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2nd Tuesday 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)
Curate	Revd Dr Diana Stretton	(07807 341 638)
Lay Leader of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
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Editor : Jane Carwithen (782185) or email janeocarwithen@gmail.com
 Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

New Year Resolutions

Revd Dr Diana Stretton

We are once again at that time of year when we have watched fireworks through different time-zones, counted down to midnight and maybe even had a chorus of 'Auld Lang Syne'. For probably at least the next month, we will go through the ritual of writing the date wrong, and then saying something like 'oh yes, its 2024 now – I don't know where the time goes'. New years are often marked with parties, fireworks and maybe a resolution or two for things that we want to do differently over the next year.

We want a new year to be a celebration, but that isn't always the case. I had a conversation with a teenager a couple of months ago who was already dreading the onset of 2024. Not for any specific personal reason, but just because it was another year rolling on and they were assuming that the world would be getting worse. Looking at the news, it is easy to understand their perspective, but what struck me about the conversation was that they felt unable to do anything about how the world is. They did not feel that they could change or influence anything and they did not seem to have any hope that others would want to change the world for the better. Given the global scale of many of the issues that we face in the world it is probably understandable for us to feel as though there is little we can do to change or influence things, but it is worth remembering that many small changes can add up. (Ctd on page 3)

With all good wishes for

2024

The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook MK44 1HU, St Mary's Church, Felmersham MK43 7JP All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX



www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org



Welcome

FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES JANUARY

Sun 31 Dec	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (ZOOM'd)
Wed 3 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 7 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (ZOOM'd)
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 10 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Thurs 11 Jan	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise at St Peter's
Sun 14 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (ZOOM'd)
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Mary's
Wed 17 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 21 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Service for Christian Unity at Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at All Saints, Souldrop
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 24 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 28 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (ZOOM'd)
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Peter's
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(Ctd from page 1) We may not be able to immediately stop wars or reverse climate change, but we can each do things that help and support other people, or which reduce our personal impact on the planet. It is within our ability to change and influence the world around us to make it a better place and even from the smallest acts of kindness something larger can grow.

As we make new year resolutions, looking towards the year ahead, maybe there is a resolution that we can make to help others or the world. It could be a simple as trying to reduce the amount of plastic we use, or helping a neighbour, or giving a small amount of money or time to a charity that we care about. Each small thing that we do is not only about the action itself, it is about spreading the hope that if we all do small things to change the world for the better then these small actions an add up. If we all live as though the world could be a better place in 2024, then it will become one.

Online Link for Church Services
<https://zoom.us/j/763110804> The Password is: 079014



REAL TIME FLOOD INFORMATION AT FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL

Link to the Environment Agency website for the actual [Readings at Sharnbrook Weir](#)
Currently the assumption is approximately as follows:
River level at Sharnbrook Weir = 0.86M then flooding at Radwell
River level at Sharnbrook Weir = 1.20M then flooding at Felmersham
Observations confirm the correlation is approximately correct to within 25mm

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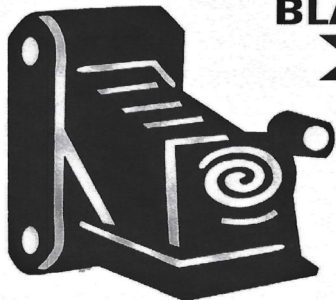
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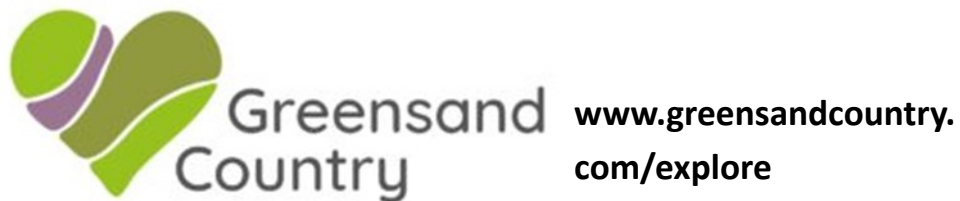


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BEDFORDSHIRE HOMELESSNESS CHARITY, EMMAUS, WARMLY WELCOMES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Emmaus Village Carlton, has welcomed new Chief Executive, Donna-Louise Cobban, at the helm of the charity this week. Donna-Louise brings with her a wealth of experience in leading and shaping person-centred, trauma-informed homelessness support services.

Commenting on her new appointment, she said: “I am delighted to be returning to the homeless sector as Chief Executive of Emmaus Village Carlton, I have always admired the work that Emmaus does locally and nationally.

“No one chooses to be homeless lightly and I firmly believe that people need effective personalised support to recover both mentally and physically to rebuild their lives. I am excited to be able to do what I can to contribute to the ethos of Emmaus. “I’m looking forward to being able to bring my leadership experience to support the development of the community for the companions, volunteers and staff from a support services perspective, as well as developing the retail and commercial opportunities in the organisation. I look forward to meeting our many loyal customers and supporters.”



www.emmaus.org.uk/village-carlton

DECEMBER 2023

Sunset over Felmersham - Jane Carwithen



St Mary's at Night - Maria Rutgers



Rainbow Cloud Phenomenon above Felmersham - Peter Hood



Floods at Radwell - Stephen Rudd



Ouse Valley Mothers' Union

Members' Meeting
Tea, cake and good conversation
as we plan the year ahead
Thursday 11 January 2.30pm
St Peter's Room



New members and visitors welcome

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