

# Festival of YES—the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 13 August 2017

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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.  
**Yes, Amen, amen & amen.**

## **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**

## **PSALM** Psalm 45

We listen to Julie Bernstein as she leads her song "Psalm 45" at the First United Methodist Church in Charlottesville, VA on 3/9/13. "Psalm 45" is a single from Julie's album "Fire In The Night," released in early 2013, at the STOP HUNGER NOW BENEFIT concert

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZeL3oLYHcw>

## **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.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**YES Alleluia alleluia alleluia!**

Luke 1.46,47

## **GOSPEL** Luke 1. 46-55

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

## **GLORY TO YOU O LORD**

Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

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.**





# 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  
[www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org](http://www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org)



## Welcome! - we celebrate St Mary's Church today!

### Worship in the Benefice today—St Mary's Festival of YES

*no morning service in Sharnbrook or Souldrop*

1100 Felmersham **Festival of YES**

Patronal Festival Benefice Sung Communion  
1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—Rector

**Monday**—Commemoration—Maximilian Kolbe, 1941  
0930 Pre-emptory RC Mass for the Assumption Sharnbrook

**Tuesday**—Red Letter Day—Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday**—feria

0930 Holy Communion BCP 3rd Wed at Sharnbrook

**Thursday**—feria

0930 Holy Communion (CW) at Felmersham

**Friday**—feria

10am Archdeacons Visitation St Peters  
1700 Wedding Rehearsal Felmersham

**Saturday**—1030-12noon **COFFEE MORNING** Sharnbrook

### Next Sunday—10th after Trinity

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion  
1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion  
1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion  
1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW Rosemary

**Morning Prayer** is Mon to Sat 8am in Lady Chapel of St Peter's

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Sat 19 August Saturday All are very welcome to a Coffee Morning in the garden at **Pear Tree Cottage, High Street** **10.30-12noon**. Enjoy coffee & cake, a raffle and a catch up with your friends. **All proceeds to St Peter's.**



### Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Marjorie, Ronald, Rex, Betty, Pat, Elizabeth, Pam, Molly, Connie

**The Departed:** none

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

Pray for those getting married this week: Sophie & Thomas

Pray for the LYCIG conference preparation

Pray for people moving into the village as they settle in and make a home.



**Christian Meditation Group**  
begins again on 11 September

### Living God's Love—Going Deeper

As we think about going deeper in our life of faith, what prayer groups, events would you value and support in our Benefice? Please pass your ideas to the ideas' sheets in each church as our PCCs consider how we can go deeper in our faith.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** week-end is Sunday 10 September



**Leading Your Church into Growth**—both St Peter's and St Mary's have paid for 2 reps to attend the LYCIG conference in Sept—both churches are looking for a 2nd rep—please talk to the churchwardens if you are able to attend Mon25 –Thurs 28 Sept Residential at Hayes Conference Centre—all inclusive costs paid by the PCC. Please let Fr Reuben know if you are interested.

**REFORMATIONS** - study day  
Saturday 28 October 9:30am-4pm—pick up a leaflet in church today



**LAUNDE Abbey**—let's go to the **ADVENT Retreat Tues 21 Nov—Fri 24 Nov 2017 £245 plus travel—leaflets in Church for details. Book your own place & Please Add your name to the list in church.**

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