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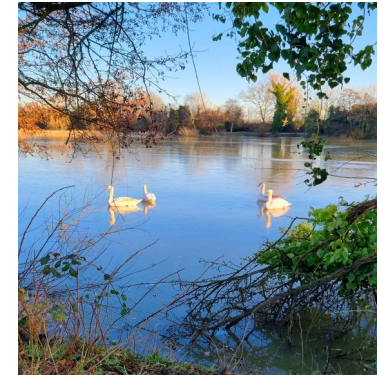
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2nd Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

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)
Churchwarden	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

Editor : Jane Carwithen (782185) or email janeacarwithen@gmail.com
 Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

We were made for each other

Ernest Carwithen

George and Patricia were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. "How did you come to meet?" I asked them.

"We were newly qualified teachers who'd just been appointed to the same school," they replied. "We were made for each other!"

When they met in 1972 there were almost 4 billion men and women on Planet Earth. How was it, I mused, that this particular woman, Patricia, had met, fallen in love with, and subsequently married this particular man, George? Yes, they were both teachers. But their meeting and subsequent marriage is predicated on far more than that. Why had they both been born in England at roughly the same time - not hundreds of years apart and in different countries? It really is extraordinary that they came to meet each other. Perhaps, though, it was somehow written in the stars - a matter of fate or destiny. In other words, they really were meant for each other, drawn together by love.

Life can, of course, be seen as a series of largely arbitrary events governed by chance and necessity. Or it can be seen as a mystery in which there is a hidden purpose. The Victorians would have termed this purposeful existence "providence". Any reading of the Bible makes us aware of God's purpose, from the Fall of Man in Genesis to the Resurrection of Christ Second Coming in the Book of Revelation. The concept of a purposeful existence very much chimes with our personal experience of love and friendships.

Of course, it has its dangers: it leads to the claim by kings that they are divinely appointed or by nations that they have "a manifest destiny". It does not mean that the future can be predicted. Every autumn the "Economist" magazine asks distinguished commentators to predict what will happen in the following year.

(Ctd on page 3)

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



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Welcome

FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY

Sun 4 Feb	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (ZOOM'd) Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 7 Feb	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 11 Feb	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (ZOOM'd) Faith Explorers at St Mary's
Wed 14 Feb Ash Wednesday	7.30am	Choral Communion & Imposition of Ashes at St Peter's
Fri 16 Feb	9.00pm	Compline (ZOOM'd)
Sun 18 Feb Lent 1	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (ZOOM'd) Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 21 Feb	9.30am 9.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Compline (ZOOM'd)
Fri 23 Feb	9.00pm	Compline (ZOOM'd)
Sun 25 Feb Lent 2	9.00am 10.30am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (ZOOM'd)
Wed 28 Feb	9.30am 9.00pm	Holy Communion at St Peter's Compline (ZOOM'd)
Fri 1 Mar	9.00pm	Compline (ZOOM'd)
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(Ctd from page 1) More often than not, the predictions are inaccurate. Above all, it does not mean that we can discern God's will in history. Only God can do that! What it does give us is a sense that there may be a purpose to our lives and to life itself. As such, it has a subtle but invincible explanatory power.

Along with Matthew Arnold, we may feel that

"We are here as on a darkling plain...

Where ignorant armies clash by night."

However, the awareness that life may be a meaningful mystery rather than an absurd muddle transforms the way we see ourselves and our lives. It gives us an inextinguishable light in the darkness. It enables us to turn to our friends and loved ones and say, "We were made for each other!"

Online Link for Church Services

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



Compline

Every Wednesday and
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Friday 16 February

on Zoom

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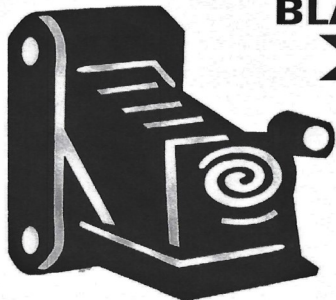
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Film Focusing on Bedfordshire Homelessness Charity Nominated for National Charity Film Awards

A fundraising film, showcasing Cadent Foundation's support of Bedfordshire homelessness charity **Emmaus Village Carlton**, has been nominated in the Smiley Movement's Charity Film Awards.

The charitable arm of Cadent, the UK's largest gas distribution network, commissioned a film featuring Christian, a formerly homeless resident at the community, who spoke about how Emmaus transformed his life. Christian also spoke about the Rucksack Stomps he has been organising since 2017, along with a team of companions, staff and volunteers, all helping vulnerable people on the streets of Bedford, Wellingborough and Northampton each week.

Christian's story was included in the film showcasing the support the Cadent Foundation has given to Emmaus which was originally aired at a charity golf tournament to highlight the charity and its work to end homelessness.



Cadent and Emmaus are now hoping the film, produced by Acquismedia, titled 'Safe & Warm - Cadent Foundation's Support for the Emmaus Community', is voted a winner by judges of the Charity Film Awards.

It can be viewed here: <https://smileycharityfilmawards.com/films/safe-warm-cadent-foundations-support-for-the-emmaus-community>

CARERS TOGETHER

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

**Our meeting will be at 2.30pm
on Monday**

February 5th and 19th

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

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A Lent Bible Study based on the Hymn.
'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

In St Peter's Room,
St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook

or via

Zoom [on](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/763110804>

Meeting ID: 763 110 804 Passcode: 079014

Tuesday 27 Feb 2024 7:30pm

Tuesday 5 Mar 2024 7:30pm

Tuesday 12 Mar 2024 7:30pm

Tuesday 19 Mar 2024 7:30pm



LAURIE MILLS—A THANK YOU

May, Catherine and Emma would like to thank everyone who sent flowers and cards following Laurie's death. Your love and support has brought us much comfort and has sustained us through a most difficult time. The whole family has been overwhelmed by the community spirit in the village.

LUNCH TOGETHER

Maggie Spoor, Jane Wells, Jane Rhodes

On Friday 12th January we had our first **Lunch Together** at The Sun. There were 20 of us and everyone said how much they enjoyed it. Pete did us proud with delicious soup and sandwiches – thank you, Pete! This is an opportunity to get together with old friends and new. The cost is £7 which you can pay on the day. **The next Lunch Together will be on Friday 9th February at 12.30.** Please come and join us. If you would like to come, please ring Jane R on 782138 so that we can give Pete numbers in good time. We look forward to seeing you.

THE BIG BLUNHAM BOOK SALE

Will be held on **Saturday 17th February 2024**. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ,
There will be an enormous selection of nearly new books - specialist and fiction sorted into categories.
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All profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund. For further details please ring Sue and Peter Holden 01767 640572.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, PARK LANE, SHARNBROOK @ 3.00 PM ON FRIDAY 1st MARCH, 2024.

The service has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine, the land in which Jesus was born, ministered and died, where the Christian faith began and is rooted—the theme of the service is **I beg you, bear with one another in love.**
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