

Ouse News

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November 2007

Parish Diary

Regular Activities

Mon-Fri 9.15am – 3.15pm Pre-School Pinchmill School
Thu 9.30am – 11.30am Parent & Toddler Group Pinchmill Hall
Thu 11.00am (approx) Fishmonger in village – call 07803 201399 for details

November

Fri 2 Girls' Night Out Pinchmill Hall
Sat 3 10.30am Coffee Morning
Sun 4 10.15am Choral Communion - 4 before Advent St Mary's Church
Nov 9 3.00pm Thursday Club Pinchmill Hall
Sun 11 10.15am Remembrance Day St Mary's Church
11.15am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
Sun 18 10.15am Family Service/Baptism - 2 before Advent St Mary's Church
Tue 20 7.30pm Womens Institute Pinchmill Hall
Sun 25 10.15am Choral Communion - 1 before Advent St Mary's Church

December

Sat 1 10.30am Coffee Morning
Sun 2 10.15am Choral Communion - Advent Sunday St Mary's Church
Sun 9 10.15am Family Service - Advent 2 St Mary's Church
Sun 16 10.15am Choral Communion, Baptism - Advent 3 St Mary's Church
Sun 16 5.00pm Carol Service St Mary's Church
Sun 23 10.15am Matins/Communion - Advent 4 St Mary's Church
Mon 24 11.00pm Midnight Service
Tue 25 10.15am Family Service - Christmas Day St Mary's Church
Sun 30 10.15am Choral Communion - Christmas 1 St Mary's Church

Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)

Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462), Paul Keeble (782134)

Remembrance Sunday

David G Mason

Remembrance Sunday this year is the 11th November, Armistice Day, the day when, in 1918 the First World War ended. It was hoped that that war would be the war to end all wars. Sadly, we know that this was not to be the case, there have been very few years since that time when there has not been conflict in some part of the world. Recently soldiers have returned from Iraq, but conflicts are continuing in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other parts of the world give cause for concern. The costs of war in terms of death and destruction continue to be high, and we continue to develop ever more fiendish ways to conduct warfare. We may wonder if the energy and inventiveness devoted to the science of war were, instead, devoted to developing alternative fuels and working to combat global warming we might find the peace and security that so many are yearning for. When we see the wanton destruction of lives and property, the wounded and maimed participants, and the terrible consequences for those who happen to live in what become battle zones we must wonder what the point of it all is. There surely must be a better way.

Jesus came on earth to proclaim the good news of God's Kingdom, and to set in motion the movement to bring that Kingdom to this earth. We believe that the Summary of the Law given by Jesus gives the way in which we can live together in peace and security. Recognising and loving God before all others ensures that man does not put himself first, loving our neighbours as ourselves and recognising our equality in the sight of God should prevent us from being selfish and remind us that we are all to have an equal share in the riches of the earth, and that we are to care for each other. This is the basis for living in love, peace and security on the wonderful planet created by God

As we remember those who have died or suffered as a result of wars and conflicts let us resolve to work for the coming of God's kingdom to this earth, for the recognition the summary of the Law given all those years ago by our Lord is the way that mankind will be able to live in love, peace and harmony on this earth. On Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, we will follow the usual pattern: traditional service in Church at 10.15am, then at the War Memorial ca. 11.15 am

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We welcome any item of general interest for inclusion. Please email to OuseNews@justs.info, with OuseNews in the Subject line by the 25th of the month

Thursday Club

Jo Morris
There was a very good turn-out at the October meeting when the speaker told us of her experiences as a contestant on Anne Robinson's "The Weakest Link." She urged us all to have a go - but there were no takers.

We all wished Sally Watson a happy 80th birthday and after tea, to stimulate the brain (use it or lose it), Paul Keeble organised an excellent team General Knowledge quiz.

We have space for a few more members, so come and have an afternoon out with delicious tea and fun. Telephone Joan 781722 for transport.

Felmersham & Radwell WI

Gail Holbourn
What a performance! We have some true thespians in our midst! Some of the ladies from the WI and some very supportive men acted out an amusing and intriguing 'Murder Mystery Who Dunit!' at our October open meeting. In teams people had to try and piece together subtle clues that were given throughout the performance as to who had committed the murder.

The meeting was well attended and a light supper was provided to add to the evening's enjoyment. Many thanks go to the Felmersham & Radwell WI committee for arranging the evening, and to the cast for giving up their time: Wendy Williamson, Betty Taylor, Maggie Spoor, Margaret Jones, Derek Williamson, Ken Shrimpton, Laurie Mills, Geoff Stokley. And of course thanks also to all those people who came along to support the evening.

To our many guests, if after your taster of WI, you now feel you would like to come along again, you would be most welcome. The Felmersham & Radwell WI is a thriving and friendly group. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 in Felmersham village hall. The next meeting has been titled 'A History of Christian Names' by Susan Copperwheat.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Paula Turvey
Results from Felmersham and Radwell's part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. A very big **Thank you** to all who supported the event at Pinchmill Hall on Friday 28th September. We raised a total of **£469.99** which includes a fantastic contribution of £66.80 from the children at Pinchmill Lower School.

Coffee Morning

Jane Wells
The Coffee Morning for November in aid of funds for toilet and kitchen facilities at the Church will be held at the home of Tony and Jo Morris, on Saturday 3 November at 10.30am.

The Coffee Morning for December in aid of funds for toilet and kitchen facilities at the Church will be held at the home of Ian and Margaret Coomber on Saturday 1 December.

Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated.

OPERATION VICTORY

Friday 7th December - 7pm 'til late
Paula Radcliffe Sports Centre, Sharnbrook Upper School

An evening of nostalgia - let us take you back to the 1940's.

Demonstrations by the Jiving Lindy Hoppers,
Music from the Ouse Valley Swing Band.

Dance and music pieces by Sharnbrook Upper School Students.

Buffet and Bar - 1940's dress code

Admission: £20 Adults / £15 concessions (over 16's please)
Call 782211 for tickets/further information

Village Services

Babysitting (Felmersham)	Bianca Hewlett	782063
Babysitting (Radwell)	Darina Carter	782622
Building Services	Chris Poulter	781049
Chemistry/Science/Maths tuition	Peter Rankin	782897
** Community Care – short term help for anyone in the Parish		07786 344176
Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman	782290
Electrical Services	Martin Blizard	782527
French Tuition	Marigold Sykes	781801
General Building and Renovation Work	Allan Levene	781918
German/French Tuition	Gillian Whiteway	782686
Heating and Plumbing	Ray Testa	781827
Maths Tuition	Geraldine Hubbard	781413
PC Services (wireless networks, upgrades, repairs etc)	Clive Just	781967
Social Psychology/Studies, Management	Anthea Coghlan	782332
Translation (Italian-English, French-English)	Edith Caldwell	781160

Services marked ** are free, all others are chargeable

Litter

As the early risers and dog walkers know, I have a passion for clearing up litter, and can relate to this lament which I found in a local magazine:-

Karen Stokley

It's not just the dustmen, it's not just the kids,

That drop the cans and bottles, the cartons, tins and lids.

It's not just the trucks, it's not just the cars

That wind down their windows to throw wraps from chocolate bars.

It's not just the farmer, it's not just the builder's mate

Who leaves the sacks and poly bags to lie by hedge and gate.

Though none of it is my rubbish, and it's surely not "up to me",

It would really be pleasant if our village was litter free.

So, if you see it lying there, even though it's rather grim,

Please --- bend your back, pick it up and put it in the BIN!

Children's Homes in India Trust

Jane Templeman

As you may know, our appeal this year for the children at Bapatia focuses upon the desperate need for school resources. The school has produced a 6 page list of urgently needed items – books, equipment for science and maths, maps and charts, as well as appropriate and up-to-date equipment for the younger children. Almost all of this can be purchased in India, and it seems more sensible to send money rather than use urgently needed funds paying for shipment.

We are hoping (with the PCC's permission) to make a collection and to take donations at this year's Carol Service. We will give all the money raised to the Charity's Treasurer for him to present to the school when he visits in January. We will ask the school to 'report back' on how many items have been ticked off the list, so please give generously!

In addition, we are planning a 'Toy Tombola' to be held at the end of the Carol Service for all who would like to join in! Please therefore do bring a gift to the service, and be prepared to buy tickets. Again all funds will go to the CHIT education fund. (There will be more about this in next month's Ouse News.)

Lastly, thank you so much to all who came to our recent talk about our trip to India in January, and especially to all of you who have donated funds for this year's appeal. Many many thanks also to those who are now sponsoring.

PS There are still many children who urgently need sponsors, so if you are intending to support one of Chit's children, please do send in your form. It's never too late!

Completion of Organ Restoration

Paul Keeble

The final cost of the organ restoration was £37,934.06 compared to the original budgeted figure of £47,310. The large saving was due to our recovering VAT of over £5,000 thanks to the Chancellor of the Exchequer making changes in the 2005 budget and not needing to use hardly any of the contingency amount included in our application for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

HLF provided funding for 65.3% of the project, some £24,770.94 and the remainder came from donations made by charitable trusts, local firms, a legacy of £5,000 and fund raising events in the parish.

The Parochial Church Council is very grateful for all the financial help received in this major project.

Wet Noses Pet Services

Charles Tweeddale

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