All Saints celebration

Sunday 29 October 2017

when you have finished with this sheet pass it on to someone unable to get to church today

COLLECT

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Revelation 7.9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

SECOND READING 1 John 3.1–3

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Peter 2.9

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 5.1-12

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **GLORY TO YOU 0 LORD**

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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

POST COMMUNION

Lord of heaven.

in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:

as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Welcome! As we celebrate All Saints Church patronal festival

Worship in the Benefice today-ALL SAINTS-tide

1030 All Saints Souldrop Benefice Patronal festival Communion followed by refreshments

no services in Felmersham or Sharnbrook this morning

1800 **Sharnbrook** Taize (with incense as usual)

Monday—feria)

1130 Sharnbrook Messy Church—sibling day! 2000 Christian Meditation in SPR

Tuesday—-Commemoration-Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546 1900 Pre-emptory RC MASS tbc ask Frank Ridley for details

Wednesday—Festival—ALL SAINTS

0930 Sharnbrook Holy Communion BCP followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

Thursday—commemoration-ALL SOULS DAY

0930 Felmersham Prayers of Remembrance

1030 Sharnbrook House Holy Communion for All Souls

1930 Sharnbrook Benefice Requiem Communion for ALL SOULS

Friday-Lesser Festival- Richard Hooker, 1600

Saturday—feria

0930 Church yard clear up at St Peters

Next Sunday—4th before Advent

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion with RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong—Rector

STOP PRESS an invitation to mark Reformation at Northampton Cathedral—see posters in church Sat 4 Nov with free reception—book your

place

Intercessions

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

The Departed: Denis Scott

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

Pray for the work of the LYCIG conf reps preparing to present to the PCCs Pray for the young people and organizations getting ready for Remembrance Thanksgiving for the freedom to worship without fear

Pray for our Lay Leaders of Worship

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR-all welcome!

In preparation for Remembrance Sunday.....

Please will you join the St. Peter's Churchyard **Working Party**

from 9:30 am, Saturday, November 4th mainly to tackle ivy, and overhanging branches Refreshments will be provided in St. Peter's Room.



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, Sharnbrook

REMEMBRANCE DAY FLOWERS

If you would like to remember a loved one by sponsoring the flowers at St Peter's church, please speak to Gail in church or telephone 781721

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





ADVENT calendar orders are being taken—last order day is today then Roland will send the order off

Church Contacts

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To make arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector