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REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Monday in each month	7.30pm Monday Sisters	The Sun
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun
2nd Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room
2nd Thursday in each month	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm WI	Committee Room

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Vacant. Please contact the Churchwarden.	
Lay Leaders of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
	Jane Templeman	(07885 617 583)
Churchwarden	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

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



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

June 2019

A SERVICE FOR GOD'S EARTH

On Sunday 26 May a Community Service was held at St Mary's devoted to the appreciation of the beauty of Creation and the world in which we live.

We were reminded how wildlife has declined by 60% since 1970, with only 25% of the planet being free from human impact, causing increased energy, land and water usage (The Living Planet Report 2018). With 70% of the earth's surface covered with water there should be plenty for all of us. But with most of the earth's water being saltwater, just 1% in the world is fresh water and available for drinking.

With the theme of the service running through the hymns, prayers and readings, the service concluded with everyone going out into the churchyard. With special areas prepared, the children enthusiastically helped to scatter wildflower seeds. A log pile was also built in a secluded corner, the intention being that a wildlife area in the churchyard will develop over the coming months.



***God of the universe, we thank you for the beauty of creation.
Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources
for granted and wasted what You have given us.***

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

NB May be subject to change—please check the noticeboard by the Lych Gate for details

Sunday 2 June	7th Sunday of Easter 11am Parish Communion
Thursday 6 June	9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 9 June	Pentecost 11am Parish Communion
Thursday 13 June	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 June	Trinity Sunday 11am Parish Communion
Thursday 20 June	'Corpus Christi' 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 23 June	First Sunday after Trinity 11am Choral Matins
Thursday 27 June	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 June	2nd Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Communion

800th Anniversary of St Mary's, Felmersham

Don't forget to get in touch to offer ideas or help

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Stephen Hill	01234 781064	Jane Wells	01234 782462
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Workshops: Fri. 21st June & Wed. 26th June, **Auditions:** Friday 28th June. All at 7.30pm

Enquiries: Director Paul Wildman: wildchild@hotmail.com.

Musical Director: Mike Gibbons

For further Information about workshops and auditions, including character list and synopsis, please visit www.sharnbrookmilltheatre

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Brian Woodrow (01234) 349455 brianwoodrow38@gmail.com

A 'Warm-Up/Cool down' Appeal event

WAITING FOR SNOW - created, written and directed by Kaye Tompkins,

***Wednesday 10th – Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm, also Saturday Matinee 4pm**

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TICKETS (£1 booking fee) £12/13 may be booked in person at PICK-A-LILY, Florist, SHARNBROOK, or www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/tickets 2 wheelchair spaces, (please phone: (01234) 781372 to book these); easier access seating; new hearing loop.

NB: Charity Night: 10th July for SERVICE SIX

Tickets: 01933 277520 / referrals@servicesix.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 1 JUNE

Jane Wells

The **June Coffee Morning** to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Dennis and Denise Canning in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 1 June at 10.30am**. Contributions to the bring and buy stall are welcome (toiletries, bric a brac, cakes, produce etc...). Everyone welcome.

The **Coffee Morning in July** will be hosted by Peter and Maria Hood, Felmersham on **Saturday 6 July** at 10.30am.

TEAS IN THE CHURCH Wednesday 19 June from 3.00 - 4.30pm

Do come along and join us for a cuppa and a piece of cake. Bring your friends and neighbours for a chat, to meet others and to find out what is happening in the village. Everyone and all ages are welcome.

Teas in the Church will also take place on **Wednesday** 17 July, 21 August and 18 September.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sue Whitehouse

My grateful thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause. I understand there was some confusion as, unfortunately we only have two house to house charity collections a year in the village and they are within two weeks of each other. Your contributions to both causes are much appreciated.

My personal thanks also, to all those who kindly helped with collecting the envelopes. Many hands make light work as they say.

We raised £539.37.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Andy Evans

Could I please express my enormous thanks to the generous residents of Trinity Close, Grange Road and Marriotts Close for the most generous total of £200.13 collected in the recent door-to-door collection in late April/early May. This sum, with no deductions, will go to support the work of the charity with disadvantaged children in this country and also around the world wherever children are at risk. Enormous thanks to everyone who gave. Thanks also to Denise Canning and Sue McWhirter for helping with the collection. Should anyone wish to help support the work of the charity with future collections including supermarket activities, I would love to hear from you on 782523; it only takes an hour of your time.

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A Reminder

Rural Bulky Waste Collections 2019

Saturday 15 June The Green, Radwell, 3—5pm

Sunday 16 June Marriotts Close, Felmersham, 1—3 pm



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CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

Sue Whitehouse

It is that time of year again when the weeds have had the luxury of mild weather and soft rain to grow to enormous proportions, so on Sunday 9th June from 2-4pm I will be glad to see any volunteers willing or otherwise, with suitable garden tools and weed buckets. Tea, biscuits and chat will be provided.



Open Gardens in Bedfordshire

Sunday 9 June **Tofte Manor** **Souldrop Road, Sharnbrook, MK44 1HH**

Open 1.30pm - 5.00pm

A mature 5-acre garden, beautifully restored and modernized to blend with the 17th Century Manor house.

Sunday 16 June **The Manor House** **Thurleigh Road, Milton Ernest, MK44 1RF**

Open 1.30pm - 5.00pm

The house was established as a farmhouse next to the village church in the 17th Century, with gardens to the north, west and south of the property.

Sunday 30 June **Southill Park** **Southill, Nr Biggleswade, SG18 9LL**

Open 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Southill Park, an historical listed building in the Palladian style, was re-built and then remodelled in the 18th Century. The house is surrounded by a landscape park designed by Capability Brown in 1777.

To find out more about these gardens and others in the surrounding counties, see www.redcross.org.uk/OpenGardens.

Suggestions for Days Out

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre

Sunday 16 June **Father's Day Rally**

Bring dad to admire the vehicles from the 35th Ridgeway Road Run, brought to the venue by the Historic Commercial Vehicle Society (South Mids), as well as steam train rides of course! **Book online: www.bucksrailcentre.org**

St Albans Museum + Gallery

Town Hall, St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3DH

Open Monday to Saturday: 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 5pm

Located at the heart of one of Britain's most historic cities, St Albans Museum + Gallery is a brand new centre for arts and culture showcasing over 2000 years of priceless heritage. **www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk**

Some dates for your Diary



Saturday 15 June at 7.30pm

at The Corn Exchange, Bedford, MK40 1SL

Puccini Messa Di Gloria, **Bizet** Te Deum, **Bizet** Symphony in C



Saturday 22 June Bedford Pretty Muddy Kids

Time: from 10:00

Venue: Priory Park, Barkers Lane, Bedford, MK41 9DJ

Sunday 23 June Bedford 5k and 10k

Time: 11:00

Venue: Priory Park, Barkers Lane, Bedford, MK41 9DJ

For further details see <https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/>

If you have any up and coming events that you would like to share with readers of Ouse News, then please send them to the Editor by 25th of the month.

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Denise Canning

A passion for the Native American Indians led this month's speaker, Peter Gage, to travel to America to discover more about their history and culture.

Gone are the days when the Native American Indians were free to roam the vast plains of America, hunting and fishing to feed, clothe, and provide shelter for their tribes.

The change happened after America was 'discovered' by Christopher Columbus, and Europeans started emigrating there in search of a better life. Over the next 400 years, more and more Native Indian lands were taken over as immigrants moved away from the East Coast towards the West in search of gold and fertile land. The Native Indians resisted, resulting in the Plains Wars, and this ongoing conflict came to a head with the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876 (aka Custer's Last Stand). Although a victory for the Native Indians, the battle outraged many white Americans and thereafter the US Government increased its efforts to subdue the tribes as quickly as possible.

Now, the Native Indians are sadly mainly confined to government-sponsored reservations, often living in poverty and deprivation. Peter was so moved by their plight that he now sponsors a primary school on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Wounded Knee to try to give those children a better start in life.

CHANNEL TO THE MED 2019

Marc Cheetham

At the beginning of September, I'll be setting out on a very long bike ride with the aim of raising money for Marie Curie. Joined by fellow Felmersham resident David Elliott and a small group of cyclists from around the country, I'll be cycling between 60-109 miles a day over 10 days with the aim of raising £2000 for this wonderful charity. As you are probably aware, Marie Curie provides vital care support for those people living with a terminal illness and their families. A cause close to my heart, I need to reach 80% of my fundraising target by the end of June.

The money raised will help people access hospice care in their final days. If you feel you'd like to support this epic challenge and brilliant charity you can donate online by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/MarcCheetham2018>



Thank you