

Refreshment Weekend—Mothering Sunday Sunday 11 March 2018

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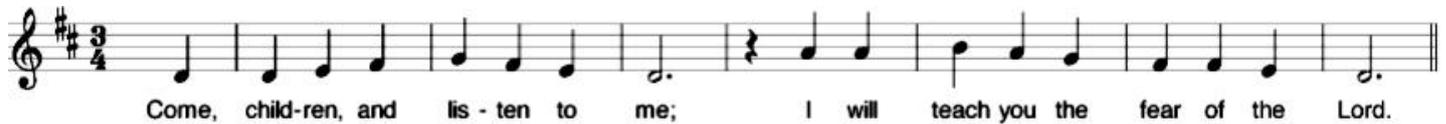
Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Numbers 21.4–9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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



Responsorial Psalm 34:11-20

Response: Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is there who delights in life and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **R** The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. **R** The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken hearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R** Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them. He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2.1–10

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among

those who are disobedient. 3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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GOSPEL John 3.14–21

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 14 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be

saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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Welcome to church this Refreshment for Mothering Sunday

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

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** All Age Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Mothering Sunday Community Service—**40in&out!**

1800 **Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong** – LLW Andrea

Monday—feria

1145 Messy Church

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—LLW Andrea

Tuesday—feria

1930 Felmersham PCC at JaneR

Wednesday—feria

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

1915 Sharnbrook Visual Stations of the Cross

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—Rector

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion**

1230 Sharnbrook Lent Lunch

Friday—feria

1800 Sharnbrook Reconciliation

1900 Sharnbrook Holy Hour

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—FrMac

Saturday—feria

0930-11 **Lent Book Group** at Sports and Social Club chp 13ff

1500 Club House Rise N Shine Kids events for St Patirck

1930 Friends of St Peters La La Land film at Village Hall

Next Sunday morning—**Lent 5**

0930 **Sharnbrook** All Age Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Mothering Sunday Community Service

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1900 'Darkness Falls' theatre production at the Upper School



**To the people who put together the flowers
or today—Well done and Thank you!**

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Stuart, 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*

Thanksgiving for a good Lenten retreat at Launde Abey

Pray for leaders to emerge as Churchwardens at St Peters

Pray for the police service dealing with the Salisbury incident

Pray for our PCC secretaries as they get ready for APCMs & AGMs



Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



LYCiG Local Study Course

**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 mes-
sage—entry free, retiring collection. **Book Your own
seats now**—tickets allocated



HOLLYWOOD IN SHARN- BROOK

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)



If you would like to sponsor the
Easter Flowers at St Peter's Church
in memory of a loved one, please
speak to Gail in church or phone
781721



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

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Sponsorship: in prayer for Stuart's healing and recovery and for those looking after him

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