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## COLLECT

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Genesis 2.15–17; 3.1–7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"? 2 The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." 4 But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves

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

## PSALM Psalm 32



### Response: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered. Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile. R For I held my tongue; my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long. Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and my iniquity I did not hide. R I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water flood, it shall not reach them. You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance. R "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. "Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." R Great tribulations remain for the wicked, but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. R

## SECOND READING Romans 5.12–19

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

12 Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – 13 sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16 And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. This is the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## GOSPEL Matthew 4:1–11

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

### GLORY TO YOU O LORD

1 Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' 4 But he answered, 'It

is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

saying to him, 6 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; 9 and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' 10 Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

## POST COMMUNION

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

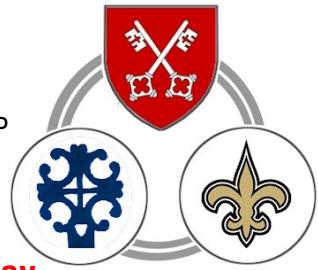


# The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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

All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

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## Worship in the Benefice today-1st Sunday of Lent

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & R'nS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Holy Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong

**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

2000 **Compline** in Sharnbrook

**Tuesday**—Lesser Festival-Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions 203

0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook

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

1400 Funeral of Late David Folbigg **Felmersham**

1930 **SCT Lent Course in SPR**—see posters for details

2000 **Compline** at Felmersham

**Wednesday**—Lesser Festival-Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910

0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook

0930 **Holy Communion** CW 2nd Wed Sharnbrook

1530 **Messy Church Felmersham**

2000 **Compline** in Sharnbrook

2015 **Italian Evening** in SPR

**Thursday**—feria

0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook

1400 **Mothers Union** Sharnbrook

2000 **Compline** at Felmersham

**Friday**—Ember Day

0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook

1700-1900 **Reconciliation** in Lady Chapel St Peter's

1900 **Holy Hour** of silent prayer in St Peter's

2000 **Compline** in Sharnbrook

**Saturday**—Ember Day

0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook

1800 **Compline** at Souldrop followed by social at pub

## Next Sunday—2nd Sunday of Lent

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** All Age Communion

1100 **Felmersham** All Age Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong

## APCM & AGM Dates

**St Peters** Wed 15 March 7:30pm SPR

**St Mary's** Sat 8 April 2:30pm Committee Room

**All Saints** Thurs 27 April 7:30pm Village Hall



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

### Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Jean, Ann, Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Mary, Paul, Pat, Rex, Margaret, Michael

**The Departed:** David Folbigg, Ivy Ashton

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

Pray for preparations for the SCT Lent Groups & other Lent activities

Pray for people to stand for our PCCs and vacant posts

Pray for people recovering from operations & hospital treatment

**"HOLLYWOOD COMES TO SHARBROOK**

**The Great Gatsby**



starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan showing at **Sharnbrook Village Hall** on Saturday **25 March**

Doors open 7pm (film at 7:30pm) Refreshments avail

**Tickets £5 (to include free popcorn)** from Ian (781721)

Proceeds to Friends of St Peter's

**Italian Night** Wednesday 8:15pm in SPR

*pictures from Calpino of the work they have been doing to assist the Earthquake Relief Volunteers. Pizza will be ordered for around 9pm together with a glass of wine to wash it down. A donation of around £5 would be appreciated for St. Peter's General fund .*



**Lent Lunches** on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> 12.30 St Peter's Room Tickets £5 from Judy and Ali All are welcome and all proceeds to St Peter's Church



### Holy Hour

Friday 7pm



Enjoy the silence !

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

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