

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 9.8–17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' 12 God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' 17 God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.' This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**



Responsorial Psalm 25.1-9

Response: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R** Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. **R** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. **R** He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3.18–22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

18 Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

GOSPEL Mark 1.9–15

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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.**

LyCiG Prayer

God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit
to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
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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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Welcome! - Lent 2018 and invitation to thrive in your spiritual life

Worship in the Benefice today... **Lent 1**

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong** – LLW Rosemary

Monday—feria

1145 Messy Church

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—LLW Andrea

Tuesday-feria

1100 Sharnbrook Intermment of Ashes of Late Henry Brown

Wednesday—feria

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

1915 Sharnbrook **Visual Stations of the Cross**

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—Rector

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion**

Friday—Lesser Festival-Polycarp, Martyr, c.155

1030-noon **Coffee and Chat** at The Rectory

1800 Sharnbrook **Reconciliation/Confession**

1900 Sharnbrook **Holy Hour** *with incense as normal*

2000 Sharnbrook **Lent Compline**—FrMac

Saturday—feria

0930-11 **Lent Book Group** at Sports and Social Club chpts 4,5,6

1100 Souldrop Baptism of William Wells

1400-1530 **LyCiG Session 3** in SPR

Next Sunday morning—**Lent 2**

0830 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong** – LLW JaneT

followed by celebration in SPR to welcome Garry Johnson as he is Licensed as a Reader in the Benefice

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Pam, Pam, Barbara, Sally, James, Martin, Marjorie, Audrey, Doreen, Angela & Rose

The Departed: Henry Brown, Wayne

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

Pray for our keeping of a good Lenten season

Pray for leaders to emerge as Churchwardens at St Peters

Pray for those families devastated by violence and abuse

Pray for the preparations for the LyCiG Diocesan Day on 3 March



Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!

LyCiG Local Study Course

Main Session 3: Sat 24 Feb 2pm-3:30pm

hosted in St Peter's Room

Leaders Session 2: Thursday 1 March 7:30pm The Rectory

LyCiG Diocesan Day 3 March 9:30am-3pm

at The Rufus Centre, Flitwick MK45 1AH

– 10 places booked for the Benefice – cost free

Main Session 4: Fri 9 March 7:30pm—

Main Session 5: Tues 20 March 7:30pm—

Main Session 6: Sat 21 April 2pm-3:30pm

This study course is for all who come to church to help us work together in growing our churches.



Sunday 18 March—7pm **Darkness Falls**—a play of St John's

Gospel—commissioned by the Deanery for you to bring your friends along to encounter St Johns presentation of the Gospel message—entry free, retiring collection. See the posters and flyers in church to book your seats



HOLLYWOOD IN SHARNBROOK

Smash Hit Oscar winning **LA LA LAND**

starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone

Sharnbrook Village Hall—Saturday 17 March

Doors open 7.00 (film 7.30pm)

Tickets £5 from Ian 781721 (*please book before hand*)

Refreshments available Proceeds to Friends of St Peter's

LENT lunch Thursday 15 March 1230pm in SPR



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