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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)
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 Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

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A Sense of Wonder

Ernest Carwithen

Last May, as local people here in our villages looked up into the night sky, they were thrilled to see it bathed in colour. They were looking at the Northern Lights, amazed that the Aurora Borealis could be seen so far south of the arctic. Mobile phones were removed from pockets to take photographs of the strangely beautiful sky. All but the most curmudgeonly sky-gazers were filled with a sense of wonder.

When I was a young teacher, an older colleague told me that a teacher's responsibility was to awaken a sense of wonder in their teenage pupils. Once this sense was activated, pupils would discover that facts and perceptions were exciting and interesting rather than dull and dreary. My older colleague was right. In the years that followed, I witnessed teenagers being thrilled as crystals changed colour in Chemistry or touched as they heard profound lines from "Macbeth" being read aloud. Learning was rooted in a sense of wonder.

We adults have concerns over health, money and, indeed, the state of the world which can smother any sense of wonder. If we embark on foreign travel, we queue and jostle with crowds at the airport. On reaching the plane, we slump into our seat, and as we take off, we are numbed to the wonder that such a huge "bird" with so many passengers can fly at all. What we need is the time to relax and engage with what is around us. As the Welsh poet W.H.Davies put it –
 "A poor life this if, full of care,
 We have no time to stand and stare."

Personally, I still feel a sense of wonder when I use the Internet to video chat with friends thousands of miles from my home. Though it is no substitute for face-to-face contact, it is a marvellous way of sustaining friendships. (Ctd)

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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 SERVICE MARCH

Sun 2 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>Next before Lent</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
Wed 5 March	7.30pm	Choral Communion & Imposition of Ashes at St Peter's
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		
Sun 9 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>Lent 1</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 March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 16 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>Lent 2</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at All Saints
Wed 19 March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>St Joseph</i>		
Sun 23 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>Lent 3</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 26 March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 30 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
<i>Lent 4</i>	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
<i>Mothering Sunday</i>		

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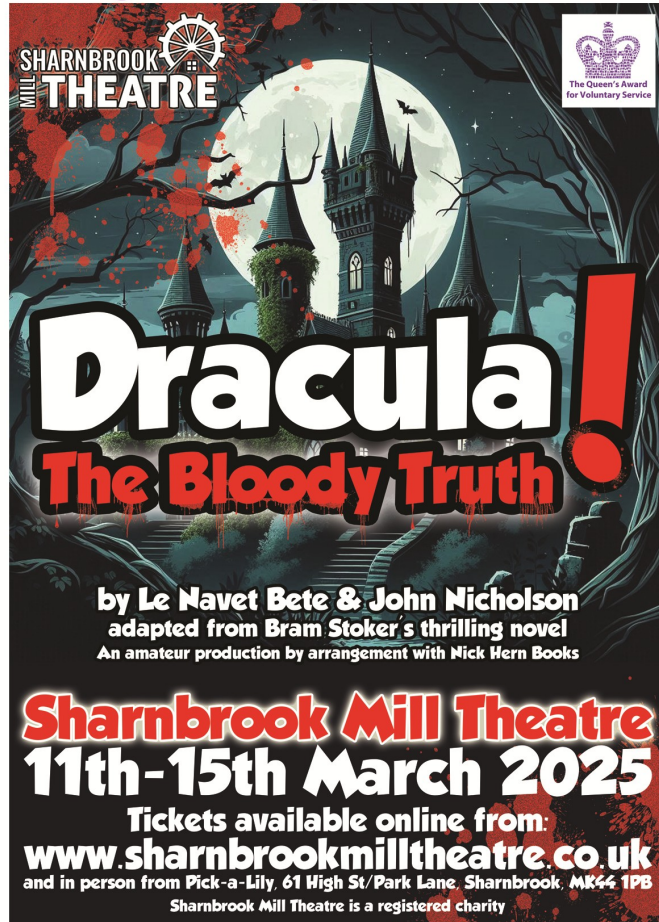
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The Internet also gives me access to language-learning; to clubs and societies; and to a huge amount of knowledge on every conceivable subject. Like anything else, it can be misused, but it is, nonetheless, one of the wonders of the modern world.

On Sundays I walk the few hundred metres to St Mary's Church. There I sit in a pew, just as my parents did in their church, and just as my grandparents and great grandparents did in their churches. The present feels transient. What matters is what transcends it. Like my ancestors, I too learn of the Kingdom of Heaven and of a love that is "so amazing, so divine" (as the hymn puts it.) Despite my doubts and my questioning, I am filled with an all-encompassing sense of wonder.

Lunch Together

Maggie Spoor, Jane Rhodes, Jane Wells

The Sun Pub will be hosting the next Lunch Together on Friday 14th March at 12.30pm. The cost is £7 for home made soup with a roll, sandwich, or toastie. Drinks are not included. Thank you to Pete and his team at The Sun who welcome and look after us so well.

Please phone Jane Wells (01234 782462) by Wednesday 12th March if you would like to come so Pete can be given an approximate number of those attending.

Online Link for Church Services

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

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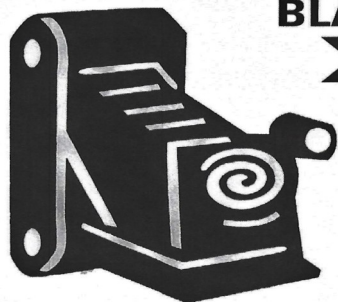
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March 3rd & March 17th

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Emmaus appeals for team members to take part in this year's Harrold Pit Run!

Emmaus Village Carlton is appealing for team members to take part in this year's Harrold Pit Run on Saturday 26th April. Online registration for the Harrold Pit Run has opened and participants can choose to run for 11 sponsored organisations, including Emmaus.

The Harrold Pit Run is a three-mile race (just under 5k) around the lakes in the Harrold-Odell Country Park; the old gravel pits. Participating is not only a fun and motivating experience, but also an opportunity to raise funds and awareness to support Emmaus.

The Pit Run has been running since 1983 with only two missed because of covid, and a shortened course in 1998 due to severe flooding. The bustling atmosphere of stalls, bar, band and runners on The Green are a great attraction for villagers and visitors alike and much appreciated as the social event of the year.

To register your interest directly with Emmaus Village Carlton, please email: office@emmausvc.org.

More details of the event and online registration can be found here:

<https://harroldcentre.co.uk/harrold-pit-run/>

NHS tips for new or returning runners can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4try2c27>

World Day of Prayer

Every year, the World Day of Prayer unites people across the globe in a spirit of worship, solidarity, and shared faith. This year the focus is the Cook Islands. The theme, "I Made You Wonderful" from Psalm 139:14, serves as a beautiful reminder of God's creative work in each of us and His love of diversity.

You are cordially invited to the **World Day of Prayer Service at 3pm on Friday 7th March in St Peter's Room.**

More information, contact Linda Stander on 01234 781869.

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Sue Whitehouse



Devotional Concert
Saturday 5th April
 Janet Welsh

**Ouse Valley Singers and
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present an evening of devotional music based on the Passion of Jesus Christ according to St Mark's Gospel with narrative and music, and heralds the start of the Easter season.

The evening will start at 7.30pm on Saturday 5th April at St Mary's Church. Entry will be £5 and can be obtained on the door or from Janet 781010 or from Colin Scott 781559.



Ouse Valley Mothers' Union



Pit Lasses

A talk by the social historian

Denise Bates

about life for Victorian women working underground

Thursday 13 March, 2.30pm, St Peter's Room

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