

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 Jeremiah 31.31–34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.
31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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



Responsorial Psalm 51.1-13

Response: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. **R** Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement. I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart. **R** Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **R** Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me. Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5.5–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
5 Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but

was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; 6 as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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GOSPEL John 12.20–33

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'
22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this

world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 27 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"?' No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' 30 Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

This is the word 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 church at the start of Passiontide

Worship in the Benefice today... Lent 5

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion with Rise n Shine

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1900 'Darkness Falls' theatre production at the Upper School

note No Benefice Evensong today

Monday—Red Letter Day— **St Joseph of Nazareth**

1145 Messy Church

1930 House Communion at the Rectory to keep the feast

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—FrMac

Tuesday—Lesser Festival—**Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687**

1800 Felmersham Compline—Rector

1930 Souldrop LYCIG Local Study Course Session 5 in village hall

Wednesday—Lesser Festival—**Thomas Cranmer, 1556**

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

1915 Sharnbrook Visual Stations of the Cross

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—Rector

Thursday—*feria*

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion**

1800 Felmersham Compline—Ken

Friday—*feria*

1800 Sharnbrook Reconciliation

1900 Sharnbrook Holy Hour

2000 Sharnbrook **Compline**—FrMac

Saturday—Commemoration—**Oscar Romero, Martyr, 1980**

0930-11 **Lent Book Group** at Sports and Social Club review

Next Sunday morning—**Palm Sunday**

1500 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0915 **Sharnbrook** Palm Sunday Procession from car park & Parish Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Palm Sunday Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong



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.



HOLY WEEK starts on Palm Sunday—pick up a leaflet so you know what is happening to keep the season well

2018 Annual Meetings begin soon

Souldrop APCM&AGM

7.30pm Tues 17 April

Sharnbrook APCM&AGM

7.30pm Wed 18 April

Felmersham APCM&AGM

4pm Sat 14 April

come along and support the officers elected and have your say about the mission and witness of our churches in the Benefice



Maundy

Thursday feet washing ceremony

Sign up to be 1 of the 12 for the ceremony



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

Church Contacts

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Items for inclusion should be sent to

sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

Intercessions

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

The Departed: Nick Gibbons, Bill Hosey, Roger Harper

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

Thanksgiving for the opportunity to worship openly

Pray for leaders to emerge as Churchwardens & PCC members at St Peters

Pray for people living through domestic violence

Pray for the LYCIG Local Study Course session 5 this week



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

Sponsorship: in prayer for our LLWs: Rosemary, JaneT & Andrea and our Reader Garry

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)