

# Behold I am....—the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 12 August 2018

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## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Behold the handmaid of the Lord**

## **FIRST READING** Revelation 11.19 - 12.6, 10

A reading from the Revelation to John.

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God." This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **Responsorial PSALM** Salve Regina—Hail Holy Queen

We will enjoy the uplifting and gripping rendition from 'Sister Act' - tap you feet clap your hands and let your heart be moved as we keep the festival inspired by Whoopi Goldberg Killing It!!

You can find the video of this soundtrack at  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctjG4MjJwEA>

## **SECOND READING** Galatians 4. 4-7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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## *Please stand for the* **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

**Alleluia Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord** Luke 1.46,47

## **GOSPEL** Luke 1. 30-38

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

## **GLORY TO YOU O LORD**

The angel said to Mary, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' 34 Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' 35 The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37For nothing will be impossible with God.' 38Then Mary said, 'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. This is the gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST**

## **POST COMMUNION**

**God Most High,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that  
in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary  
the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**





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**Welcome—we celebrate Mary, Patron Saint of Felmersham**

**Worship in the Benefice today...**

**Celebrate Mary patron saint of Felmersham**

**1100 Felmersham Benefice Sung Communion—Patronal Festival**  
followed by food and refreshments

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong—Lay Reader Garry

**Monday-Lesser Festival- Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667**

**Tuesday—Commemoration-Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941**

1930 Sharnbrook RC Mass Pre-emptory for Assumption

**Wednesday-Festival-Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

**Thursday—feria**

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1100 Souldrop Coffee Morning in Village Hall

**Friday—feria**

1900 Sharnbrook Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday—feria**

1230 Sharnbrook Wedding of Rachel Cadby & Andrew Hockenhull

1700 Rectory Garden **Summer BBQ**

**Next Sunday services— 12th after Trinity**

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1500 Souldrop Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary

**You can still support Charlie's sponsored haircutting for The Princes Trust using the online link <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/charleyshaircut/472988>**

## **Intercessions**

**The sick and in need:** Marjorie, Doreen, Isabela, Pam, David, Keri, Maureen, Matthew, Barbara, Sally, Conrad & Cynthia

**The Departed:** none

## **Prayer requests for the week:**

Pray for our farming industry at this time of dryness

Pray for church PCC secretaries and Safe Guarding Co-ordinator

Pray for rest & refreshment for all teachers and school staff

## **Christian Meditation Group**

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



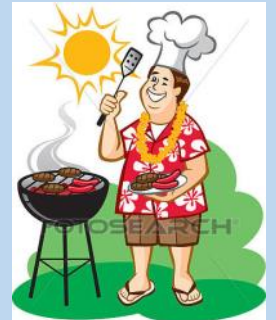
# SUMMER BBQ

**Sat 18 August 5pm in the Rectory garden**

Tickets £10

to include Barbeque, pudding & wine from Alison 782149 & Judy 781057

*In aid of St Peter's*



## **HOLLYWOOD IN SHARNBROOK**

Smash Hit Oscar Winning

### **WEST SIDE STORY**

Sharnbrook Village Hall, Saturday

15 September 2018

Doors open 7pm (film starts 7.30pm)

Refreshments available

All proceeds to Friends of St Peter's Church

Tickets £5 from Ian 781721



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