

Parish Diary

Regular Activities

Mon-Fri	9.15am – 3.15pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
Thu	9.30am – 11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group	Pinchmill Hall
Thu	11.00am (approx)	Fishmonger in village – call 07803 201399 for info	
Thu	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
Fri	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn

May

Sat	2 10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Keebles
Sun	3 10.15am	Choral Communion - Easter 3	St Mary's Church
Tue	5 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat	9 3.00pm	Bulky Waste Collection (until 5pm)	Radwell Green
Sun	10 1.00pm	Bulky Waste Collection (until 3pm)	Marriotts Close
Thu	14		
Sun	17 10.15am	Choral Communion - Easter 5	St Mary's Church
Thu	21 8.00pm	Deanery Service - Ascension Day	All Saints Church, Turvey
Sun	24 10.15am	Matins and Communion - After Ascension	St Mary's Church
Sun	31 10.15am	Choral Communion - Pentecost	St Mary's Church
June			
Sat	6 10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Pearcees
Sun	7 10.15am	Patronal Festival - Joint Service	All Saints Church, Souldrop
Sun	14 10.15am	Family Service, Baptism - Trinity 1	St Mary's Church
Sun	21 10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 2	St Mary's Church
Sun	28 10.15am	Patronal Festival - Joint Service	St Peter's, Sharnbrook
	6.30pm	Songs of Praise	St Mary's Church

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Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462), Richard Phipps (781789)

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We welcome any item of general interest for inclusion. Please email to ousenews@justs.info putting OuseNews in the Subject line, by the 25th of the month.

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Almost There

The work of installing a toilet and kitchen is almost complete. Most of the inside work has been completed, the final connection to finish the job is waiting on a specialist contractor for its completion. I have been particularly impressed with the quality of the woodwork, it has been so skilfully done and matched to the existing woodwork that it almost seems to have been there all the time. It is also good to have some more space at the back of the church, and I am sure that we will find it very useful. Our grateful thanks to those who have planned the work and to those who have carried it out. We are very fortunate in having such able and concerned members of our church who do so much to support and develop it in so many different ways.

When we use the word 'church' we tend to think of a building, but of course the church is far more than that, for in the early church there were no buildings. Both the community of the faithful and the buildings in which they meet for worship and fellowship are 'the church'. The members of the church bring and use their many different gifts and talents to support, strengthen and develop the community of the faithful and also the wider community among whom they live. The community of the early church were known for the love that the members showed to each other and to the people among whom they lived. It is good that our church building is maintained and developed so well and so lovingly to be a resource for the whole community as well as for the worshipping community that is the church in Felmersham. It is also good that the members of our church community are so involved in the life of the village, continuing the tradition of service to the community that has featured in Christian discipleship through the ages since the time of our Lord.

We live in times when the Christian faith is being challenged and ridiculed by some who seem to wish to continue the work of those through the centuries have sought to deny the faith. It is important that those around us can see that our faith is strong and that it shines out in our lives just as it did for the first members of the Christian community all those years ago when many came to the faith through observing the way in which the lives of those who believed were changed for the good through their acceptance of Jesus as Lord.

Christian Aid Week

If you are available and willing to collect some Christian Aid envelopes within the Parish between 10th-16th May please contact me on 782559. Many thanks.

Gill Greenish

P3 - Parish Walks

The Felmersham and Radwell P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) Group are planning to start local walks, on every 2nd Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome and we will meet at Felmersham Bus Stop at 2pm, starting on Sunday, 10th May. We are intending to start with those footpaths within our Parish and will then extend the routes to neighbouring villages and possible some themed walks (suggestions welcome). Contact Paula Turvey (782542) or Carol Stork (782769)

Thursday Club

April's meeting had a great Easter flavour - decorated hats competition complete with Easter parade, decorated eggs and Easter cards. After tea Paul Keeble made us rack our brains with one of his excellent quizzes - many thanks Paul.

We have room for four more members. Why not come on a trial trip? The next meeting is on Thursday May 14th. Telephone Joan 781722 for transport

Parish Litter Pick

For the litter pick on 28th March we had wind, rain, more wind and eventually some sun, but the valiant litter pickers battled through. The final count was 22 bags of litter plus the usual assortment of larger items which included hubcaps, a length of metal pipe and a folding table. Very many thanks to everyone who helped – the number of bags collected shows how worthwhile the exercise was.

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

Theo. Gibbs
The Secret Garden 15th, 16th, 19th – 23rd May at 7.45 pm [no performance Mon 18 May] Tickets now available: £10-12 from Sharnbrook Post Office or Bedford Central Box Office 269519.

Pearls of the Mill A Special Concert to Celebrate 30 years of The Mill Theatre, to which you are warmly invited. Thurs. 18th, Fri. 19th, Sat. 20th June, nightly at 7.45 pm - featuring selections from 3 decades of our shows, such as the inaugural production: Salad Days; Man of La Mancha, Pippin, The Hired Man, Godspell, Hair, Cabaret, Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma! - My Fair Lady and many more...Do join us! Tickets £10 from the above Box Offices, or the theatre during The Secret Garden.

Church Matters

Rev David G Mason
JOINT SERVICES - The will be joint Benefice services at Souldrop on 7th June, and St Peters Church, Sharnbrook on 28th June. Both services start at 10.15am. There will be no morning service at Felmersham on those dates. There will be a 'Songs of Praise Service' here on the evening of 28th June at 6.30pm.

An ASCENSION DAY Deanery service will be held at All Saints Church, Turvey on 21st May at 8.00pm. The address will be given by a member of Turvey Abbey. HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE - My grateful thanks to all those who contributed in so many ways to our services in that most special week.

At the recent Annual Parochial Meeting Richard Phipps was appointed as the new Church Warden (replacing Paul Keeble) to work alongside Jane Wells.

Church Coffee Morning

The May Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Paul and Pat Keeble on Saturday 2nd May at 10.30am. **Jane Wells**

The June Coffee Morning, raising funds for the toilet/kitchen facility in the Church, will be held at the home of Bill and Hazel Pearce on Saturday 6th June at 10.30am.

Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated. All welcome.

It may not be Rubbish - Redeploy or Recycle

Instead of dumping your unwanted items in the skip next weekend why not consider putting them on Freecycle now? If it hasn't gone then you can skip it!

People advertise, on a website, items they want to dispose of and members of the group are emailed. Anyone interested replies which triggers an email to the advertiser. It is amazing what people take and reuse eg part used tins of paint, a few paving slabs, odd bits of timber or board etc. There are Freecycle groups in Bedford and Rushden but don't forget Emmaus, Carlton either for furniture etc Join at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecyclebedford/> and help decrease the amount going into landfill or being recycled and generally reduce consumerism.

Clive Juls

Village Trades and Services