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CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000, 07968 606 377)
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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

July 2026

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Bring Us Sunshine

Revd Paolo di Leo

This month I shall be seeing a homage to Morecambe and Wise at the Derngate Theatre in Northampton. I can't wait!! For me there is a particular kind of warmth that radiates from my memories of 'The Morecambe and Wise Show.' Even decades after their final curtain call, the mere mention of their names tends to elicit a smile. If some readers have never experienced a Morecambe and Wise sketch, look them up on YouTube. In many ways and for some they aren't just comedians; they are old friends who were as much a part of our living room as our favourite armchair. But beyond the famous 'black rimmed spectacles' and the "short, fat, hairy legs", there is a wonderful lesson in their legacy which centred around friendship and the joy of humour.

The most remarkable thing about Morecambe and Wise was not their impeccable timing, but their remarkable tenure. They were a duo for over forty years, a partnership that began as teenagers and ended only with Eric's passing. In a world where relationships are often fleeting or transactional, their bond was a testament to the power of shared lives.

Friendship, at its best, is an enriching mirror. It allows us to be seen fully and still be loved. Ernie was the 'straight man' the one who endured Eric's playful insults and face-slaps with a stoic, if exasperated, grace. Yet, off-stage, it was a partnership of absolute equals. Their lives were full of fun and tragedy in equal measure. They demonstrated that a true friend is someone who helps you carry the weight of your life by making it feel a little lighter. As we reflect on our own lives, we might ask: who are the people who "bring us sunshine"? These friendships are not just social luxuries; they are essential ways in which God provides us with strength and perspective.

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Welcome



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Wed 1 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 5 July	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
Trinity 5	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 8 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 12 July	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
Trinity 6	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 15 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 19 July	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
Trinity 7	10.30am	Said Holy Communion at All Saints
St Margaret of	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's
Antioch	6.00pm	Choral Evensong at St Margaret's
Wed 22 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 26 July	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
Trinity 8	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's
Wed 29 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's

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

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The Eight Spires Way - Saturday 4th July 2026

Join us on an inspiring walk! Everyone welcome, dogs too!

This 24 mile circular walk of eight legs links the seven villages and eight churches of the Chellington Team Ministry. Starting and finishing in Odell, The Way runs almost exclusively along footpaths and bridleways and is both beautiful and surprising.

Our little patch of England really is a hidden gem; oak woodlands and fields of corn, river meadows and the meandering Ouse, unexpected views, wildlife and even the odd pub for all to enjoy.



So whether it's for one leg, for the full Monty, or simply for a cup of tea, please save the date and join the throng for what promises to be a wonderful day of endeavour, of community and lots of cake.



For full details scan QR code

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Then, of course, there was the humour. From the legendary "Breakfast Sketch"; to the bewildered André Previn attempting to conduct Grieg's Piano Concerto - Eric and Ernie mastered the art of the 'silly.' Their humour was rarely cynical or cruel; it was a celebration of laughter. After Eric destroyed Grieg's Piano Concerto and André Previn telling him, "You're playing all the wrong notes" Eric famously responded, "I'm playing all the right notes, but not necessarily in the right order". Hilarious and yet so profound!

You may be surprised to learn that Jesus valued and used humour as a teaching tool. He often employed comedic exaggeration to engender a laugh and to make a life changing point! The image of a man with a literal wooden plank stuck in his eye trying to remove a tiny speck of sawdust from his neighbour's eye (Matthew 7:3) is a piece of slapstick comedy that wouldn't look out of place in a Morecambe and Wise sketch.

Laughter is a form of spiritual refreshment. In the stresses of daily life—the worries about health, family, or the state of the world, humour acts as a safety valve. At the end of their shows, when Eric and Ernie skipped off-stage, singing "Bring Me Sunshine"; they weren't just performing a song; they were offering a benediction. They showed us that laughter doesn't ignore the darkness of the world; it simply refuses to let the darkness have the final word. May we all be people who bring sunshine to someone.

Coffee Morning - Saturday 4th July

Jane Wells

The Coffee Morning for July will be held on

Saturday 4th July at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Felmersham.

Do come along. All proceeds will go to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund. There will be coffee/tea, biscuits and plenty of chatter, plus a small raffle.

LUNCH TOGETHER

Maggie Spoor, Jane Wells, Jane Rhodes

The next Lunch Together will be on **Friday 10th July at The Sun Pub at 12.30.**

Please come and take the opportunity to meet old friends and new with Soup and Sandwiches provided by Pete and his wonderful team. The cost is £7. This does not include drinks.

Please ring **Jane Rhodes on 01234 782138 by Wednesday 8th July** to let us know if you would like to come so that we can give him the numbers.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Teas in the Church and Lego - Wednesday 15th July

Jane Wells

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

Wednesday 15th July 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



Opening Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday: 11am - 5pm

Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: 2pm-5pm

Closed on Mondays



Lots of family activities for the summer—see the website

<https://www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/Home.aspx>

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**Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee
AGM Thursday 9th July at the Village Hall**

We are meeting for our AGM at 7:30pm and immediately afterwards for our regular committee meeting. Members of the parish are welcome at the AGM, and if you have been thinking about joining the committee, please do join us.

All queries to felmershamradwellvhc@gmail.com

Thank you

Hannah Just (Treasurer)

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 6th & 20th July**
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



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To be held on Sunday 6th September 2026

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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)

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