

COLLECT

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 9.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

PSALM 27:1. 4-12



Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Response

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple. **Response** For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.

Response

And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me; Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. **Response**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me. My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. **Response**

Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure. You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. **Response**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

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

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – 16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' 17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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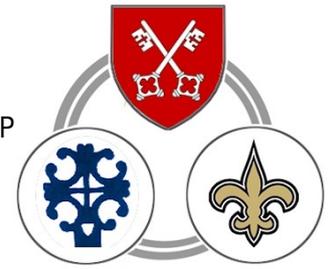
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Welcome to church today Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Worship in the Benefice today—3rd Sunday of Epiphany

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

1030 Sharnbrook Church Together Service at Park Lane Church for *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

1100 Felmersham Choral Matins

1800 Benefice Sung Holy Communion at Sharnbrook

Monday—feria

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

1145 Messy Church at Sharnbrook

1400 St Peter's Guild in SPR

2000 Christian Meditation Group in SPR

Tuesday—Lesser Festival—Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva 1622

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

0930 Holy Communion (CW) at Felmersham Fr Mac

Wednesday—Festival Day—The Conversion of Paul

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

0930 Holy Communion CW 4th Wed at Sharnbrook Fr Mac

Thursday—Lesser Festival—Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

Friday—feria

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

Saturday—Lesser Festival—Thomas Aquinas 1274

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

Next Sunday—CANDLEMAS

1030 Sharnbrook Benefice Sung Communion for All Ages

with Candlemas ceremonies

1800 Taize Service at Sharnbrook

Items for inclusion should be sent to sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

Please look at our parishes websites for the **ONLINE Diary**

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Electoral Roll

revisions are now taking place—to be added or deleted please see the churches' electoral roll officer— at St Pe-

The Sharnbrook Benefice: St Peters Sharnbrook, St Marys Felmersham, All Saints Souldrop

Today	←	Saturday, 14 January	Print
Saturday, 14 January			
08:00		Morning Prayer	
Sunday, 15 January			
2nd Sunday of Epiphany			
09:30		St Peters Parish Communion & Rise and Shine	
11:00		St Marys Parish Communion	
15:00		Souldrop PC HC CW	
18:00		Benefice Evensong 6pm	
Monday, 16 January			
07:00		Rectors Day off	
08:00		Morning Prayer	
11:00		Messy Church 1145 to 130	

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

Intercessions

The Sick and in need: Neil, Martin, Catherine, Jean, Ann, Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Mary

The Departed: Frances Simms

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

Pray for our Lay Leaders of Worship in their ministry of drawing people to God in worship

Pray for the work being done in developing a good Pastoral Care system across the benefice

Pray for our Ecumenical brothers and sisters in the Methodist Church and the Roman Catholic Church

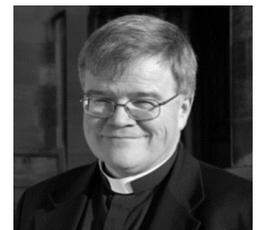
Candlemas Benefice Celebration

Sunday 29 Jan 1030am hosted by St Peter's followed by buffet lunch together to mark the end of the Christmas and Epiphany Season—*A service for Old and Young alike—invite a friend or Neighbour as we celebrate together.*

Time to take down that last decoration as Christmastide comes to an end!



The Very Reverend Dr Jeffrey John is coming to BELIEF to speak on: "All generations shall call her blessed" Mary in the New Testament and in the church. Sat 18th Feb 10am-1pm **see the posters in church for details**



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