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2nd Wednesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000, 07968 606 377)
Curate	Revd Dr Diana Stretton	(07807 341 638)
Lay Leader of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
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Editor : Jane Carwithen (782185) or email janecarwithen@gmail.com
 Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

OUSE NEWS



February 2025
www.felmersham.net

Deep underground

Revd Nick Munday

At the beginning of February it can seem like nothing is happening in the garden. It is often cold or wet, or both. But the gardening magazines counsel us to do lots of preparation jobs. On country walks it may feel like we are still in the grip of winter. But underground growth is going on and the first shoots are starting to appear, and even a few flowers – snowdrops, winter-flowering jasmine, perhaps one or two primroses. Things are beginning to happen. The days are getting longer – we have over three extra hours of daylight by the end of February, compared with the start of January. The year is coming round. Maybe Spring is not quite here yet, but it's on its way.

Our spiritual lives can sometimes seem February-like. Not many obvious indications of life. We may not be aware of any green shoots. But underground things there may be a lot going on, unseen. God is at work and spiritual spring is not a million miles away, even though we can't yet see much sign of it.

I am reminded of the famous story in Luke's Gospel chapter 24 of an encounter on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Two followers of Jesus are walking along on Easter Sunday. They had hoped that Jesus was the promised Messiah, but he had been crucified the Friday before. They have heard a report that Jesus has been raised from the dead, but of course they think that's crazy. So they are walking along, gloomily discussing all the events of the past week. A man comes along; they get talking. They tell him why they are feeling so downcast. But he shows them that what has occurred is in fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies – it was bound to happen and was just what they might have expected. This cheers them up and when they reach Emmaus, they invite the man in to stay.

(Ctd Overleaf)

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St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook MK44 1HU, St Mary's Church, Felmersham MK43 7JP All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org



Welcome



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY

Sun 2 February	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>Presentation of Christ</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
Wed 5 February	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 9 February	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>4th Sunday before Lent</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 12 February	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 16 February	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at All Saints
Wed 19 February	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 23 February	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 26 February	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 2 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>Next Sunday before Lent</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's

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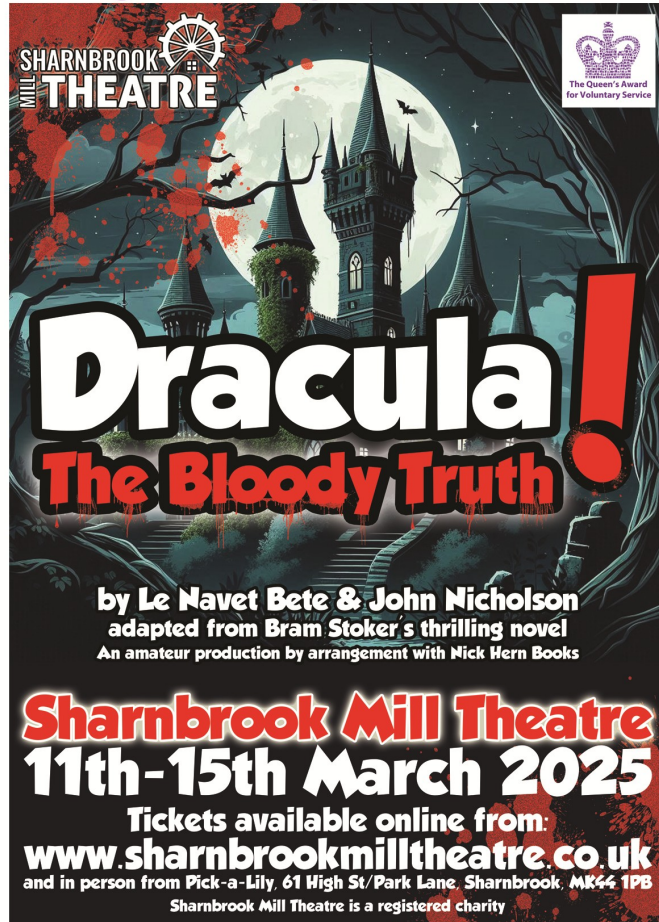
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And while they are having a meal, the man takes bread, blesses it and breaks it – just like Jesus used to do. And they realise that it is in fact Jesus, though all this time they hadn't recognised him. And while they are having a meal, the man takes bread, blesses it and breaks it – just like Jesus used to do. And they realise that it is in fact Jesus, though all this time they hadn't recognised him. And then he disappears, and the men rush back to Jerusalem to tell the others that Jesus is in fact alive and showed them by what he had said and by the way he had broken the bread.

When we are feeling downcast about our faith, our spiritual journey is February-like. We may not be sure what we really believe – if anything at all. There are few if any obvious signs of spiritual life or growth. Then we are just like those downcast disciples on the Emmaus road. But like the seeds growing secretly underground in February, perhaps in reality Jesus is walking alongside us, unrecognised as yet, but waiting to reveal himself as the risen Lord at Easter-time.

Lunch Together - Soup and Sandwiches

Maggie Spoor, Jane Rhodes, Jane Wells

The next Soup and Sandwiches will be on Friday 14th February at 12.30pm at The Sun. The cost is £7 plus an extra £1 for a coffee or tea afterwards should you wish. It is a lovely opportunity to get together with friends we haven't seen for a while and with friends we may have seen yesterday!

If you would like to come and join us, please let Jane Wells know on 01234 782462 by Wednesday 12th February so that she can let Pete know the numbers in good time.

Thank you to Pete and his team at The Sun who welcome and look after us so well.

Online Link for Church Services

<https://zoom.us/j/763110804> The Password is: 079014

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9.30am

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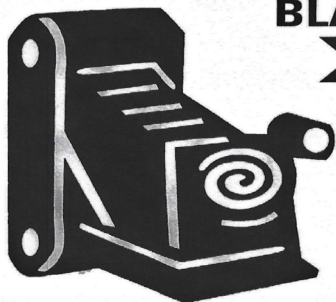
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CARERS TOGETHER

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**Our meetings will be at 2.30pm
on Monday**

February 3rd & February 17th

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care for is enjoying activities in a safe and friendly
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Coffee

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Cereals

Fruit juice (long life)

Tinned pudding

Jam

Laundry tablets



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2025 **UPCOMING SALES**

CHAPEL BUILDING

Over the next months

22/23 February - Jumble / Clothes Sale

29/30 March - Garden Sale

26/27 April - Jumble / Clothes Sale



The Big Blunham Book Sale

will be held on Saturday 22nd February 2025,
10.00 am to 3.00 pm in
Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ.

There will be an enormous selection of nearly new books - specialist and fiction sorted into categories.

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All profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund.

CLASSICAL CONCERT



Borodin quartet no 2 in D
Vivaldi motet 'Nulla in mundo'
Mendelssohn octet in E flat
The Jackson Consort
with Jeni Melia (soprano)

Saturday 1st March at 7.00pm

St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Sharnbrook

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 8 JANUARY 2025

Edited Highlights

Following the recent resignation of Maxine Boswell, Felmersham & Radwell Parish Council now has 3 vacancies. Gillian Whiteway was proposed by the chairman, Councillor Peter Hartop, seconded by Councillor Annette Courtney and unanimously voted onto the Parish Council. Councillor Whiteway was also appointed as the representative for Parish Council Assets.

The speed monitoring device in The High Road has a software glitch resulting in the device displaying and recording vehicle speeds in kilometres per hour. The manufacturers have been consulted and will attend to attempt to reset the software.

The "temporary" closure to Odell Bridleway no 31 and Felmersham Bridleway no 8 due to an unsafe bridge has now been in effect for about 18 months. It has been requested that a realistic opening date be sought.

Sharnbrook Parish Council has been requested to seek a satisfactory conclusion to the broken fence between the road and the river on the north side of Felmersham bridge before a serious incident occurs.

A number of potholes around the village have been reported to the Borough Council for remedial action.

The Parish Council approved a Draft Budget and set the Annual Precept at £21,000 for 2025/2026. This represents an increase of 2.5% and will mean an extra £1.39 for a Band D property.

The Parish Council is considering some landscaping improvements to the area around the War Memorial.

The Parish Council approved that the hedge between St Mary's churchyard and the Parish Burial Ground receive its annual trim and likewise the hedge along the front of the Play Area in the Old Road.

The Parish Council acknowledges and thanks the band of volunteer litter pickers who removed large amounts of litter from the verges following cutting by the Borough.



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We welcome anyone who would like to know about Mothers' Union

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