

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist  
was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour  
by the preaching of repentance:  
lead us to repent according to his preaching  
and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth,  
boldly to rebuke vice,  
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;  
through 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 Isaiah 40.1-11

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.  
Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to  
Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her  
penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double  
for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the  
way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our  
God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be  
made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough  
places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all  
people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."  
A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All  
people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The  
grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows  
upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower  
fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a  
high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice  
with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do  
not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the  
Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward  
is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock  
like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry  
them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

## Responsorial Psalm 85.7-13

**R: Show us your mercy, O Lord and grant us your salvation.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I will listen  
to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people  
and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. Truly, his salvation  
is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**  
Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have  
kissed each other; Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteous-  
ness look down from heaven. **R** The Lord will indeed give all that is  
good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go  
before him and direct his steps in the way. **R**



## SECOND READING Galatians 3. 23-29

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.  
Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law  
until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinari-  
an until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now  
that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for  
in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of  
you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with  
Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or  
free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in  
Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's  
offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. *Luke 1.76*

## Alleluia

**Gospel Luke 1. 57-66, 80**

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

## GLORY TO YOU O LORD

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.  
Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown  
his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the  
eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were  
going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother  
said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of  
your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to  
his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He  
asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And  
all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened  
and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.  
Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were  
talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All  
who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this  
child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with  
him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was  
in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament have known  
your forgiveness and your life-giving love  
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;  
through 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

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Welcome to church as we keep St Peter's Patronal celebration**

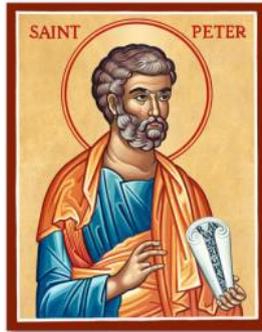
**Worship in the Benefice today...**

## St Peter's Patronal Festival Celebrations

**1030 Sharnbrook Benefice Patronal Festival Communion**

*and saying goodbye to Andrea as she leaves St Peter's*

*no service in Felmersham or Souldrop*



**Christian Meditation Group**

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



### Offering Envelopes



**Sharnbrook**

**Weekly Envelope Scheme**

Next 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.

**1600 Festival Concert by Sharnbrook Community Choir**

followed by

**1715 Songs of Praise**



**Monday-feria**

1145 Messy Church

**Tuesday—feria**

**Wednesday-**

**Commemoration-Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, 444**

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 4th Wed CW-Lady Chapel**

**Thursday—Lesser Fest-Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, c.200**

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1215 St Marys Oakley—Dean Pusey diocesan Youth Officer

talking on working with Teens in churches

1930 Sharnbrook RC Pre-emptory mass for Ss Peter and Paul

**Friday—Red Letter Day-Ss Peter and Paul (we celebrate on Sunday)**

**Saturday—EMBER DAY**

1500 Felmersham Blessing of the Bridge on the 200th Anniv celebration

**Next Sunday services—Ss Peter & Paul**

1115 St Albans Cathedral Diocesan Ordinations

*no services in the Benefice in the morning*

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Communion—Fr Mac

### Intercessions

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

**The Departed:** none

**Prayer requests for the week:**

Pray for Andrea she prepares for her ordination on 1 July

Pray for the CofE work of the CAR WASH App

Thanksgiving for all who have worked to make St Peter's Week-end good this year

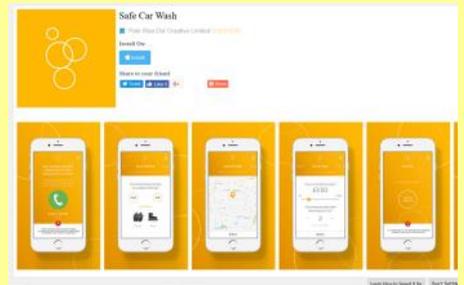
## New App lets drivers report modern slavery at hand car washes

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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**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 the safe keeping of all members of the Armed Forces working away from home in areas of conflict**

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)