

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 3. 22-27

A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord was upon me there; and he said to me, Rise up, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you. So I rose up and went out into the valley; and the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. The spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me and said to me: Go, shut yourself inside your house. As for you, mortal, cords shall be placed on you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people; and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be speechless and unable to reprove them; for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God"; let those who will hear, hear; and let those who refuse to hear, refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

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

PSALM Psalm 125

R: Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good .

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. **R**

The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. **R**

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel. **R**

SECOND 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 proceeded 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 realise 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.

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GOSPEL Matthew 16. 13-19

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **GLORY TO YOU O LORD**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessèd are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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

POST COMMUNION

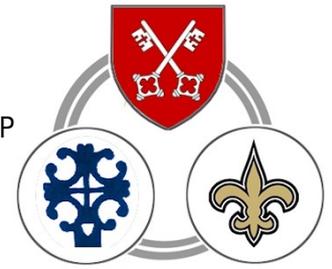
Lord God,
the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**





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
www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org



Welcome to church for this celebration of St Peter!

Worship in the Benefice today-

St Peter's Patronal Festival

1030 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Sung Communion

followed by Hog Roast at village Hall—see JaneR for tickets

no services in Felmersham or Souldrop

1500 Baptisms at St Peters

1800 **Sharnbrook** Songs of Praise in St Peter's Close

Monday—feria

1145 Messy Church

1400 Funeral Service of Late Connie Askew at St Peters

Tuesday— Commemoration-Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria 444

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

1130 Cremation of late Janet Barbour Bedford

1230 Funeral Service of late Janet Barbour at St Mary's

Wednesday—Lesser Festival-Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons c.200

0930 **Holy Communion CW** 4th Wed at Sharnbrook

1930 Sharnbrook RC Pre-emptory Mass for St Peter

1930 Friends of St Peter's meeting

Thursday—Red Letter Day—Ss Peter & Paul

Friday—Lesser Festival -Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678

Saturday—Commemoration-John and Henry Venn 1813 and 1873

1300 Felmersham Wedding & Baptism

Next Sunday—3rd Sunday after Trinity

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion and RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

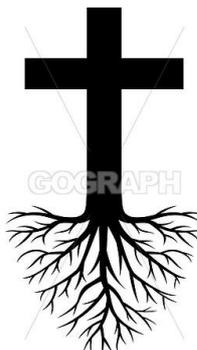
1500 **Souldrop** Service of the Word—LLW JaneT

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evenson—LLW Andrea

Morning Prayer is Mon to Sat 8am in Lady Chapel of St Peter's

Living God's Love—**Going Deeper**

As we think about going deeper in our life of faith, what prayer groups, events would you value and support in our Benefice? Please ass your ideas to the ideas' sheets in each church as our PCCs consider how we can go deeper in our faith.



GOGRAPH



Christian Meditation Group

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

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Paul, Martin, Rex, Betty, Elizabeth, Pat, Henry, Neil, Osvaldo, Claire

The Departed: Connie Askew, Violet, Janet Barbour

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

Pray for peace and an end to hatred in our nation

Pray for people living with life limiting and terminal illnesses

Pray for our Lay Leaders of Worship—Rosemary, JaneT & Andrea

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 & Please Add you name to the list in church so we know who has decided to sign up.



Italian Visitors arrive on Friday 14 July until Tues 18 July

Please look out for notices and posters to sign up for joining in our celebrations and days out together—full details from Colin Scott

STOP PRESS—Grenfell Tower collection after each service today. If you would like to contribute to the relief help which has been offered to the Grenfell Tower survivors please put your contribution in the box/plate after the services today

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

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

Sponsorship: in prayer for an end to hate violence in our Nation

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)