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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)
Lay Leader of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
Churchwarden	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

Editor of Ouse News: 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

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That door!!

Jane Rhodes

A door lets you in to many different places. There are countless reasons for going through a door and countless reasons why you may or may not want

to go through. I don't have space to list them all here. Suffice to say that there will be times when we really look forward to going through and there will be other times when we are not looking forward to it at all.

Today I have one particular door in mind – the door to a church, any church. These can be large or small, plain or ornate. The larger and more ornate it is the more likely you are to enter because these churches will often be 'visitor attractions'. However, have you ever thought, when looking at your local church, 'I would like to go to church but I don't know anyone'? Have you popped in when it is quiet and you have the church to yourself, when you don't have to explain yourself? Have you been anxious even about doing that?

You are certainly not alone. On one occasion I wrote in the Ouse News of how coming back to church after my husband died 18 years ago was something I had to steel myself to do and I had been a churchgoer since I was a child. I was not a stranger to being in church. I just felt very apprehensive about 'starting again' but I needed the feeling of belonging. I know that 'church' can be daunting. Coming through 'that door' can be enough to make you turn back. You are immediately confronted with the sight of people chatting to one another, who clearly know each other and who also appear to 'know what they are doing'. It can feel lonely but believe me it needn't. It is not 'them and me' but 'US'. There will be a welcome. The warm welcome I was given all those years ago led to the 'starting again' that I mentioned and I am still happily coming through that door!

(Ctd on page 3)

The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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 FOR JUNE

Wed 3 June	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 7 June	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
Trinity 1	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 10 June	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 14 June	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
Trinity 2	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Said Communion at All Saints
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Mary's
Wed 17 June	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 21 June	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Said Holy Communion at All Saints
Trinity 3	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 24 June	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 28 June	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
St Peter's Festival	10.30am	Patronal Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise at St Peter's

Morning Prayer this month is on every Thursday at 9.30am on Zoom

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HARROLD-ODELL COUNTRY PARK

Ed Green

If you have been to the woods in the park recently, you may have had a surprise! No, not a teddy bears picnic, but we have begun installing a wild play area for children. Located in what we call the 'shelter belt', which is the area of woodland near the café, and just beyond the skate park are some logs to balance on, branches to use to create dens and some logs to step on. This is a work in progress,



but we think this will be a great addition to the park.

It is hard to sit here and predict what the weather will be like when you are reading this article, but from our perspective in the park, we are hoping for a reasonable dose of sunshine and rain. April came and went with no sign of the April showers again this year and we started early watering the trees

that we planted this winter as well as those in recent winters in the anticipation of another dry summer. In dry conditions, newly planted trees find it hard to get established and mature trees feel the stress and sometimes become more susceptible to diseases dying during these times. Our fantastic volunteers do their best week in, week out to try and make sure they survive.

In May (at the time of writing), we have had some rain at least and are taking a break from watering trees and have started refilling some of our gabions where the stone has washed out into the lake. These will be the gabions at a few of the viewpoints near the Troll bridge and we are using larger stone and even repurposing rubble to backfill them. We will also take measures to stop the smaller stone from escaping the lower gabions as there is no way we can access them to get larger stones in them to fill the holes!

Thank you if you entered our recent poetry competition, we had lots of creative entries and it really was difficult to judge the winners! We were delighted that we had a lot of entries from Harrold Primary and there really were some great individual lines in some of the poems! Later in the year we hope to share some poems with you when we publish the winners and selected others from the competition which will be made available to read in The Dragonfly Café.

As usual, our popular I Spot, Children's Activity and Crossword booklets are perfect to keep your kids or grandkids entertained - available to buy for just £1 from The Dragonfly Café.

Every other Thursday, there are health walks around the park and/or local area. Meeting at 10:30am at the woodland entrance to the Dragonfly Café, they last about 1 hour. The dates are June 4th & 18th, July 2nd, 16th & 30th and August 13th & 27th. More info can be found at <https://hocp.co.uk/get-involved/health-walks/>.

We hope you enjoy your visits to our wonderful park! From the Country Park staff and The Friends of Harrold-Odell Country Park.

(Ctd from page 1)

There is a common argument put forward, when someone may feel obliged to give a reason for not going to church: 'I don't need to go to church to be a good Christian or to pray to God' and this is true. I have met many people who hold to this theory. My own father in law was one of these and he was one of the best and kindest of people I have known in all my life.

For many, though, this is not enough. Yes, we can pray in different places: in the car or at work, walking in the countryside or sitting on a train. Prayer can be public or private. However, for many people the church community is what gives the support and inspiration you may need. Not only do you make lasting friendships, you also experience the guidance and leadership given which embraces the whole ethos of the church. Don't be afraid. Please come in!

Coffee Morning - Saturday 6th June

Jane Wells

The Coffee Morning for June will be held on

**Saturday 6th June at 10.30am in
St Mary's Church, Felmersham.**

Do come along. There will be coffee/tea, biscuits and plenty of chatter, plus a small raffle.

All proceeds will go to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund.

LUNCH TOGETHER

Maggie Spoor, Jane Wells, Jane Rhodes

The Sun Pub will be hosting the next Lunch Together on
Friday 12th June at 12.30pm.

The cost is £7 for homemade 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 10th June if you would like to come so Pete can be given an approximate number of those attending.

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Teas in the Church and Lego - Wednesday 17th June

Jane Wells

Do come along for a cuppa and a slice of cake on

Wednesday 17th June from 2.30pm - 4pm in St Mary's Church.

While the adults chat and put the world to rights, children can play with the newly acquired Lego, making things to amaze us. Adults can have a go too!

Do come along as there is always plenty to talk about and to do.

This event is held on the third Wednesday in the month.

Looking forward to seeing you



'Music For a Summer's Evening'

A Miscellany of
Madrigals, Part Songs and Folk Songs

**St. Mary's Church,
Felmersham.**

Saturday 27th June 2026

At 7:30 p.m.

Conductor: Gary Mudd

Tickets: £10 on the door

Wine and nibbles included.

(All proceeds to St Mary's.)

Zoom Link for our Benefice Online Services <https://zoom.us/j/763110804>

Password: 079014

THE BENEFICE CHOIR

Janet Welsh

We would like to add a few more choristers to our Benefice Choir who sing at the main 10.30 am Communion Services at St Peter's or St Mary's each week. If you like singing and would like to join us or find out more about us, please contact Janet Welsh on 01234 781010 or Colin Scott on 01234 781559.

CAN YOU HELP WITH CHURCH CLEANING?

Rosalyn Just

The St Mary's Church cleaning rota could do with a few more volunteers to boost the numbers. It's not too demanding - just an hour or two every few months. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me on 07831 096585 or email rosalynjust@gmail.com.

CARERS TOGETHER

Come and join us for tea, cake, and a chat.

The next meetings will be at 2.30pm on **Monday 1st & 15th June**

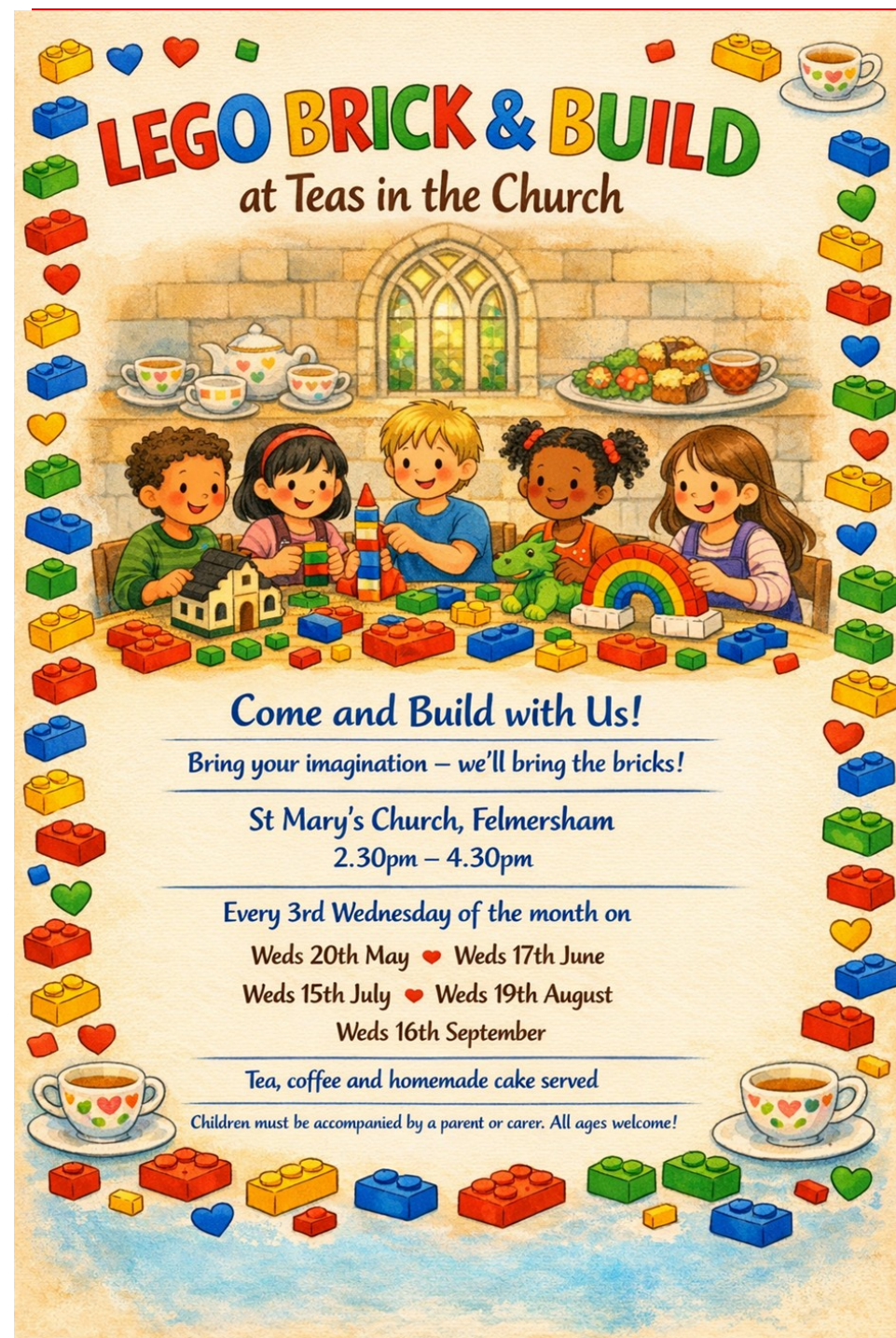
Meet with other Carers knowing the person you care for is enjoying activities in a safe and friendly environment.

The Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook

For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator
Linda Hoar 07791 214148 lindahoar@hotmail.co.uk

Recycling - Some possibilities

- Specsavers in the High Street takes old glasses (without the cases).
- Superdrug in Pidgeon Square takes old blisters of used tablets.
- Methodist Chapel in Sharnbrook takes old stamps.



**Felmersham & Radwell
26th Autumn Village Show
& Art Exhibition**

To be held on Sunday 6th September 2026

in Pinchmill Hall

Open for viewing 2.30 – 4.30pm

(Judging from 11.00 am)

New categories for 2026

Including:

Miniature flower arrangement

A pineapple upside down cake

A handmade knitted or crocheted item

A handmade cross-stitched, embroidered or any sewn item

Home brew (beer or wine)

New photo categories

And a matchbox challenge for the under 16's!

**How many different items can you fit into a matchbox?
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Ouse Valley Mothers' Union



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St Peter's Room**

New members and visitors welcome (Suggested donation £4 for MU charities)

Details: contact **Jackie Biggs** (782517) or **Hazel Scott** (781559)

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