

## Parish Diary

### Parish Registers

18 February Baptisms of Kate Louise and Hannah May Whiteway

### March

Sat 1	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Long Mynd, PavenhamRd
Sun 2	10.15am	Choral Communion Lent-1	St Mary's Church
Wed 5	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion	St Mary's Church
Sun 9	10.00am	Antique & Collectors Fair	Guild House, Bedford
Sun 9	10.15am	Family Service Lent 1	St Mary's Church
Wed 12	7.30pm	W.I. Group meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Wed 12	8.00pm	Church cleaning meeting	Cartref, Grange Rd
Sun 16	10.15am	Choral Communion Lent 2	St Mary's Church
Wed 18	7.30pm	W.I. Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Thu 20	8.00pm	Art and Craft Exhibition for over 50s	Guild House, Bedford
Thu 20		Carlton Historical Society	Stevington Village Hall
Sun 23	10.15am	Matins / Communion Lent 3	St Mary's Church
Sat 29	10.00am	Antique & Collectors Fair	Guild House, Bedford
Sun 30	10.15am	Mothering Sunday, Family Service	St Mary's Church

### April

Sat 5	10.30am	Coffee Morning	6 Marriotts Close
Sat 5	7.30pm	Save the Children Fund Quiz	Sharnbrook Upper School
Sun 6	10.15am	Choral Communion <b>Passion Sunday</b>	St Mary's Church

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**Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)**

**Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Sally Carr (781225)**

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We will print anything of interest to the community. Items should be sent to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory, Felmersham by the 25th of the month. Please either email items, with OuseNews in the Subject line to OuseNews@bigfoot.com or send on disk or typed. Phone 781967 for more details.

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### Christian Family Care

Chris Ure (Director)

In a multi-faith, multi-cultural society, what place does the Christian church occupy in the lives of people today?

Many dismiss the church as out of touch and irrelevant. But the church that I know through my work at Christian Family Care, is a church with a heart and a church with a mission.

It is a church that demonstrates the ministry of Christ in a practical way. Our work, which provides homeless accommodation and support for some of the most vulnerable people in Bedfordshire, was founded by local, radically minded Christians in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The only reason that our work has survived into two new centuries is that the same passion and pioneering spirit that existed then, still exists today in the churches that continue to support our work.

Our work and the work of many other Christian mission organisations demonstrates the practical outreach of the Christian faith in a dynamic way. It is the love of Christ in human form. Across Britain, there are churches that have founded orphanages in the Third World. There are churches that provide support for countries suffering from the effects of Aids and famine and there are churches that meet the needs of the homeless and the disaffected and the broken.

In His ministry on earth, Christ challenged the establishment. He turned the value system of the world on its head. He reached out to the sick and the lame and the possessed. He gave status to the poor and he gave power to the weak. He demonstrated that the love of God is accessible to all and He called on us to do the same.

There can be surely no better demonstration today, of Christ's command for us to love one another than in the millions of lives that are touched and transformed in all corners of the world by Christian mission, in Christ's name. (1 John 4 v 7)

### Church Cleaning Rota

Gill Greenish

We would like to welcome anyone interested in joining the rota - the commitment is light, typically only a few hours approximately 4 times a year.

There will be a meeting of those on the church cleaning rota on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm at Cartref, Grange Road so please come along if you are interested or ring me on 782559.

### Save The Children Fund

Collette Bridgman

The Bedford Branch are holding a Quiz Night at Sharnbrook Upper School on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 per person (including a glass of wine) and can be obtained from Andy Evans on 782523. Teams of up to a maximum of 8 in advance or team up on the evening. Bring your own food and have an entertaining evening while helping the children.

### Carlton and Chellington Historical Society

Mike Benson

The next meeting will be held in Stevington Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> March and will be a presentation by the co-authors of the newly published History of Stevington about how the book was produced. Call me on 781649 for further information.

### Bedfordshire Village of the Year 2003

Sue Keen

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (RCC) is looking for the village that will represent our county at the regional level. The procedure this year has been made very straightforward. There are just three steps to get you started:

- express your interest before 11<sup>th</sup> April
- answer the questions in the Community Profile
- send your completed Community Profile back to the RCC by 13<sup>th</sup> June

On 16<sup>th</sup> July the RCC will present category awards in the 6 sections – community life; business; older people; young people; environment and IT. One village will be awarded the Bedfordshire Village of the Year accolade. The regional round of Calor's Village of the Year is in mid-October. For more information ring Julia Holmes at the RCC on 838771 or email [juliah@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:juliah@bedsrcc.org.uk)

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### W.I.

'Prunes and Prisms of Victorian Childhood' - a rather curious title for a talk, you might think, but Marion Maule is no ordinary speaker. She is alive with information which comes spilling out of her in an enthusiastic stream, reinforced by an enormous amount of Victorian memorabilia lovingly collected over the years. She began and ended with Queen Victoria (we really should read her diaries) seemingly touching on every aspect of Victorian society, and in the process often exposing the hypocrisy beneath the veneer of respectability. Along the way she gave tidbits such as - boys wore dresses until the age of five to 'fool the devil'; because of the tax on soap children were sewn into their vests in October! Why 'Prunes and Prisms'? Apparently, as a child, one had to articulate both words in order to arrange one's face in the proper manner before meeting the grown-ups! Those were the days!!

May Mills

### W.I. Group Meeting

Lynn Hopwood will be displaying her collection of 1920's - 1960's dresses in Pinchmill Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30pm. Admission is £1 including tea and cake, and everyone is welcome!

May Mills

### Babysitting

I am 15yrs old and completing a GCSE in Child Development at Sharnbrook. I live in Felmersham and will babysit locally. Phone 781071 for rates & availability.

Elizabeth Holbourn

### Bedford Guild House

The Bedford Guild House is an activity centre and meeting place for older people. We are open from 10.00-4.00pm every weekday, offering a wide range of activities, lunches, hairdressing and chiropody, advice sessions, and a friendly environment where people can feel safe and enjoy the company of others. As part of our fundraising strategy, we are staging the following events:

Maggie Goodchild

### Sunday, March 9th, 10am-4pm Antique & Collectors Fair

A variety of stalls plus a valuation desk. Food served all day. £1 (50p concs).

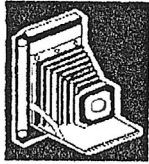
### Thursday, 20th March, 8.00pm Wine & Wisdom - The Sequel

Following the success of our first Wine & Wisdom Quiz Night in November last year, we will be holding a sequel event. Teams of 6 required, £6 per head to include a fish & chip supper and coffee. Teams bring their own wine or soft drinks. Prizes for the best and worst team. Please book as soon as possible.

### Saturday, March 29th, 10am-4pm Art and Craft Exhibition for all over 50s

Exhibits ranging from watercolours, flower arranging, woodcarving, lace making, homemade preserves etc. Some exhibits are for sale. Light refreshments served all day. Prize giving at 3.15pm. Entry fee £1. Entry forms and schedules from the Guild House reception for anyone who would like to submit their work.

Details about any event or about the Guild House are available from me The Guild House, 56 Harpur St, Bedford or phone 352038 or visit the website <http://www.bedford.gov.uk/bedfordguildhouse/>



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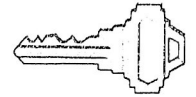
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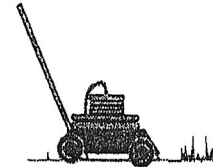
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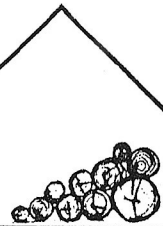
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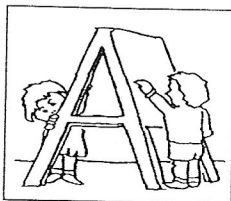
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