

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Stephen Hill

The Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust cycle ride takes place on Saturday 9th September. Choose your own route around local churches. As proceeds are divided equally between the Trust and the church of the rider's choice this is an ideal opportunity to exercise yourself and your bike while contributing to St Mary's restoration fund. Contact me (781064) for a sponsorship form or further details.

Parish Diary

Parish Registers

6th August Baptism of Charlotte Mary Shrimpton

September

Sat	2	10.30am	Coffee Morning	'The Old Stables', Grange Rd
Sun	3	10.15am	Choral Communion – Trinity 11	St Mary's Church
Sun	10	10.00am	Choral Communion – Trinity 12	St Mary's Church
Sun	17	10.15am	Family Service with Baptisms – Trin'y 13	St Mary's Church
Sun	24	10.15am	Matins followed by Communion – Trin'y 14	St Mary's Church

Please note the changes, with the third Sunday rather than the usual second one being the Family Service

October

Sat	7	10.30am	Coffee Morning	'Greefields', Pavenham Rd
Sun	8	10.15am	Harvest Thanksgiving	St Mary's Church

Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)

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

We are happy to publish any item on any subject which might be of general interest. Feedback on any of the items published would be most welcome – whether for printing or not.

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 emailed to OuseNews@bigfoot.com; sent on disk; or typed. Phone 781967 for more details.

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Back To School

Rev David Mason

September is the time when the new school year starts. The summer holidays are over, and normal life begins again. It is also a time of new beginnings, for most schoolchildren a new class, for many a new school, for some attending school for the first time, for others the start of a new career. It is, then, both a time of return to normality, and a time for new things,

It is very much the same in the life of the Church at this time of the year. As people return from their holidays we begin to see faces that we have missed for much of the summer period, and we welcome them back, hopefully refreshed and renewed in strength. The regular order of worship begins, and we look forward to the special services which mark the passage of the seasons. The harvest celebrations will soon be upon us. But there are also new things coming. Towards the end of the year there will be the changes in the liturgy that I have discussed previously, and which I look forward to. There has been interest expressed in the formation of a bible study group, and it may also be useful to have a short study group on the basics of the Christian religion. Faith is dynamic, it needs to be worked at or it is in danger of atrophying and dying. There are many challenges to faith today, and we need to be prepared to meet those challenges, and to develop our faith in a world which is often hostile to it.

Welcome back, all you who have been away. Please let me know if you would like to be involved in a bible study or Christian basics course, or if you would be interested in any other way of developing faith and prayer life. Courses could be held in the evenings or daytime depending on demand and preferences, and I anticipate would be held as small groups in people's homes. I look forward to hearing from you.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will be held on 8th October. We will again be supporting the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest for the Hungry Appeal; this year the appeal is for the Caribbean Islands. We will be having a harvest lunch which I hope will be well-supported. Tickets will cost £3, for more details see below.

New Church Path

We all appreciate the new path to the church door, it is a big improvement and I would like to thank all those who have contributed money for it, and those who have worked so hard for its completion.

Felmersham Yoga Club

You are invited to join us for ten sessions of yoga at Pinchmill Hall on Monday evenings from 7.30 - 8.30, beginning on 4th September. Please bring a yoga mat, large towel or blanket with you.

Everyone is welcome, especially beginners. If you have any queries, please telephone me on 781340.

Parish Council

We have been notified that Bedford Borough Council is offering micro-chipping for dogs and are charging £15 plus VAT for this service. The Dog Warden would come out to us one evening or a weekend - we would need to provide a venue. This charge is cheaper than the two local vets I contacted - Acorn Vets in Bedford charge £20, First Vets in Rushden charge £25. If you would like us to arrange for the Dog Warden to visit Felmersham please contact me (782031) or any Parish Councillor as soon as possible.

Autumn Show

Regretfully, the Autumn Show will not be taking place this year. At the time when we should have been putting together the schedule and contacting sponsors and judges, the preparations for the Millennium weekend got in the way. Also, Margaret Leach and I felt there had to be a limit to what we could ask people to do. Everyone had been so willing to contribute to the weekend - making cakes, serving coffees and teas, flower arranging, and helping over the weekend, that it seemed too much to then expect the same people to do it all again for the Show. Hopefully we will be back next year. We, and people we've spoken to, feel that an annual show in Felmersham has real potential for a number of reasons. It's an opportunity to show off your gardening, culinary and craft skills; children (and adults!) get a buzz from receiving their certificates and prizes; it's an excuse to get out! So, sorry for any disappointments this year - see you next year.

Harvest Lunch

There will be a buffet lunch and tombola at 1pm after the Harvest Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 8 October. All are welcome. Tickets will be sold in advance for this event at £3 each (£1 for children under 16) obtainable from Gill Greenish (782559) or Judith Smith (781430).

MENU

Cold Ham and Quiches

Potato Salad

Green Salad

Tomato Salad

Apple Pie and Ice Cream

Glass of Wine or Orange Juice

If you can help with food preparation, or on the day, please contact Judith Smith (781430). Proceeds will go to the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal.

Hilary Foot

Maggie Spoor

Maggie Spoor & Margaret Leach

Judith Smith

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Sue and John Whiting, 'Greenfields' Pavenham Road, Felmersham on Saturday 7 October at 10.30am.

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

Save the Children

Order your Christmas cards, wrapping paper, ribbons and gifts for all your family and friends, and help us to raise urgently needed funds for children both in the UK and in over 65 countries overseas.

Join us for coffee and biscuits on Saturday 28 October, 10am-1pm or for afternoon tea on Sunday 29 October, 2-4 pm at Leaways, Town Lot Lane/Grange Road. Can't make the date? Browse through the catalogue and order by mid November when we will deliver to you. There will be no postage and packing charges.

If you would like to know more about our fund raising activities or would like to help, please contact Andrew and Sue Evans (782523) or Ronald and Judith Smith (781430). We would be delighted to hear from you.

Badminton at Sharnbrook

Badminton starts again on Friday September 8th at 7.30pm at Sharnbrook School sports hall. New members always welcome. For further information please contact Angela Goldsworthy (782220) or Anne Smith (781780).

Urgent!

Is there a kind and experienced lady in Felmersham or Radwell who could help me at home with some child-minding? Approximately two late afternoons per week. Please telephone 782234 for more details.

Maths Coaching

Lacking confidence in maths? Need help with revision? Experienced maths teacher offers tuition to GCSE or A Level. For more details phone 781413.

Need a babysitter?

If you need an experienced 17 year old babysitter please call me on 781967

Youth Theatre Workshops

The Mill Theatre Trust will be running two five week courses for 9 to 18 year olds on Thursday evenings from 6.45pm to 9pm. The first course will start on 14th September and the second on 2nd November. There will be 24 places available at each course where it is hoped to cover performance and backstage skills as well as audition techniques, publicity and management. For more information and to register please contact Erica Lester on 781210.

Row Watson

Judith and Ron Smith

Anne Smith

Miranda Doggett

Geraldine Hubbard

Aili Just

Erica Lester