Chair for the next annual period. The Parish Council have been asked to publicise the poster about African swine fever:-

**Do you keep pigs,  
 even just as pets...?**



**Help to reduce the risk of African swine fever reaching pigs in the UK**

**Did you know?**

African swine fever is present in a number of countries in Europe as well as Asia and Africa. It has led to the death of millions of pigs worldwide. It is highly contagious and fatal to pigs and if it reached the UK it would be devastating to our commercial pig industry, smallholders and pet pig keepers alike.

It is illegal to feed pigs with catering waste or kitchen scraps as these can transmit African swine fever as well as other serious diseases such as foot and mouth disease and classical swine fever.



**Feed your pigs the right food**



- ✗ Feed food scraps and catering waste from any restaurant or commercial kitchen (including vegan kitchens).
- ✗ Feed domestic kitchen waste or scraps.
- ✗ Feed raw, partially cooked or fully cooked meat and fish (including shellfish).
- ✗ Feed dog and cat food.
- ✓ Feed specially formulated commercial pig feed as a safe and easy way to give your pigs a balanced diet.
- ✓ Feed fruit and vegetable material that has never entered a kitchen and which has not come into contact with material of animal origin.

**Practise good  
 biosecurity**

- Use dedicated clothing and boots for you and anyone coming onto your premises.
- Prevent vehicles or equipment from coming on to your premises unless cleaned and disinfected first.
- Ensure that people who look after or visit your pigs understand the disease risk of bringing back meat products and in particular wild boar meat or pork/pork products from affected countries. Trade of pork from affected areas in these countries is illegal.
- Don't bring meat products onto the farm to avoid accidental access to pigs.

**And remember**

You must register your pigs with the Animal and Plant Health Agency. Visit [www.gov.uk/guidance/keeping-a-pet-pig-or-micropig](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/keeping-a-pet-pig-or-micropig)

Seek veterinary advice promptly if your pigs are unwell.

More information about African swine fever can be found at [www.gov.uk/guidance/african-swine-fever](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/african-swine-fever).



**Nature Count in St Mary's Churchyard**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10am to 12 noon**



Would you like to find out more about the wildlife in our churchyard? All are welcome to join us for a nature count on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June! As part of Love Your Burial Ground Week, we will be gathering information about the plants, insects and other wildlife to add into a national database on biodiversity in churchyards.



Perfect for people of all ages to discover more about nature – we will have identification sheets available and information on how to record what you see, either on paper or via the iNaturalist app. Please drop-in at any time during the morning to have a look around and add your observations. Our regular coffee morning will also be happening in the church so you can take a break from finding the bugs for a nice cuppa!

**CHURCHYARD TREE UPDATE**

The January edition of Ouse News reported a proposal to remove the western red cedar tree near the east end of the church. This was an initiative of the Parish Council, subsequently adopted also by the Parochial Church Council. As the tree stands on church land, formal permission was required from the Diocese of St Albans. Two identical objections to the proposal were made, triggering legal processes. Neither the Parish Council, nor the Parochial Church Council have seen fit to commit their limited resources to paying the costs of the legal proceedings for an uncertain outcome. Accordingly the application has been withdrawn and the tree will remain.

**A date for your diary**

**23rd Felmersham & Radwell Autumn  
 Show and Art Exhibition**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Pinchmill Village Hall**

**Look out for the schedules which will be  
 delivered this month**

## Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee

After having a few issues with our old email we have set up a new one, so for future contact please use our new email

[felmershamradwellvhc@gmail.com](mailto:felmershamradwellvhc@gmail.com)

### SAVE THE CHILDREN

Andy Evans

Many thanks to the many kind hearted residents in Trinity Close and Marriotts Close who gave so generously in the recent door-to-door envelope collection. The excellent sum of £179.36 was collected which will all go (without deductions) to help support the work of the charity both in the UK and also throughout the world where children are at risk or in harm. Particular thanks to those who were out on the collection evening but then delivered the envelope to my house. Your combined effort is much appreciated.

### EGGS

Erin Moran

We live at Four Winds, Grange Road in Felmersham, MK43 7EU (off the road on the public footpath) and rescue chickens from British Hen Welfare Trust (BHWT). We now have 9 in our flock and more eggs than we can use.



We've put out a little egg box at the end of our drive and we put the surplus eggs out there for the local community to take. In exchange, we ask for £2 per box which we donate back to BHWT.

The £2 can either be donated via the collection tin or our JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.com/page/bhwt-ec-00489](http://www.justgiving.com/page/bhwt-ec-00489)

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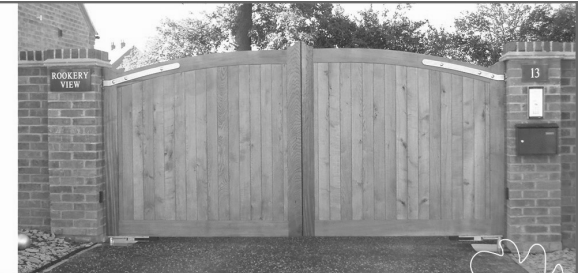
**Thursday 8 June 2.30pm St Peter's Room**

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