

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 17.22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." 29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

PSALM Psalm 66.7-18**R: All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard, Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip **R** For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty **R** I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats **R** Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue. **R** If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me, But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3.13-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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GOSPEL John 14:15-21

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Jesus said to his disciples: 15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**





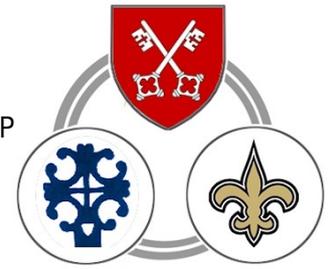
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St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook MK44 1HU, St Mary's Church, Felmersham MK43 7JP

All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

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Welcome to Church on this Rogation Sunday!

Worship in the Benefice today—6th Sunday of Easter



Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays at 8pm in St Peter's Room—all welcome!

- 0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion
- 1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion
- 1300 **Sharnbrook** Holy Baptism
- 1600 **Rogation walk** starting at St Peters to Souldrop
- 1800 **Souldrop** Benefice Choral Evensong— LLW Rosemary



Monday—Rogation Day

- 1145 Messy Church
- 1400 St Peters Guild

**Sharnbrook extra-ordinary
Annual Parochial Meeting on Wed
31 May 2017 at 7:30pm for
the election of churchwardens**

Tuesday—Rogation Day

- 0930 **Holy Communion** (CW) at Felmersham
- 1500 REVIEW meeting in SPR

Wednesday—Lesser Festival—John and Charles Wesley, 1791 and 1788

- 0930 **Holy Communion CW** 4th Wed at Sharnbrook

Thursday—Principle Festival—ASCENSION DAY

- 12noon Sharnbrook Holy Communion (said)
- 1930 **Felmersham** Benefice Sung Communion with the Deanery preacher Andrea Maffie ordinand with ERMIC

Friday—Benefice THY KINGDOM COME events in Sharnbrook

- 1630 start of 24hrs of prayer in and around St Peter's

Saturday—THY KINGDOM COME events in Sharnbrook continue

Next Sunday—7th Sunday of Easter

- 0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP
- 0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion
- 1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion
- 1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong— LLW JaneT

POUNDS for PENTECOST

St Peter's is collecting pound coins to raise £500 to install a wall alms box by the door to allow donations to be securely left by visitors. Bring your pound coins



To make arrangements for Wed-

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Paul, Pat, Rex, Betty, Martin, Connie, Henry, Osvaldo, Claire, Peter

The Departed: Michael Reedshaw

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

Pray for the future of Sharnbrook church with no churchwardens

Pray for those being baptised today: Jude William Corbett

Pray for the preparations for the general election.

LAUNDE Abbey retreat programmes available—let's go to the ADVENT Retreat Tues 21 Nov—Fri 24 Nov 2017 £245 plus travel—Pick up a leaflet in Church for details.

Book your own place and add your name to the lists in church and then as we have final numbers we can organize our transport in cars or minibus.

Please Add you name to the list in church so we know who has decided to sign up.

24/7 Prayer for THY KINGDOM COME 2017
4:30pm Friday 25 May to 4:30pm Sat 26 May
pick up a leaflet today

Benefice Warden's meeting Thursday 22 June 7:30pm in Souldrop



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Churchwardens:-

- St Peter's Church: vacant
- St Mary's Church: Jane Wells 01234 782462 & Sue Whitehouse 01234 781300
- All Saints Church: Nick Wells 07841 759497

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Items for inclusion should be sent to sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

dings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House

Sponsorship: in prayer for those who have lost their loved ones also in memory of the late Grace Gibson

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)