

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 1.15–17, 21–26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 16 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – 17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' 23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles

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



The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Responsorial Psalm 1

R: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. **R**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 5.9–13

A reading from the first letter of John

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony

in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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Gospel John 17.6–19

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

6 'Father, 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. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

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 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 to church in this season of Ascensiontide!

Worship in the Benefice today... **Easter 7**

1030 Park Lane Christian Aid Service—Churches Together—Rev Lionel

no services in Souldrop or Felmersham

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Sung Communion—FrMac

Monday-Red Letter Day- **Matthias the Apostle**

1800 Felmersham **EXAMEN Prayer**

2000 Sharnbrook **EXAMEN Prayer**

Tuesday—feria

1800 Felmersham **EXAMEN Prayer**

2000 Sharnbrook **EXAMEN Prayer**

Wednesday-Commemoration-Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877

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

1800 Felmersham **EXAMEN Prayer**

1930 Sharnbrook PCC

2000 Sharnbrook **EXAMEN Prayer**

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1800 Felmersham **EXAMEN Prayer**

1930 Felmersham PCC

2000 Sharnbrook **EXAMEN Prayer**

Friday

1800 Felmersham **EXAMEN Prayer**

2000 Sharnbrook **EXAMEN Prayer**

Saturday—Lesser Festival-Dunstan, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988

12noon-2pm Childrens Activities for Pentecost

2pm Depart on the villager fr S Albans Cathedral

Next Sunday services—**Easter 7**

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1500 Souldrop Parish Communion

1800 Benefice Evensong (note this is a change to the last big sheet)

Benefice Ordination Gift for Andrea: blue box above



Intercessions

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

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for pupils sitting exams

Pray for the PCC meetings this week.

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



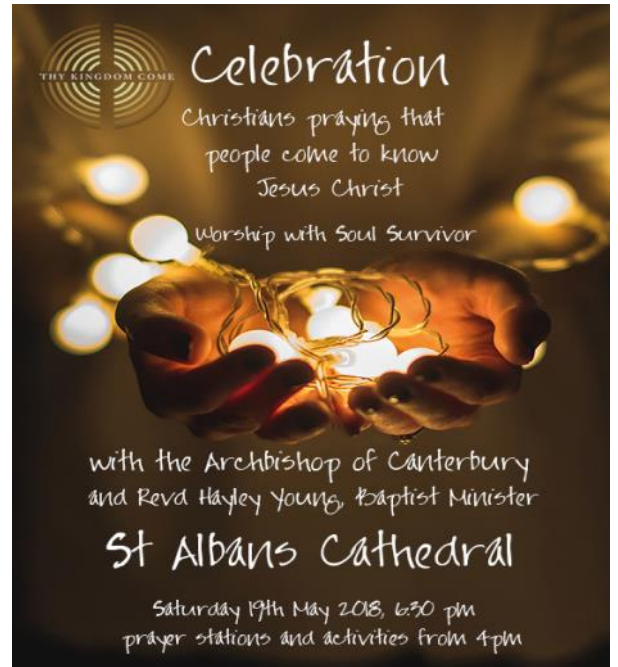
Help with Maintenance at St Peter's.

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

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 or BACS 20-07-82 10181048 Ref 'Andrea'



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