

**COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING Acts 4.5–12**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11 This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." 12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

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

**Responsorial Psalm 23**

**R: I will dwell in your house for ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R** He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

**SECOND READING 1 John 3.16–24**

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have

boldness before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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**Gospel John 10.11–18**

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

**GLORY TO YOU O LORD**

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this

reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up

again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

**POST COMMUNION**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 CHURCH OF ENGLAND

# 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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Welcome on this day before St George's Day.....

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

**Monday-Red Letter Day- George, Patron of England, c.304**

1930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion for St George**

followed by drinks and nibbles in church

**Tuesday—Commemoration-Mellitus, Bishop of London, 624**

**Wednesday-Red Letter Day- St Mark the Evangelist**

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 4th Wed CW**-High Altar fol-

lowed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

**Thursday—feria**

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1700 Felmersham Wedding Rehearsal

**Friday—Commemoration- Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894**

**Saturday—feria**

1400 Felmersham Wedding Wells & Ascroft

1430 GRAVETALK at Souldrop Village Hall

## Next Sunday services—**Easter 5**

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Taize

**Benefice Ordination Gift for Andrea:** a collec-

tion is started to buy the traditional ordination gifts of an Ordination stole & Preaching Scarf, in your generosity give your donations to the Rector in cash, or cheques payable to "R. Preston" or Paypal to [rjp@reubenjamespreston.co.uk](mailto:rjp@reubenjamespreston.co.uk) or BACS 20-07-82 10181048 Ref 'Andrea' Gifts will be acknowledged.



## Funerals coming up soon:

**Pam Raven** Wednes 9 May 11am in St Peters

## Intercessions

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

**The Departed:** Pam Raven —**May she rest in peace**

## Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for our churchwardens in their work for the year ahead  
Pray for the preparations for Messy Church & Rise 'n Shine hand over to new leadership  
Pray for our Lay Leaders of Worship & our Reader

## Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



## 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..



THY KINGDOM COME

# Celebration

Christians praying that people come to know Jesus Christ

Worship with Soul Survivor

with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Revd Hayley Young, Baptist Minister

## St Albans Cathedral

Saturday 19th May 2018, 6:30 pm  
prayer stations and activities from 4pm

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