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1st Wednesday in each month	7.30pm Wednesday Sisters	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 TBC	Committee Room
Regular monthly dates TBC	7.30pm WI	Pinchmill School

CHURCH OFFICERS

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

HOUSE NEWS



January 2022

Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

Happy New Year

It's been a difficult year for everyone. Having left 2021 behind us we find ourselves in 2022 and as with you I feel that we still face an uncertain future. However, I've learnt in life that there's always opportunities in a New Year. A good recipe is to take the good out of the previous year and mix it with the potential of the present year.

Echoes of Victor Frankl's famous and beautifully hope-filled quote come to mind. When faced with oppressive and brutal despair he came to understand that "Everything can be taken away from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's way." ¹

As we progress through 2022, we need to feel that there is hope of a better present and future. The recent passing away of Archbishop Desmond Tutu is as sad a loss as it is an impoverishment of our world. His biography 'Rabble - Rouser for Peace' sums up his unstoppable quest to bring healing and peace to a ravaged and broken South Africa.

Archbishop Tutu lived through many New Years where the new was simply a repeat of the old brokenness, dangers and oppressive way of life, and yet he could say and believe that "The way through sadness and grief that comes from great loss is to use it as motivation and to generate a deeper (Ctd.)

Header for January:

The Margaret Alleway Garden on a Frosty Morning

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Welcome



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sun 2 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Communion & hymns at St Peter's (also ZOOM'd)
Wed 5 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 9 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also ZOOM'd)
	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
Wed 12 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 16 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also ZOOM'd)
Wed 19 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 23 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Churches Together 'Week of Prayer' Service, Methodist Church, Sharnbrook
Wed 26 Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 30 Jan	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
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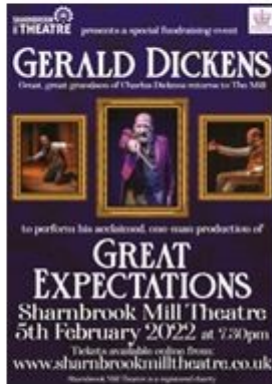
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NB: Covid Safe requirements, as current for the date of the event, will apply, at these fundraising events for Sharnbrook Mill Theatre, including proof of double vaccination, also face masks, unless exempt, except when eating & drinking. Hand sanitizer available. See website for full statement.

www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk

The Place Bedford MK40 3DE

Monday Night is Movie Night: Beyond the Visible: Hilma af Klint (2019)

Genre: Film

Opens: 10 Jan 2022

The first abstract artist was a woman – Hilma af Klint. Misjudged and ignored for more than a century, she is now shaking the art world with her mind-expanding oeuvre.

Friday Night Feature: Lawrence of Arabia (1962)

Genre: Film

Opens: 14 Jan 2022

A MIGHTY MOTION PICTURE OF ACTION AND ADVENTURE! The story of British officer T.E. Lawrence's mission to aid the Arab tribes in their revolt against the Ottoman Empire during the First World War. Lawrence becomes a flamboyant, messianic figure in the cause of Arab unity but his psychological instability threatens to undermine his achievements.

Online Links

For online services:-

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

The Password is: 079014

For 'Hall of Friends' every Tuesday at 10.30am:

the Link is: <https://zoom.us/j/99397336200>

The Password is: 019892

See <http://www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org/> for further details.

(Ctd from Page 1) sense of purpose.”² He pictured justice and action by relating this small humorous yet profound story “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”³

As we begin 2022, we all need to be encouraged by the lessons we can glean from great spiritual leaders such as Desmond Tutu and take ‘life’ notes from his lifelong joy, vision, persistence, courage, love, hope, discerning insights and closeness to God, despite the desperate and oppressive times he lived through.

I wish you and us all, a wonderful New Year and give you this message of hope and love.

A wish and prayer that I believe Archbishop Desmond Tutu would also wish and pray for us.

**“For surely, I know the plans I have for you,
 says the Lord,
 plans for your welfare and not for harm,
 to give you a future with hope.”⁴**

1 Frankl, V.E. Man's Search for Meaning, p. 76

2 Archbishop Tutu, D. The Book of Joy, p. 112

3 https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/desmond_tutu_106145

4 The Bible Jeremiah 29:11

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Mobile Library- small change to timetable

The Mobile Library will now be coming 10 minutes earlier than previously – 13.50 to 14.20 at the Sun in Felmersham and 14.25 – 14.40 in Radwell.

The dates remain unchanged i.e. 6th and 20th January
and 3rd and 17th February 2022.

You will need to wear a mask on the library van.



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We sometimes received a high volume of calls. If you can't get through, please do leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. We're currently working on creating a brand new online booking system, so please bear with us and watch this space for more details in 2022.

<https://emmaus.org.uk/village-carlton/support-us/donate-goods/>

Thanks so much for your continued support .

1921 Census for England and Wales

In October it was announced that the 1921 Census for England and Wales will be published online by Findmypast on 6 January 2022.

Taken between two world wars, during a period of economic turmoil and at a time when women had just won the right to vote, the 1921 Census will provide some fascinating insights about society and how it has evolved over the past 100 years.

Neil Curtis, Chief Operating Officer at The National Archives, said: 'Census releases are keenly anticipated and create a period of collective curiosity about the past, generating a national moment of reflection.

'The 1921 Census will offer us a glimpse into the lives of individuals and communities between the wars, recovering from a great influenza pandemic, and embarking on a new era where everyday rights and roles were changing.

'What makes the 1921 Census even more vital is that it will be the last census release for England and Wales for 30 years, with the 1931 Census lost in a fire and the 1941 Census never taken.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Sue Whitehouse

Many thanks to Rosie and Rachel and all of the team of people who helped put together the lovely village event on 19th December. It was a tremendous feat of organisation and I think everyone had a great time.

The illuminated walk, accompanied by donkeys, to see Santa was truly magical and resulted in many happy children of all ages.

Thanks to everyone involved for giving the villages such a treat, but especially to Rosie for all her hard work.



ADVENT WINDOW AND SECRET STREET PARTY

Rosemary Cheetham

Rachel Mellor and I would like to thank the 25 families who pulled together to put on advent window displays through December with the theme Follow the Star. We hope you managed to spot some of them and enjoyed the huge creativity on display.

We'd also like to extend our thanks to the many, many people who worked so hard to create a wonderful street party event on Sunday 19th December. Chiltern Hire, Merri Christmas Trees and FM Tents donated power, lights and trees as well as practical help on the day to make the event really magical. The Sun provided fabulous refreshments and first aid support. Special thanks to Rosemary Drewery and her donkeys, Father Christmas and the amazing team of elves who worked their socks off. We were delighted to welcome Dave and his traction engine to the event which was a real highlight for children and adults alike. We really hope everyone who attended the event enjoyed themselves and look forward to welcoming everyone to another Christmas event in 2022.




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