

## COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,  
 who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
 overcame the old order of sin and death  
 to make all things new in him:  
 grant that we, being dead to sin  
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
 may reign with him in glory;  
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
 be praise and honour, glory and might,  
 now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

34 Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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



## PSALM Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**R: I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.**

## SECOND READING Colossians 3.1-4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

## GOSPEL John 20:1-18

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

### GLORY TO YOU O LORD

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' 18 Mary Magdalene

went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that

he had said these things to her.

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

## POST COMMUNION

God of Life,  
 who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
 to the death of the cross,  
 and by his glorious resurrection  
 have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
 grant us so to die daily to sin,  
 that we may evermore live with him  
 in the joy of his risen life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.





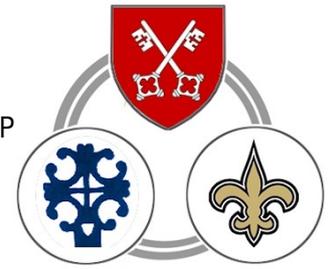
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# The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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 this Easter.....Happy Easter 2017

### Worship in the Benefice today **EASTER DAY**

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & R'n's

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Holy Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong

**Monday—Easter Monday** Bank Holiday

**Tuesday—Easter Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday—Easter Wednesday**

0930 **Holy Communion** BCP 3rd Wed  
Sharnbrook Fr Mac

**Thursday—Easter Thursday** churches open as usual

**Friday—Easter Friday** churches open as usual

**Saturday—Easter Saturday** churches open as usual

7pm Souldrop Church Sharnbrook Gospel Choir  
concert in aid the disabled access for the village hall tickets £10 on door

### Next Sunday—**2nd Sunday of Easter**

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP—Fr Mac

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion—Rev Lionel

1100 **Felmersham** Choral Matins—LLW Rosemary

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong - JaneT

### Sunday 30 April 0930 at St Peter's

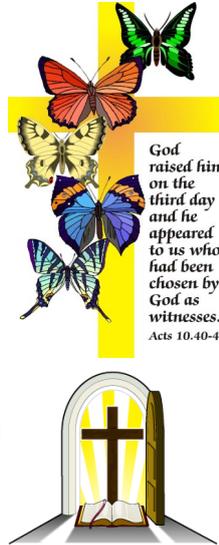
#### First Communion & Baptism celebra-

tions following the diocesan programme we are admitting some of our Rise 'n Shine youngsters to Communion to give them a full place in the sacramental life of our church. They have been meeting each Saturday afternoon to learn more about the life of faith—ask them what they have been learning! Encouragement from the mature members of the church life is valuable and life giving.



**THANK YOU** to the flower team who have decorated church for Eastertide

And thank you to everyone who has helped make our Holy Week and Easter services take place this year—your hard work is appreciated.



God raised him on the third day and he appeared to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses. Acts 10.40-41



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

#### Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Jean, Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Paul, Pat, Rex, Betty, Martin

#### The Departed:

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

Pray for the grow in the life of our parishes

Pray for Sharnbrook parish as we look for two people to be churchwardens for the coming year

Pray for our villages and schools—for refreshment for the staff and pupils in the holidays

Pray for the St Peters appeal for support to the whole parish—may we receive the financial help necessary through generous donations



**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.

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**Items for inclusion should be sent to [sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com) by 0900 on Wednesdays.**

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

**Sponsorship: in prayer for our Coptic Christian brothers and sisters in Egypt after the attacks on their churches**

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)