

COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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**



Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." **R** The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds." **R** I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death. **R** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. **R** The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15.1–11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news

that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. 3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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Gospel Mark 16.1–8

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone,

which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

POST COMMUNION

In the service booklets
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. **Amen.**



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Welcome to church on this Easter Sunday 2018—Welcome!

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

0830 (not 1500 as previously advertised) **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP & Easter Egg Hunt

0930 **Sharnbrook** Easter Communion with Rise n Shine & Easter Egg Hunt

1100 **Felmersham** Easter Communion & Baptism

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong

Easter Monday—Bank Holiday

Easter Tuesday

1900 Sharnbrook—Wedding rehearsal

Easter Wednesday

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 1st Wed BCP**

Easter Thursday

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1030 Sharnbrook House Eastertide Communion

Easter Friday

Easter Saturday

Next Sunday morning—**Easter 2**

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion with Rise n Shine (not AA HC)

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion (not AA HC)

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong - LLW JaneT



Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



2018 Annual Meetings begin soon

Souldrop 7.30pm Tues 17 April

Sharnbrook 7.30pm Wed 18 April

Felmersham 4pm Sat 14 April

come along and support the officers elected and have your say about the mission and witness of our churches in the Benefice.

Copies of the Sharnbrook Annual Report are available in SPR from Easter Day

Saltmine's performance of '**Darkness Falls**' on Sunday 18th March has provoked quite a bit of discussion. If you would like the opportunity to discuss with others issues raised by the play, then there are two opportunities to do that – on Sunday 8th April, a Cream Tea at Harrod United Reform Church, High Street, Harrod MK43 7BJ, OR on Wednesday 18th April 7.30pm at Church House, 3 The Moor, Carlton MK43 7JR. If you would like to come to one of these, please contact the Chellington Team church office at teamofficetm@gmail.com (tel:720262)

UNLOCK WALK - SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2018

Each year the Unlock walk explores a different part of London and helps to raise money for deprived urban churches. A group from the Sharnbrook churches has taken part in the walk for many years, discovering areas of the capital we might not otherwise have visited. If you are interested in walking or sponsoring our walkers, or for more information, please contact: Paul Hayward on 01234 782677 or email paul@chardonay.co.uk



Funerals coming up soon:

Bill Hosey Tues 17 April 12noon

& **Roger Harper** 18 April 1230 both in St Peters

Please pray for the bereaved and talk to them when you see people out and about.

Intercessions

The sick and in need: James, Stuart, Pam, Peter, Barbara, Sally, Pam, Martin, Marjorie, Doreen, Conrad, Roger & Cynthia

The Departed: Alan Price, Nick Gibbons, Bill Hosey, Roger Harper—**May they rest in peace**

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for the Thomas Merton Society Conference beginning on Thursday in Oakham

Pray for those who are bereaved at this time

Pray for LGB people in the life of the Church of England

Pray for the future planning of Messy Church in SHarnbrook

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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/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector

Sponsorship: in prayer for Suzanne Confirmed on Easter Eve and Eleanor Baptized on Easter Day

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)