

## 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 10.44–48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47 ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ 48 So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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



## Responsorial Psalm 98

**R: The Lord has made known his salvation.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory. The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. **R** He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music. **R** Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King. **R** Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it. Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 John 5.1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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## Gospel John 15.9–17

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

## GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Jesus said to his disciples:

9 ‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I

have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

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.**

## 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

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



**Welcome to church on this Rogation Sunday!**

## Worship in the Benefice today... Rogation Sunday

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1600 Rogation Walk starting at Felmersham to Sharnbrook

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Rogation Evensong including a presentation by Andrea of her placement at the Salvation Army

**Monday-Rogation Day- Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday-Rogation Day-Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417**

**Wednesday-Rogation Day**

0930 Sharnbrook Holy Communion 2nd Wed CW-High Altar

1100 Sharnbrook Funeral Service for Late Pam Raven

## Thursday-Principal Festival- ASCENSION DAY

0930 Felmersham Holy Communion CW f

followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

1400 Sharnbrook PCC meets the Archdeacon SPR

**1930 Deanery Eucharist for Ascension Day** at St Mary's Keysoe

followed by refreshments to keep the feast

**Friday**

1800 Felmersham **EXAMEN Prayer**

1900 **Singing For Pleasure** Concert in St Peters

**Saturday-Commemoration-Gregory Dix, priest, monk,1952**

0930-1330 Diocesan VISION DAY at Rothamsted Conf Centre

1800 Felmersham **EXAMEN Prayer**

2000 Sharnbrook **EXAMEN Prayer**

## Next Sunday services-Easter 7

1030 Park Lane united Christian Aid Service-Churches Together

*no services in Souldrop or Felmersham*

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Sung Communion

**Benefice Ordination Gift for Andrea:** a collection 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

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**EXAMEN Prayer**  
6pm & 8pm during  
THY KINGDOM COME

## 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..



**Sign up for your seat on the Villager bus to St Albans for the celebration on Sat 19 May depart 2pm**

## Church Contacts

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**Items for inclusion should be sent to**

**[sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com) by 0900 on Wednesdays.**

## Intercessions

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

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

## Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for the farmers working in our villages

Pray for St Peters PCC meeting with the Archdeacon this week

Pray for the benefice musicians and singers

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

## Sponsorship: in prayer for the financial future of St Peter's

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)