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For further information please
contact Sylvia on Bedford 781933 or
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Parish Diary

Parish Registers

25th Feb Baptism of Isaac James Richard Artus

March

Sat	3	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Storrington, Hunts Lane
Sun	4	10.15am	Choral Communion (Lent 1)	St. Mary's Church
Mon	5	7.30pm	Yoga	Pinchmill Hall
Tue	6	8.30pm	Parish Council Annual Open Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	11	10.15am	Matins followed by Communion (Lent 2)	St. Mary's Church
Sun	18	10.15am	Choral Communion (Lent 3)	St. Mary's Church
Sun	25	10.15am	Mothering Family Service	St. Mary's Church

(Visiting Preacher Sunday Mrs Mary Railton Crowder)

Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)

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

We will print anything of interest to the community – not just reports of past village activities or reminders of forthcoming ones. Items should be sent to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory, Felmersham 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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LENT 2001

Rev David Mason

As I write this towards the end of February I realise that we will soon be in the penitential season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on the 28th February this year, we will be holding our special Ash Wednesday Eucharist in the evening. To the Christian Lent is a very important time, for it is a season in which we are invited to examine our lives as part of our preparation for Easter. We remember how Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, and how he resisted those temptations. As we examine our lives we will realise how much we have yielded to temptation, how weak we have been, and how much we have failed our Lord. It is only when we realise our failures that we can offer them to God as we seek forgiveness for them.

But there is far more than the work of repentance to undertake during Lent. We remember that Jesus spent time preparing for his great ministry during his time of prayer and fasting in the wilderness. It is customary to undertake a course of study to strengthen our faith as we seek to learn more about God and his purposes for us. We are offering a Lent study course in the Parish (further details below) and we look forward to seeing some of you there. For those who are unable to attend the course there are many books which would be helpful to study at home, I would be pleased to suggest some titles for those who are seeking them. Faith which is static is in danger of dying. Like a tender plant faith needs to be nurtured, and seeking to learn more about the faith is an important part of developing a strong and lively faith.

In addition to repentance and study, prayer is vital for the nurture and development of a living faith. Even the disciples had to ask our Lord to teach them to pray. We need to continually work at our prayer life to deepen and strengthen it. The season of Lent is a good time to develop and sustain a regular prayer session as part of each day's activities. There are times when it can be difficult to pray. The adoption of a regular discipline of prayer can help to support us at times of such aridity, and to maintain our prayer life.

Please discuss these matters with me if you are having difficulty with them. The sharing of difficulties is often an important step in resolving them. Remember the Scouts motto - 'be prepared' - it is a very good motto in respect of our faith. To be prepared we have to continually work at our faith to ensure that it is strong and a reliable support and strength in difficult times, and it helps to ensure that we maintain a close and healthy relationship with God in the good times.

Songs of Praise**Pat Hartop and Lorraine Shrimpton**

Following last years success we are holding another Songs of Praise in St Mary's Church on SUNDAY 1 JULY 2001 at 6-30 pm. All your favourite hymns and readings. The millennium window is being installed during June so it is hoped that the window will be ready for dedication during the evening.

Coach Trip to London**Caroline Scott**

There are 9 seats available on a coach leaving Felmersham at 7.45am on May 24th going to the Chelsea Flower Show. If you have tickets for the Show that day and would like a lift for £10.00 please telephone me on 782094. Alternatively you might be pleased to use the trip for shopping in London. The coach will be leaving the showground at 4.30 pm.

Women's Institute**May Mills**

If you thought that patchwork consisted of brightly coloured patterned cushions and quilts then Felmersham's own Janet Cook was here to dispel your preconceptions. Her life was changed forever when, on a visit to Canada in 1988, she bought a book about quilting, which was to become not just a hobby but a self-confessed obsession. She took us on a journey through the years of her life, as mirrored in the huge number and variety of her quilts: the first traditional patterns; her passion for cats aiding the beginnings of her own designs; the development of her own style inspired by Islamic art; the piece de resistance of a moving depiction of Sudanese famine. Janet's quilts were awe-inspiring, a revelatory feast for the eyes, a visual testimony to her expertise in design, colour and technique - little wonder that she has won the British Championship twice and that her quilts are to be found the world over.

'Just Bin It' Campaign**Maggie Spoor**

Felmersham and Radwell Parish - can you help? We have registered again with the Tidy Britain Group to take part in their National Spring Clean during April. This year their campaign is entitled 'Just Bin It'.

We need volunteers to form working parties over the weekend 7th/8th April when we can tackle the 'grotspots' along our verges, hedgerows and village footpaths. (NB. Not public footpaths which are currently closed). If you can spare a couple of hours, give me a call on 782031.

London Marathon run for Primrose Appeal**Nigel Doggett**

I am running this year's London Marathon on April 22 in aid of the Primrose Appeal, part of the Bedford Hospitals Charity. The Appeal is to raise £2 million for a purpose-built Cancer Clinic at Bedford Hospital, and I'm about half way to raising my £5,000 target. I've been training around Felmersham for about 6 months now, and am looking forward to a rest after April 22! I would be really grateful for any support towards this worthy cause, and can be reached on 782234 or my E-mail address is NigelDoggett@hotmail.com. Thanks in anticipation for your help.

Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee**Gail Holbourn**

The Village Hall Committee held their Annual General Meeting at the end of January. The committee had been informed prior to the meeting that Hilary Wight would be standing down as secretary having completed three years. Unfortunately in spite of our efforts, the committee has been unable to find a replacement for her.

The committee are keen to recruit more members so that each group or club that regularly uses the village hall is represented on the committee. In addition, we obviously need a secretary urgently, and we would also like to have a representative from the village of Radwell. If there is anyone who would like more details on how to be actively involved in village life by joining the Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee, please contact any committee member: *Gail Holbourn, Michelle Evans, Dave Chandler, Marjorie Pipe, Rosemary Brough, Keith Rose, Margery Evers, Gill Peck. Christine Callaghan (Bookings Secretary).*

Felmersham Yoga Club**Hilary Foot**

A reminder that our Spring yoga classes begin at Pinchmill Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 5th March. There will be eight sessions in this series. All ranges of ability are welcome, from beginner onwards. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket or large towel with you. Even if you can't make the first session, we will be pleased to see you for some or all of the others. Any questions to Hilary Foot on 781340.

Praise Service**Rev David Mason**

It is good to know that the praise service held on the Sunday evening of the Millennium Festival in the village was so popular that another similar service is being held in the summer this year. I understand that further details are elsewhere in 'Ouse News'.

Foot and Mouth**Chris Ure**

Because of the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak, all footpaths are closed until further notice. The Felmersham and Radwell P3 Group ask for your co-operation in abiding by these closures. Thank you.

Canine Hygiene**The (Dog Owing) Editor**

Following the footpath closures this might be a good time to revisit the topic that has caused the most communication to OuseNews – dog fouling! I am sure most people who are affected by these closures do not need to be reminded however for the rest: Please do not exercise dogs in the playing field, even though it is the only patch of grass left to walk on; Please be extra vigilant in stopping dogs from fouling the footpaths or be diligent in cleaning up afterwards and using the bins.

May Concert in St Mary's**Pat Hartop and Lorraine Shrimpton**

A date for your diary - Saturday 12 May 2000 - the Hemingford Ladies Choir will present a programme to suit all tastes, including songs from the shows, etc. Entrance by ticket to include wine and refreshments. More details next month.

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St Albans Abbey

“Lenten Food”

11 TH March	An Apple (Gen 2.15-17; 3.1-7)	St Lawrence, Wymington
18 th March	Egyptian Garlic (Numbers 11.4-14)	St Nicholas, Wilden
25 th March	Wild Grapes (Isaiah 5.1-10)	St Peter, Sharnbrook
1 st April	Broiled Fish (John 21.4-14)	All Saints, Odell

All services commence at 6.00pm

Belated Congratulations to Adam and Terri

Nigel Dampstar

Who in Felmersham would own up to buying OK! Magazine? Those who did on February 2nd were probably delighted to read about Adam and Terri Wakeman's wedding which took place in Cornwall last year. (I don't think it claims to be a 'news'paper).

The headline "The son of legendary 'Yes' keyboard player Adam Wakeman the talented musician marries beautiful former gymnast Terri Bacon in an intimate family affair" (It doesn't claim to write snappy headlines either) appears over a fascinating article about Adam and Terri as well as some stunning photos of the bride and groom, family and friends (many of whom are household names) not to mention a chocolate wedding cake that most women I know would kill for.

Unfortunately space, technology and copyright prevent us from reproducing any of these photographs but a copy of the magazine has been left with the Editor (781967) if anyone would like to borrow it. If you would like to know a little more about Adam's work try following the links from this web page <http://www.rwcc.com/adam/>

[I wonder how many people knew that not only do we have a British champion quilter in our midst but also a famous musician. It certainly wouldn't be because of the noise! However these are only but two of the famous people associated with this parish – others include champions in football, cricket and motor sports. If you would like to write an article about any of these people we would love to print it. Editor]

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust

Presents

All My Sons

By Arthur Miller

The Mill Theatre

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March 12th-17th 2001 at 7.45pm