

## COLLECT

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Exodus 20.1–17

A reading from the book of Exodus.  
Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**



## Responsorial Psalm 19:7-end

**Response: The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes**

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **R** More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. **R** Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. **R** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.18–25

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.  
18 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. 19 For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

## GOSPEL John 2:13-22

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

### GLORY TO YOU O LORD

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

16 He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' 18 The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' 19 Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' 20 They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and

the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

### PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 this Sunday as we keep Lent 3—even amidst the snow**

## Worship in the Benefice today... Lent 3

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

(cancelled if snow still on the roads)

1800 **Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong** – Rector

**Monday**—feria

1145 Messy Church

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—Fr Mac

**Tuesday**—feria

**Wednesday**—Lesser Festival—Perpetua, Felicity and Compan 203

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

*No Visual Stations of the Cross this week*

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—FrMac

**Thursday**—Lesser Festival—Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion**—FrMac

**Friday**—feria

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

1930 LYCiG Session 4 at Felmersham School

*No Holy Hour & No Compline*

**Saturday**—feria

0930-11 **Lent Book Group** at Sports and Social Club chp 10-12

1430-1630 **GRAVE TALK** session Felmersham Committee Room

## Next Sunday morning—Mothering Sunday

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** All Age Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Mothering Sunday Community Service

1800 **Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong** – LLW Andrea



With the usual posies of flowers for everyone to take away at the end of the services.

### Intercessions

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

**The Departed:** none

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

Pray for safe travel and a good Lent Retreat this week

Pray for leaders to emerge as Churchwardens at St Peters

Pray for people struggling with the winter weather at this time

Pray for those working and supporting the homeless in Bedford area



### Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



### LYCiG Local Study Course



**Main Session 4: Fri 9 March 7:30pm—**

**at Felmersham School new classrooms**

**Main Session 5: Tues 20 March 7:30pm—**

**in Souldrop Village Hall**

**Main Session 6: Sat 21 April 2pm-3:30pm—in SPR**

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.

**Book Your own seats now**—tickets allocated

### 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*)

Proceeds to Friends of St Peter's

**LENT lunch** Thursday 15 March 1230pm in SPR £5  
a simple lunch of homemade Soup and desert

Sharnbrook Churches Together rep needed for the Benefice—please talk to Marion if you could

### Church Contacts

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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 thanksgiving for Hanne's 80th birthday celebrations this week**

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)