

**COLLECT**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**PSALM** Psalm 68:1-10. 32-35

**R:** Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those that hate him flee before him. As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R** But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them make merry with gladness. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. **R** Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **R** O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R** You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary. Your people came to dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **R** Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; make music in praise of the Lord; He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice. **R** Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, whose power is above the clouds. How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people! Blessed be God. **R**

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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**GOSPEL** John 17:1-11

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

**GLORY TO YOU O LORD**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 6 I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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

**POST COMMUNION**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



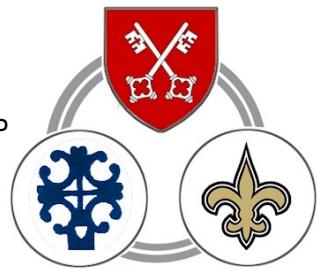


# The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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

All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

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Welcome to Church on this Sunday after ASCENSION DAY!

## Worship in the Benefice today-7th Sunday of Easter

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong— LLW Jane T

**Monday**—Spring Bank Holiday

**Tuesday**—Lesser Festival-Josephine Butler 1906

0930 **Holy Communion** (CW) at Felmersham

1500 Sharnbrook Funeral of Late Michael Reedshaw

**Wednesday**—Red Letter Day--The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary

to Elizabeth

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

1930 EXTRA-Ordinary Parochial Meeting in SPR

**Thursday**—Lesser Festival- Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165

**Friday**—feria

1500 SHARNBROOK Interment of ashes of Late Ivy Ashton

**Saturday**—Commemoration-The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 and 1978

## Next Sunday—Pentecost Sunday

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

0830 **Souldrop** Parish COmmunion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong— Rector

## 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 and add them to the bucket at PENTECOST....

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



### Christian Meditation Group

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

### 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 Extra-ordinary Parochial Meeting on Wednesday

Pray for those still in hospital after Monday's bombing

Pray for those getting ready for their weddings in June

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.

### Benefice Warden's meeting Thursday 22 June

7:30pm in Souldrop

### THY KINGDOM COME 2017

Pick up a prayer leaflet in church today and look at the website for more help and ideas

### Church Contacts

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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.**

To make arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/

**Sponsorship: in prayer for those who were killed in Manchester bombing this week RIP**

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)