

## COLLECT

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Ezekiel 37.1–14

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

1 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' 4 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." 12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

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



My soul waits for the Lord.

## PSALM Psalm 130 R: My Soul waits for the Lord

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared. **R** I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning. **R** O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 8.6–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

## GOSPEL John 11.1–45

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

### GLORY TO YOU O LORD

*at the end of the reading...*

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

## POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **AMEN**



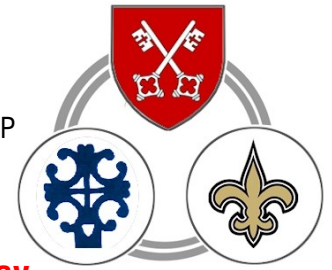
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

# 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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**Welcome to the start of Passiontide...welcome to church today**

## Worship in the Benefice today-5th Sunday of Lent

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

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

0830 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—Rector

### Monday—feria

1145 **Messy Church** at Sharnbrook

1400 **St Peter's Guild** in SPR

1515 Private Cremation of Margaret Caiger

2000 **Christian Meditation Group** in SPR

2000 **Compline** in Sharnbrook

### Tuesday—feria

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

1100 Funeral of late John MacKenzie Felmersham

1400 Felmersham Pinchmill Easter performance

1430 Cremation of late Miles Ward

1930 **SCT Lent Course at Methodist Church**

### Wednesday—feria

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

1200 Deanery Chapter at Bletsoe

2000 **Compline** in Sharnbrook

### Thursday—feria

1230 Lent Lunch in SPR

1430 Interment of late Tracy Jordan at St Peters

### Friday—feria

1300-1600 Mailing stuffing in SPR

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

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

2000 **Compline** in Sharnbrook

### Saturday—feria

1430 APCM & AGM of Felmersham in Village Hall

1600 **1st Communion Prep** in SPR

1800 **Compline** at Souldrop

## Next Sunday—**Palm Sunday**

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** All Age Palm Sunday

1100 **Felmersham** All Age HC

&

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW Andrea

Morning Prayer is each day at 0800 in St Peter's Lady Chapel-

**Items for inclusion should be sent to**

**[sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com) by 0900 on Wednesdays.**

**Thankyou** to those people who made the posies of flowers for Mothering Sunday in St Peters and St Marys



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

### Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Jean, Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Paul, Pat, James

**The Departed:** Anne Boulnoir, Margaret Caiger, Miles Ward, John MacKenzie, Tracy Jordan, Michael Caiger

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

Pray for the ongoing Churches Together Lent Study course  
Pray for St Peters Parish that two churchwardens may be found.



**Memorial Service for late Anne Boulnois** 3pm Monday 10 April St Peters

**Memorial Service for late Margaret Caiger** 3pm Tuesday 11 April at All Saints

**The next Lent Lunch is on Thursday this week**

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 !**

**LAUNDE Abbey retreat programmes available—let's go to the ADVENT Retreat Tues 21 Nov—Fri 24 Nov 2017 £245 plus travel—Pick up a leaflet in Church for details.**

**Book your own place and add your name to the lists in church and then as we have final numbers we can organize our transport in cars or minibus**

### Church Contacts

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### Churchwardens:-

St Peter's Church: vacant

St Mary's Church: Jane Wells 01234 782462 &

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All Saints Church: Nick Wells 07841 759497

**Safeguarding Co-Ord:** Rosemary Drewery 01234 783598



To make arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector

### **Sponsorship: unsponsored 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)