

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 3.12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 17 And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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

**Responsorial Psalm 4**

R: In peace, in peace I will lie down and sleep.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood? **R** But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me. Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. **R**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord. There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us. You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase. In peace I will lie down and sleep, for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 3.1-7

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. 4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Gospel Luke 24.36-48

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must

be fulfilled.' 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.'

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

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LyCiG Prayer

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to
you, and in service to our local community,
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

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Welcome on this 3rd Sunday of Easter—it is good to see you!



Worship in the Benefice today... **Easter 3**

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary

Monday-Commemoration- Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923

Tuesday—feria

1200 Sharnbrook Funeral & Burial of Late Bill Hosey

1930 Souldrop APCM & AGM in village Hall

Wednesday-feria

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 3rd Wed BCP**-High Altar

1230 Sharnbrook Funeral & Cremation of Late Roger Harper

1930 Sharnbrook APCM & AGM in SPR

Thursday—Lesser festival-Alphege, Archbp of Cant, Martyr, 1012

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

Friday—feria

Saturday—Lesser festival-Anselm, Archbp of Cant, , 1109

1400 Sharnbrook **LYCIG Meeting 6** in SPR

The last in the Local Study Course of the Leading Your Church into Growth Programme

Next Sunday services—

Easter 4

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Choral Matins—LLW Rosemary

1600 **Sharnbrook** Uniformed Orgs St George's Service

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong – LLW JaneT



Funerals coming up soon:

Bill Hosey & Roger Harper see above

Pam Raven Wednes 9 May 11am in St Peters



Intercessions

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

The Departed: Pam Raven, Bill Hosey, Roger Harper, Alan Morrow—**May they rest in peace**

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for our APCMs & AGMs in the week

Pray for all adjusting to life with loved ones no longer with them

Pray for our bell ringers, musicians and singers in the benefice

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..



Leadership at St Peter's through 2018 into 2019

The current situation at St Peter's is inadequate to help the church to grow. We need people to take on leadership roles at St Peter's. The most urgent need is one, preferably two people to join the PCC and be willing to assist and train for the duties of Church Warden. We have past wardens and people who would gladly help and give advice to achieve this. Please give this some serious thought as you might be somebody who could fulfil this role and relieve Roland who has been covering the roles of Treasurer and a single Church Warden in this past year, this ought not continue into the new year ahead.'

Pray for people to come forward and offer to take up the roles of Church Wardens and PCC members—we have very capable women and men at St Peter's who have the skills and aptitude to take hold of these responsibilities.

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 prayer for the Thy Kingdom Come preparations at our Cathedral on 19th May

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)