

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
 glorified you in their death as in their life:
 grant that your Church,
 inspired by their teaching and example,
 and made one by your Spirit,
 may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
 Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 12.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who
 belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed
 with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceed-
 ed to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened
 Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed
 him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to
 bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was
 kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter,
 bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while
 guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison.
 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the
 cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up
 quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him,
 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said
 to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went
 out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening
 with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.
 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came
 before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its
 own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when
 suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said,
 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me
 from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were
 expecting.' This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Responsorial Psalm 34.2-9

R: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear
 and be glad. **R** Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise
 his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; **R** The angel
 of the Lord rescues those who revere him. Look towards him
 and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man
 called, the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his dis-
 tress. **R** The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.
 The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere
 him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good.
 He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

A reading from the second letter of Timothy
 My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the
 time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight
 to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the
 faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness
 reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give
 to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who
 have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and
 gave me power, so that through me the whole message might
 be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued
 from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil
 attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.
 To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia

Matthew 16.18

Gospel Matthew 16.13-19

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mat-
 thew. **GLORY TO YOU O LORD**

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church
 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put
 this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of
 Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist,
 some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But
 you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke
 up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.'
 Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!
 Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you
 but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter
 and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the
 underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the
 keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth
 shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on
 earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
 keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
 united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
 and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**





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Welcome as we pray for those being ordained this weekend

Worship in the Benefice today... **Ss Peter & Paul**

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



1115 St Albans Cathedral Diaconal Ordinations

no services in the Benefice in the morning

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Communion—Fr Mac

CONGRATULATIONS Fr Mac

on your 30th Anniversary of Anglican Priesthood



Welcome to our Italian friends who have come to support Andrea at her Diaconal Ordination today

Monday-feria

1145 Messy Church

1400 Felmersham Interment f Ashes

Tuesday—RED LETTER DAY— St Thomas the Apostle

1930 Rectory Holy Communion

followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the Feast

Wednesday-feria

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 1st Wed BCP**-Lady Chapel

1400 Felmersham Funeral of Late Christina Stewart

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1030 Sharnbrook House Holy Communion

Friday—Commemoration-Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535

Saturday—feria

0930-1230 Kempston Church Hall Churchwardens Training event

Next Sunday services—6th after Trinity

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP—Fr Mac

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion (not AAW) - Fr Mac

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion (not AAW) - Fr Mac

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – Lay Reader Garry

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Isabela, Pam, Doll, Keri, Maureen, Matthew, Barbara, Sally, Pam, Marjorie, Doreen, Conrad & Cynthia

The Departed: Christina Stewart

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for the CofE work of the CAR WASH App

Pray for all recovering from hospital surgery & treatments

Thanksgiving for 30 years of priestly ministry of Fr Mac

Offering Envelopes



Sharnbrook

Weekly Envelope Scheme

Sunday July 1st, sees the start of the new year for St. Peter's Weekly Envelope Scheme for Regular Donations.

For those already using this scheme, please collect your new box of envelopes from Roland.

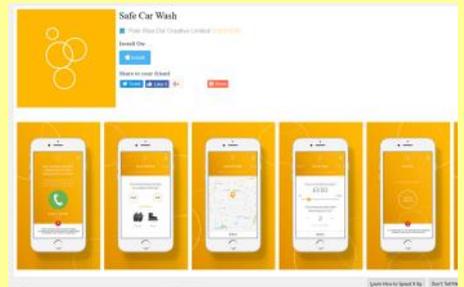
New App lets drivers report modern slavery at hand car washes

Drivers are being urged to report signs of modern slavery at cheap hand car washes using a new smartphone app.

Safe Car Wash asks motorists about a series of indicators of forced labour including the use of children, fearful behaviour, a lack of protective clothing and prices lower than £6.70.

It sends the anonymised data and a GPS position to the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) and directs users to the Modern Slavery Helpline.

The app, which is available for download from 4 June, has been launched by The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's campaign against modern slavery, and the Santa Marta Group, the Catholic Church's anti-slavery project.



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Sponsorship: in prayer for the men and women being ordained at St Albans Cathedral this weekend

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