

Naming & Circumcision of Jesus Sunday 1 January 2017

when you have finished with this sheet pass it on to someone unable to get to church this week

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Numbers 6:22-end

A reading from the book of the book of Numbers.
22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 23 Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,
24 The Lord bless you and keep you;
25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
27 So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them. This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM 8



Response: O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast. You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger. **Response**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained, What is man, that you should be mindful of him; the son of man, that you should seek him out. **Response**

You have made him little lower than the angels and crown him with glory and honour. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under his feet,

Response

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. **Response**

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

GOSPEL Luke 2:15-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

15 When the angels had left and went into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. This is the gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:
grant that we who have shared
in this sacrament of our salvation
may live out our years in the power
of the Name above all other names,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Happy New Year!



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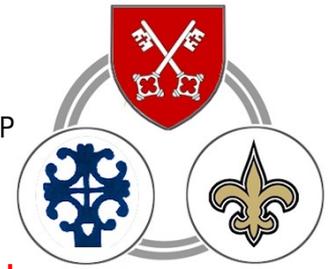
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Happy New Year 2017 Please TAKE THIS SHEET HOME with you!

Worship in the Benefice today— Festival Day

Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

0930 Sharnbrook **Parish Communion**

1100 Felmersham **Parish Communion**—*Mass of Light setting*

1500 Souldrop **Parish Communion**

1800 Sharnbrook **Benefice Evensong**

Monday—Lesser Festival -**Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus 379 & 389**

Tuesday—*feria*

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

Wednesday—*feria*

0930 **Holy Communion** BCP at Sharnbrook

1000 Worship planning meeting 2 Feb to Pentecost in SPR

Thursday—*feria*

1230 Sharnbrook Funeral & Burial of Late Daphne Smith

Friday—**Principal Festival—THE EPIPHANY**

1930 **Benefice Sung Communion** at Felmersham

followed by party in St Marys

Saturday—*feria*

Next Sunday—**The BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

0830 Souldrop **Holy Communion** BCP

0930 Sharnbrook **All Age Communion**

1100 Felmersham **All Age Communion**

1800 **Benefice Evensong** at Sharnbrook



Thank you to those who made the effort to come to the St Peter's Electoral Roll party—it was a lovely relaxed time of celebration together.

Epiphany Celebration

Friday 6 January 7:30pm at St Mary's Felmersham—**Benefice Celebration followed by an Epiphany Party**—*preacher Andrea Maffie*

Items for inclusion should be sent to sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

During the two weeks after Christmas there will be no public recitation of Morning Prayer in St Peters at 0800. The church will be open as usual for you to visit and enjoy.

*Please look at our parishes websites for the new **ONLINE Diary** of everything that is happening in the Benefice.*



A Heartfelt thankyou from Francesco in Calpino....

"I don't know how to thank you all, you will always be in my heart. Have a happy Christmas. May the baby Jesus always live in your hearts—A hug from us all."

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Calpino appeal this Christmas—well done!



Christian Meditation Group meets on 9/1 & 16/1

Volunteer post—we need someone to put this sheet together each week using Publisher. It takes about 2 hours on a Wednesday. Please talk to the rector if you are able to do this for the Benefice and for the mission of Christ.



Benefice Pastoral Meeting—good advance notice of the Benefice Pastoral Consultation meeting on **Wed 11 Jan from 7:30pm-9pm in SPR**. This meeting is for all involved in or who would like to be involved in the Pastoral Care work of the Benefice. A chance to discover what is happening and what will be happening.

Intercessions

The Sick and in need: Neil, Martin, Catherine, Jean, Marjorie, Ron, Connie

The Departed: Daphne Smith, Don Gough

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

Pray for St Peter's that we may lookout for and choose good people to be our churchwardens at the AGM

Pray in thanksgiving for lovely Christmas worship together

Pray for the desire to see our churches grow and new people take on leadership roles



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