

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 4.32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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



Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24

R: Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, Even on Aaron's beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing. **R** It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 1.1-2.2

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – 3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive

us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Gospel John 20.19–31

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23

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you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



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The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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

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Welcome! Our Easter celebrations continue to Pentecost

Worship in the Benefice today... **Easter 2**

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion with Rise n Shine (not AA HC)

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion (not AA HC)

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong - LLW JaneT

Monday— Red Letter Day—**The Annunciation of our Lord to the BVM**

please note the house mass has been cancelled as the Rector is on leave

Tuesday—Lesser Festival—William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761

Wednesday—Commemoration— George Selwyn 1st Bp of New Zealand 1878

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 2nd Wed CW**—High Altar

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

Friday—feria

Saturday—feria

1300 Sharnbrook Wedding of Toby & Gemma

1600 Felmersham APCM & AGM in Committee Room



Next Sunday morning—**Easter 3**

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary

2018 Annual Meetings

Souldrop 7.30pm Tues 17 April

Sharnbrook 7.30pm Wed 18 April

Felmersham 4pm Sat 14 April

come along and support the officers elected and have your say about the mission and witness of our churches in the Benefice.



Funerals coming up soon:

Bill Hosey Tues 17 April 12noon

& **Roger Harper** 18 April 1230 both in St Peters

(**Pam Raven** details to be announced)

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Keri, James, Stuart, Peter, Barbara, Sally, Pam, Martin, Marjorie, Doreen, Conrad, Roger & Cynthia

The Departed: Alan Price, Pam Raven, Nick Gibbons, Bill Hosey, Roger Harpe, Alan Morrow—**May they rest in peace**

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray Fr Reuben speaking and preaching at the Thomas Merton Society 2018 Conference this weekend

Pray for those who are bereaved at this time

Pray for those preparing for their weddings this year

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



Two appeals for Help with Maintenance at St Peter's.

1. **The Churchyard**—On Fridays 10am=noon, we will be working to tidy up the churchyard, and tackle the damaging infestation of ivy. If you can spare a couple of hours - on any Friday morning, we would be very pleased to see you.

2. **The Church**—We are looking for a volunteer to attend a free Church Maintenance Workshop taking place from 09:30 to 16:15 on April 14th at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford, and report back to our Churchwarden & PCC.

If you think you may be able to help with either of these activities, please have a word with Roland.



Saltmine's performance of 'Darkness Falls' on Sunday 18th March has provoked quite a bit of discussion. If you would like the opportunity to discuss with others issues raised by the play, then there are two opportunities to do that – on Sunday 8th April, a Cream Tea at Harrold United Reform Church, High Street, Harrold MK43 7BJ, OR on Wednesday 18th April 7.30pm at Church House, 3 The Moor, Carlton MK43 7JR. If you would like to come to one of these, please contact the Chellington Team church office at teamofficetm@gmail.com (tel:720262)

UNLOCK WALK - SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2018

Each year the Unlock walk explores a different part of London and helps to raise money for deprived urban churches. A group from the Sharnbrook churches has taken part in the walk for many years, discovering areas of the capital we might not otherwise have visited. If you are interested in walking or sponsoring our walkers, or for more information, please contact: Paul Hayward on 01234 782677 or email paul@chardonnay.co.uk

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Items for inclusion should be sent to

sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

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

Sponsorship: in thanks giving for the life of the Late Pam Raven

If you would like to sponsor this sheet please send you £5 donation to The Rectory along with details of the sponsorship (even if anonymous)