

# 3rd Sunday before Advent—REMEMBRANCE Sunday 12 November

## COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## FIRST READING Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. 13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. 14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. 15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, 16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**



## Responsorial Psalm 70

**Response: Come to me quickly, O God.**

O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil. Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame. **R**

But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say always, "Great is the Lord." As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4.13–18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left,

will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.

18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## GOSPEL Matthew 25.1-13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **GLORY TO YOU O LORD**

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

1 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST**

## POST COMMUNION

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



A Christian presence in every community

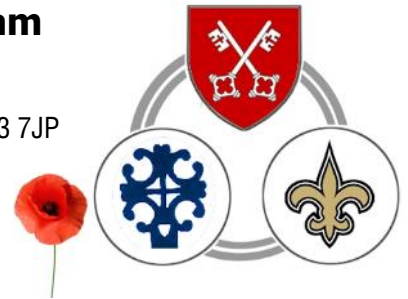


# The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook MK44 1HU, St Mary's Church, Felmersham MK43 7JP

All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

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Welcome to church on this Remembrance Sunday!

## Worship in the Benefice today—3rd before Advent



### Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!

1045 **Sharnbrook** Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Parish Communion—Rector

1045 **Felmersham** Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Community Service—LLW JaneT

1045 **Souldrop** Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial 1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW Andrea

**Monday—Lesser Festival- Charles Simeon, 1836**

1130 Sharnbrook Messy Church

2000 Christian Meditation in SPR

**Tuesday—Commemoration-Samuel Seabury, 1796**

1000-1300 Safeguarding training Barton-le-Clay

**Wednesday—feria**

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion BCP 3rd Wed**

1500 Churches Together in SPR

1930 Sharnbrook PCC in SPR with LYCIG presentation

**Thursday—Lesser Festival-Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093**

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1230 SPR St Peters Winter Warmer lunch

**Friday—Lesser Festival- Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200**

**Saturday—Lesser Festival-Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231**

0900-1030-noon Felmersham PCC LYCIG meeting at Rectory

1900 Friends of St Peters **FILM NIGHT** at Village Hall

## Next Sunday—2nd before Advent

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion with RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW Rosemary

The Benefice Diary is online on the websites

[www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org](http://www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org) & [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net)

An Advent Quiet Day with John's Gospel—Sat 9 Dec 9am-4pm in St Peters: a day of reflection for Advent with £15 book with Andrea—including lunch, tea and breakfast

### Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Barbara, Martin, Mary, Linda, Judy, Marjorie, Connie, Doreen, Bryan, Hanne, & James,

**The Departed:** Denis Scott & Arthur Ward

*Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our parish intercessions to the Rector*

Pray for people living with the physical and mental scars of warfare

Pray the work of The Prebend Centre

Thanksgiving for the freedom we live in

Pray for our cleaners and flower arrangers

### TODAY Supporting the Flower Guild—

there will be a bucket retiring collection on **Sundays 12 & 19 Nov** at St Peters to raise funds towards the work of the creating a St Peters display at the St Paul's Candlemas Festival.



### THIS WEEK .....

#### HOLLYWOOD COMES TO SHARNBROOK!!

Alfred Hitchcock's classic film

**TO CATCH A THIEF** starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly

Saturday 18 November, Sharnbrook Village Hall

Doors open 7pm, Film starts 7.30pm

Refreshments available Tickets £5 from Ian 01234 781721

All proceeds to Friend's of St Peter's Church



This week—Thursday 16th November

#### St Peter's Church Winter Warmer Lunch

12.30pm St Peter's Room—Soup & Sandwiches, Crumble & Custard - Tea/Coffee

Tickets £6: Judy Lee 781057 / Ali Monk 782149

All Proceeds to St Peter's Church and All Welcome



**Launde Abbey 2018** Retreat Programmes now in church

to take **LENT retreat: Be Radiant**

Mon 5-8 Mar—**book your place** and

add your name to the list if you want

to go. Looking at Ps34



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