

Parish Diary

September

Sun	5	10.15am	Patronal Festival	Preacher: Canon Anthony Hulbert
Sun	5	11.00am	Dog Show	Sharnbrook Mill Theatre
Mon	6	7.30pm	Yoga	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	12	10.15am	Family Communion Service	
Mon	13	7.30pm	Yoga	Pinchmill Hall
Mon	13	7.45m	Bouncers	Sharnbrook Mill Theatre
Sun	19	10.15am	Holy Communion	
Sun	19		Felmersham and Radwell Autumn Show	
Sat	25	7.30pm	Millennium Quiz	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	26	10.15am	Matins (BCP) followed by Holy Communion (BCP)	

October

Sat	9	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Peacehaven, High Rd, Felmersham
Sun	10	11.00am	Harvest Festival Family Service	

Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Rosemary Brough (782104)

Items for next month's Ouse News should be sent to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory by the 25th of the month. It would help if items were either emailed to CliveJust@bigfoot.com; sent on disk; or typed. Phone 781967 for more details.

Dads and Lads Haircuts at The Sun

Fridays 3pm to 8pm
Saturdays 8am to Noon

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Millennium Quiz

Ken Shrimpton

At last! A quiz where you don't have to be clever. It's true! Encourage a few of your friends to join you for a social evening "down the hall" and tell them that the wine will be flowing and it'll be a good night out. Your team will pit their wits against other teams and the lucky winners will receive..... 4 bottles of wine!

The date is Saturday 25 September at 7-30pm, tickets £5 each (which includes a light supper). Wine and fruit juice will be available for purchase.

OK, so you can't persuade your friends to come, don't let that put you off. We will be making up all teams to a maximum of 8 so with a bit of luck you could find yourself playing with the winning team! You can dine out on that for weeks!

Tickets from: Anne Smith 781780 or Maggie Spoor 782031. All proceeds from this event will go towards funding the Millennium Cross.

Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show

Maggie Spoor

By kind permission of the Village Hall Committee, the Show will once again be held in Pinchmill Hall on Sunday 19th September. Schedules were distributed in Felmersham and Radwell at the end of July, (thanks to Celia Hulatt and the Leach family) but if you would like another copy please contact Maggie Spoor on 782031. Milton Ernest Garden Centre are sponsoring us once again so every First place will receive a £2 gift token. The entrant gaining the most Firsts will also be presented with the Show Plate. So why not have a go - it could be you with those prize winning veggies, fruits or flowers, cakes, crafts or photographs! The Hall will be open between 9.00 and 10.30 am on the 19th September to receive your entries, judging will be from 11.00 am. The judges are the same as last year, Jean and James Gell from Rushden and Justin North from Felmersham.

The Show will be open to the public during the afternoon from 2.30 - 5.00 pm and refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you on the 19th September.

Bus Times

A number of changes to the Felmersham & Radwell bus times take effect from Monday 6th September. Timetables should have been delivered to all houses but they are available at the bus station. United Counties' telephone enquiry line telephone enquiry line is 01604 620077.

Our Patronal Day

Revd David G Mason

On Sunday 5th September we will be celebrating the feast day of our Patron Saint, St Mary the Blessed Virgin, this being the nearest Sunday to her principal Feast Day on the 8th September, the traditional day of her birth. Saint Mary is unusual in having 6 special days in the Calendar dedicated to her, you may remember that we also celebrated a festival held in her name on the 15th August. Mary, the Mother of Jesus is mentioned several times in the Gospels, mainly around the birth and childhood of Jesus, and then at his crucifixion, where Jesus commits her to the care of St John.

Most Churches are dedicated to a Saint or Saints, sometimes they were named after a Saint who was buried in the building, but mostly they were dedicated to a Saint whom those building (or were having built) believed would be someone very special to follow as an example of faithful obedience to, and love of, God. The use of such an example can be very useful, particularly when we are finding the Christian life hard going. The knowledge that others have been there before us, and been given the strength to cope with even the hardest parts of the Christian journey, can be a source of comfort and encouragement at those times of sorrow and loneliness.

In recent years there has been a great interest in Icons, those pictures produced in the Orthodox Churches which are intended to guide us through the illustration and bring us nearer to God. I believe that we should regard the Saints as Icons, using the example of their faithfulness to God, and the way in which they followed Jesus as a pointer to Christ. In that way we will avoid the danger of attaching too great an importance to the Saint at the expense of Jesus. Paul had some strong words to say about this to those who became obsessed with various leaders in the early Church. We must have Christ as our leader, with the Saints as sign posts on the way, unmistakable for the final destination.

Church Notices

Revd David G Mason

Bell ringers will be visiting the Church on Saturday 11th September at 2pm.

Family Harvest Festival is on the 10th October at 11am followed by a Harvest Lunch at Pinchmill Hall. Everyone is welcome to both events.

Coffee Morning

Row Watson

October's coffee morning will be held on the second Saturday the 9 October at

10.30am at the home of Dick and Doris Aitkin, "Peacehaven", The High Road, Felmersham in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund

Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, and produce for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome. Please come and bring your friends.

Babysitting Circle

Sylvia Evans

If anyone with young children is interested in joining/starting up a babysitting circle to cover the Felmersham & Radwell area, please give me a ring (781933).

Pinchmill School

David Knowles

Last term the school said goodbye to Jane Dingley who has been with us for five years as head teacher. She has moved to a larger school in the County of Norfolk and takes with her our heartfelt thanks for a job very well done here at Pinchmill and our best wishes for a happy and successful time in her new headship. Jane has left Pinchmill in very good order. It is a thriving school where children are happy and standards high. She provided a rich educational environment in which young children can grow, develop and prosper. We are truly grateful to her.

This term we welcome Mrs Gill Peck as our new headteacher. Until the time of her appointments Gill had been deputy head of Shackleton Lower School in Bedford. She has already spent some time in school preparing for the new school year and some of you may already have had a chance to meet her. Gill brings with her a richness of experience, much energy, great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to our communities. We welcome her and wish her well.

Save the Children Fund

Ronald and Judith Smith

It's September and as usual it seems untimely to be thinking about Christmas, but we would ask you to put Saturday 16th October 10 to midday and Sunday 17th October 2-4 pm in your diaries.

These are the dates of when Save the Children Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale, or orders taken, at Leaways, Grange Road, Felmersham (781430).

Join us for coffee on that Saturday morning, or tea on that Sunday afternoon, and make your selection at leisure. It saves postage and packing charges and you have the knowledge that all profits (50% of purchase price) go to Save the Children Fund to help children whose 'needs' not 'wants' are so great.

Felmersham Yoga Club

Hilary Foot

You are invited to join us for seven sessions of yoga at Pinchmill Hall. The sessions are on Monday evenings from 7.30-8.30pm beginning on the 6th September. Everyone is welcome. If you have any queries please telephone me on 781340.

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre presents **Bouncers** John Godber's 'very adult' play
It's Friday night, its clubbing right - it's time for Bouncers... one of the great contemporary British dramas. Bouncers is about working class Britons at play. It is both a warning and a celebration.

We invite you to join us for a night on the town and guarantee glittery glamour, giggling girls, flashing lights, lads on the make, smooth talking D.J.'s, and a pulsating dance beat. This show is fast, sharp and dynamic, be prepared for an outrageous and hilarious evening.

Bouncers is on from 13th to 18 September 1999, 7.45pm at Sharnbrook Mill.