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Parish Diary

Regular Activities (M=Mon – F=Fr)

MTW-F	9am – 3.15pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
-T----	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Pilates	Pinchmill Hall
--W--	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
---T-	9am – 12.45pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
---T-	11.00am (approx)	Fishmonger in village – call 07803 201399 for info	
----F	9.15am – 11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group	Pinchmill Hall
----F	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn
----F	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Youth Club	Pinchmill Hall

November

Tue 2	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 6	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning	Pavenham Rd
Sun 7	10.15am	Choral Communion - 3 before Advent	St Mary's Church
Tue 9	7.30pm	Boy's Book Club	The Sun Inn
Thu 11	3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Fri 12	7.30pm	Pre-School Ladies' Night	Pavenham Village Hall
Sun 14	10.15am	Remembrance Sunday	St Mary's Church/War Memorial
Sun 21	10.15am	Family Service - Christ the King	St Mary's Church
Sat 27	2.00pm	Pinchmill School Christmas Fayre	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 28	10.15am	Benefice Service	Advent Sunday, St Peter's Church
	1.00pm	SUS Christmas Fair	Sharnbrook Upper School

December

Sat 4	10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Coombers'
Sun 5	10.15am	Choral Communion - Advent 2	St Mary's Church
Sun 12	10.15am	Family Service - Advent 3	St Mary's Church

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November 2010

Advent

David G Mason
Soon we will be celebrating the Church's New Year as we move into the season of Advent. This was the time when traditionally, a new year was begun as the members of the Church looked forward to the coming of Jesus as a baby, and began a period of preparation to be ready for his coming. The time of Advent is known as a penitential season, a time for examination of the life being lived in the light of the way of life taught by Jesus during his time on earth as the way God wanted all people to follow. This year has been a difficult one with the country facing enormous debts as a consequence of the recent banking crisis, and we are facing difficult times as the government has put into action policies to address the situation. In these hard times as we follow the Advent pattern of re-examining our lives we should be re-considering the duty that we owe to our neighbour as we work at improving our relationship to God. Many people will be facing a bleak Christmas with uncertainty of employment and diminished resources to support themselves and their families.

During his ministry while he was on the earth Jesus made it very clear that we are to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. At times like the present, with the difficulties that so many people are facing, we will be especially challenged about how we are to demonstrate how we are following the great Commandment given by our Lord. Jesus made it very clear that all people are our neighbours, and that we have a responsibility towards all who are in need. As we prepare for the celebrations of Christmas let us remember that there was no room for the Holy Family at the Inn, that Jesus was born in a stable. This Christmas there will be many facing the possibility that they will lose their housing and will be in fear that there may be no place for them to live apart from on the street. Let us pray for those facing such difficult times, and also that we will be guided and inspired to provide effective support to those in need. Let us pray for those in authority that they will be filled with compassion for those in desperate need as they work to resolve the country's difficulties.

Swaziland Schools Project

Rev David Mason
This year we will be supporting the Schools in Swaziland project for our Christmas appeal. On Sunday, 12th December we will have a speaker at our morning service who will give us an account of the project, and the work in progress there. I commend this project to you and hope that it will be well supported.

Pilates

This will now be held every Tuesday (not Wednesday) in Pinchmill Hall at 8pm with Hazel Caddick.

Wendy Mansell

Christmas Fayre

Pinchmill Lower School are holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 27 November from 2pm in the village hall. A great opportunity to come along and do your christmas shopping in the comfort of your own village! Lots of stalls, games for the children, tea and mince pies and.....shhhhhh a visit from you know who! His grotto will be ready and waiting!!

Wendy Mansell

Minor changes to bus times from 24th October

On **Mondays to Saturdays** the former 18.40 departure from Bedford has shifted to 18.50 and there is an **additional evening bus** leaving the bus station at 19.50. Both of these call at the railway station to connect out of the 18.00 and 19.00 trains from St Pancras. In the other direction the 20.06 from Felmersham to Bedford no longer runs (but the 20.22 remains).

Saturdays: the former 07.52 to Bedford moves to 07.47 to match weekdays.

Sundays: the former first bus from Bedford (09.00) and the last bus to Bedford (20.12) no longer run. The remainder of the Sunday southbound services run 15 minutes later than previously, now at 10.27 and two hourly to 18.27.

Benefice Service

On Sunday 28th November our M.P., Alistair Burt, will be preaching at the 10.15 Communion Service at St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook. We have been invited to join the congregation there so there will be no Service at Felmersham.

Church Coffee Morning

The Church Coffee Morning for November is to be held at the home of Mrs Jennifer Knowles, on Saturday 6th November at 10.30am.

The Coffee Morning for December raising funds for Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Ian and Margaret Coomber, on Saturday 4th December at 10.30am. Home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be very much appreciated. All Welcome.

Thursday Club

The Thursday Club held a silent auction of donated paintings and prints at the September Autumn Show. On behalf of members and helpers I would like to thank everyone who made bids. The result of the bidding was a terrific sum of £156. The lucky bidders were Mrs Jo Morris, Mrs. Pauline Tull, Mrs. Wendy Williamson, Mrs. Cooper, Sian Davies and Susan O'Brien. We will use this money for a summer outing in 2011.

UseNews deliverers needed – ca 20 houses – call 781967 / clive@justs.info

Thursday Club

We had a Beetle Drive and Games afternoon last month and afterwards enjoyed a

delicious tea and chat.

On the 11th November Anna and Roger Skipper are coming to show slides and talk about South African Flora. Please ring Joan on 781722 if you need transport to the village hall.

Bellringing

Visiting ringers at Felmersham on 13th November 3pm to 3.45pm. and ringers from Olney on Saturday 4th December from 1.30 to 2.15

Colin Payne

Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday will be on the 14th November. It is 60 years since the Battle of Britain occurred, and we will be changing the format of the Remembrance Service, most of which will take place at the War Memorial. We will assemble in Church for 10.15am, and have the introduction there, and then process up to the memorial. After the service there will be coffee back at the Church. If the weather is very wet there will be an alternative arrangement, we will meet at the Church and have the service there, and then those brave enough to cope with the wet weather will go to the War Memorial to lay the wreath.

Church And Churchyard

Our thanks go to all who were involved in the recent Churchyard tidy up and the Church clean recently. Many visitors comment on how well the church is maintained. So many of you do so much to support and maintain the Church throughout the year – much of it unseen and unrecognised. I thank you all for all the care and support that you give.

Me, You, The World And God

The Bishop of St Albans is encouraging us all to stop, reflect and pray during Advent. There will be a web site (www.livinggodslive.org) with a daily Bible verse, and we are invited to take time each day to contemplate the verses, which will take us from creation through to the birth of Christ. We are also invited to reflect on our relationships with others, with the world and with God; then to pray.

There is also a website where we can share our thoughts and learn from what others have posted. For those who do not have access to the internet material will be available in the form of weekly sheets which can be downloaded by request for you, so please let me know if you would like to participate.

Sharnbrook Upper School Christmas Fair

Linda Rance

The Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday 28th November between 1pm and 4pm with around 70 stalls offering a range of goods from jewellery, crafts, books, clothing, food and health products. There will also be a dedicated children's area with Santa's grotto, pet's corner, and climbing wall plus a Christmas café with hot and cold drinks, homemade baguettes and mince pies. Entry to the fair is £1 adults , 50p children and concessions. Free parking!

Pinchmill Pre-school Ladies' Night

On Friday 12th November, from 7.30pm till late at Pavenham Village Hall
Enjoy an evening of chilli and gorgeous homemade desserts whilst browsing over different stalls including books, children's clothes, jewellery, make-up handbags to name but a few, and a demonstration by the renowned Pampered Chef. A perfect evening out!

Tickets are available from Sarah 07946 620821 or Jackie 07747 772901 . £8.00 (in advance) incl food and a glass of wine. £10.00 on the door. Fully Licensed Bar.

Speeding/Crime

Robert (A/s Sgt 1616) Edwards
Please be aware the residents of Milton Ernest are on the war path regards speeding along Radwell Road in their Village! They have recorded registration numbers of vehicles that have shown speed in excess of 30 MPH shown on the speed indicator machine used. This information is sent to the Police and letters are being sent out. I have seen the list and noticed there are a number of residents in our parish on this list! Please can we keep to the Speed limit in our Villages – 30MPH! Letters are only sent out once, after that it's 3 points and a fine.
A recent Operation in Bedford using Automatic Number Plate Recognition resulted in the seizure of vehicles with no insurance, people arrested for other offences and vehicles defected for being un road worthy.

Two attempts have been made this week to steal Land Rover Vehicles in the area resulting in the Police helicopter being used. Burglary is High in the neighbouring villages resulting in increased Policing day and night.

Any vehicle's seen which seem to be suspicious please try to get the registration numbers and pass them on to me with date and times.

Crime overall is LOW in this Parish.

Local Transport Plan Consultation

Andy Buckley
Over the past few months, Bedford Borough Council's Transport Policy Team has been developing the Local Transport Plan 2011-2021 (LTP3) and is now about to enter into the public consultation phase. The team will be visiting villages across the Borough and encouraging local people to join them in their roadshow bus, to share their views and opinions about local transport issues. If you need further details, Sue Bearman, Transport Projects Manager, can be contacted on Telephone: 01234 228616 or Email: sue.bearman@bedford.gov.uk

Here are the ones closest to Felmersham (all dates are in November)

23rd	12.30 – 1.00pm	Carlton Village Shop
23rd	1.20 – 1.50pm	Pavenham Near The Memorial
25 th	1.30 – 2.00pm.	Milton Ernest, Huntsmans Way
26 th	11.00 – 11.30am.	Radwell, Felmersham Road, near The Swan
26 th	11.40am – 12.10pm.	Felmersham, Bus stop, High Road
26 th	12.25 – 1.25pm.	Sharnbrook Home Close