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2nd Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm WI	Pinchmill School

### CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000)
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 Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25<sup>th</sup> of the month



**Parish Online [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net)**

**From the Revd Paolo Di Leo**

**Welcome to our new curate the Revd Dr Diana Stretton**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> July Revd Dr Diana Stretton joined our benefice as a curate. It is my pleasure to welcome her and husband Chris to Sharnbrook and to our Parish Churches of St Peter, St Mary, All Saints and St Margaret and to the villages of Sharnbrook, Radwell, Felmersham, Souldrop and Knotting.

For many who do not know what a curate is perhaps this brief summary may give a small insight. In the Church of England, a 'curate' is a priest who is in their first post after ordination and are completing their training in a parish under the guidance and direction of a parish priest. It is somewhat like an apprenticeship and usually lasts for 3 years. In their first year the curate takes up holy orders and officiates as a deacon. A year later they will be further ordained and will take up holy orders as a priest. However, the journey to becoming a priest starts much earlier.



It starts with an individual feeling a calling or an urging from God to serve as a minister. Initially the individual will undertake a period of discussion, discovery and discernment with many in the church and outside the church. This usually takes around a year but may take longer. Following this period of consultation and if all are agreed in continuing in discerning this desire and calling the individual will be offered training as an Ordinand. (Continued)

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**PC Meeting of July Edited Highlights see page 8**

**The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham  
and Knotting with Souldrop**

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**Welcome**



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- Sun 7 August** 9.00am Said Holy Communion at St Peter's  
10.30am Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also ZOOM'd)  
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's
- Wed 10 August** 9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's
- Sun 14 August** 9.00am Said Holy Communion at St Mary's  
10.30am Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also ZOOM'd)  
10.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
- Wed 17 August** 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- Sun 21 August** 9.00am Said Holy Communion at St Peter's  
10.30am Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also ZOOM'd)  
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's
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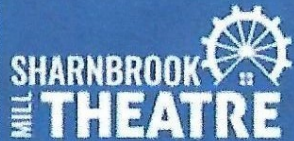
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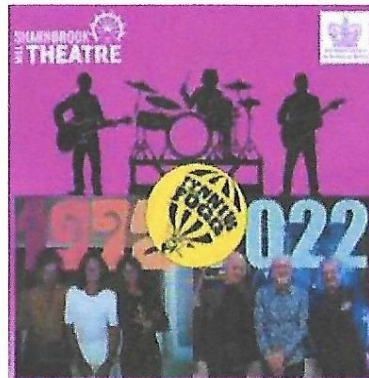
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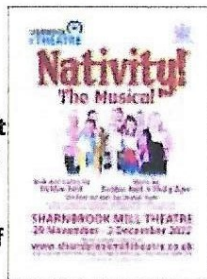
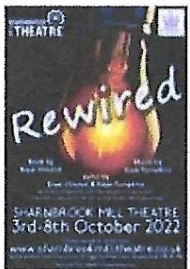
### **REWIRED 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October CANCELLED**

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THE CANCELLATION OF THIS PRODUCTION  
OWING TO UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

**NATIVITY! 29<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
will thus be our next scheduled production. The cast  
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### Online Link for Church Services

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(Continued from overleaf) An ordinand is simply a person who is at the beginning of their training. As an ordinand they will undertake 2 or 3 years of Bible, pastoral and theological studies after which they will be offered a post as a curate and be ordained as a deacon and then priest. From ordinand training, through to completing curacy and taking on responsibility for their own parish usually takes 6 years. It is a commitment and life change that requires faith, self-sacrifice, dedication, focus, stamina and a desire to serve as Jesus Christ served.

Being a priest is to be a pastor and shepherd of people. As Jesus commanded St Peter to be a pastor and shepherd when he asks him to 'Feed my Lambs, Tend my Lambs and Feed My Sheep' so a priest is called to pastor and minister in their parish tending, caring and loving all whom they encounter. Curates and Priests are called to serve their parish communities, bring pastoral and spiritual support into the lives of many and reveal the life changing teachings and person of Jesus Christ to all who are willing to listen.

Please join me in welcoming Revd Diana into our villages.

### CHURCHYARD WILDFLOWERS

Sue Whitehouse

Thank you to all of you who have been patient and waded through the long grass to visit graves since the spring.

All that needed to seed has now done so and the area has been mown. In the next few weeks and months I will be sowing some Yellow Rattle which should help reduce the grass a bit over time, but also other natives that belong in these soils and environments.

Recently the churchyard trees were inspected for health (of the trees) and safety (of visitors) and it has been decided to reduce the crown of the horse chestnut on the south side during the winter to keep it from extending over the Tithe Barn or affecting access to large vehicles. Our thanks to the Parish Council who have agreed to fund the work.

### COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

Jane Wells

The August Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be held in **St Mary's Church, Felmersham, on Saturday 6 August from 10.30am**. There will be a small raffle and plenty of chatter! Do come along. Everyone is welcome. It will be lovely to see you. The September Coffee morning will take place in the Church on Saturday 3 September.

**TEAS IN THE CHURCH WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST from 2.30pm**. 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 next take place on Wednesday 21 September.

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### CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

Sue Whitehouse

Areas of the churchyard have become rather neglected of late so I am seeking some kind volunteers to help me clear some undergrowth and weeds. I will aim to be there for **two sessions on Saturday 13th August from 9am and again from 2pm**. If we are experiencing more record temperatures we can postpone the afternoon session, but if you can spare a bit of time that day, please bring hand tools and a bucket for weeds. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Thank you.



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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 12 JULY 2022

### EDITED HIGHLIGHTS

#### New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that Benjamin Just from Radwell has been co-opted to the Parish Council. Benjamin has valuable experience and good knowledge of the Parish and, as such, will be a valuable member of the Parish Council.

#### Rural Bulky Waste Collection Service

Bedford Borough Council has confirmed that the 2022 Rural Bulky Waste Collection Service is scheduled to take place on **Saturday 13 August 2022** at The Green, Radwell (from 8.00am to 10.00am) and at Marriotts Close, Felmersham (from 10.30am to 12.00 noon).

#### Radwell Bridge

Vegetation clearance from the upstream side of Radwell Bridge has been arranged to take place on 30 August 2022 and this will necessitate a road closure. It may be possible to let pedestrians and cyclists through on occasion, but there is inadequate space for equestrians or emergency vehicles.

#### Traffic Data

During May and June, the following traffic data was available from the installed speed activation devices: in Felmersham 35% of vehicles exceeded the 20 mph limit. In Radwell, 40% exceeded the 30mph limit. There were 43 instances where vehicles exceeded 60mph and between 11.00pm and 11.30pm on Friday 13 May 2022 one vehicle was clocked at 83mph.

#### Rights of Way

**Ouse Valley Way at Brook Farm (Old Road):** Improvements to the footpath between Brook Farm and Pinchmill Islands, which includes raising the level of the footpath and extensive ditching to improve drainage, have been undertaken.

**Bridleway from Felmersham to Odell:** The emergency temporary closure of Bridleway 8 from Carlton Road, Felmersham to Bridleway 31 Mill Lane, Odell had been organised to enable strengthening works to be undertaken on the bridge at Odell Mill. The bridleway will continue to be open to pedestrians and dismounted cyclists.

#### Felmersham & Radwell Neighbourhood Plan

The Felmersham and Radwell Neighbourhood Planning (FRNP) Referendum was held on 23 June 2022, with 124 votes recorded in favour of the FRNP and 23 votes recorded against the FRNP (with a 24% turnout from the electorate). The Parish Council recognised the considerable support and commitment involved in developing and bringing to a successful conclusion an effective FRNP and thus providing a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of the area. The Parish Council conveyed its appreciation to all those involved, including the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for their valuable input during the neighbourhood plan process.

#### Wixams Station

Bedford Borough Council launched a public engagement on its plans for a new railway station at the Wixams from Monday 27 June 2022. This public engagement is taking place before the Council submits its planning applications for the site, and it is an opportunity for local residents and interested parties to have their say.

**Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 13 September 2022 at 7.30pm.**



# Sponsored Bike 'n Hike

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#### **TIME TRAVELLING : A HISTORY PROJECT**

**Sue Whitehouse**

On Monday 11th July the church hosted a local history project for the top years of Pinchmill school. It was a great success thanks to all the people who volunteered to get involved.

My thanks to Liz Munday for making medieval costumes; to Jane Wells for making authentic medieval food for the children to sample, Nick Munday and Ernest Carwithen for using their considerable experience to so delightfully impart information. It must have worked because the children remembered it so well. Thanks to Geoff Hulatt and Frank Summerlin who came to answer many questions from the children about what school and village life was like for them.



Particular thanks also to Pete Pestell who, after a hectic working weekend, gave up his Monday morning off to bake a huge Peck loaf which we all enjoyed warm and buttered through the course of the afternoon. To everyone who helped in whatever way, for the support of the teaching staff from the school and the willing involvement of the children, many, many thanks. I think a good time was had by all.

Further photographs are posted in the church for anyone who is interested.

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