

1st Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 18 June 2017

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

COLLECT

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Exodus 19.2–8a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

2 The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. 3 Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: 4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.' 7 So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. 8 The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.'

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



PSALM Psalm 100

R: The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5.1–8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 9.35 – 10.8

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

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' 1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his

brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee,

and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." 8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**





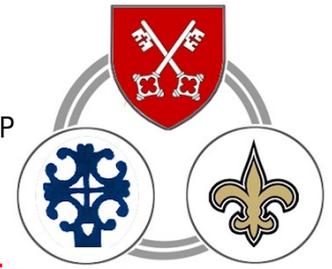
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The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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 today! - we pray for the victims of the tower block fire

Worship in the Benefice today-1st Sun after Trinity

- 0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion
- 1100 **Felmersham** Extra All Age Communion
- 1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion CW
- 1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong— Rector

Monday—Commemoration—Sundar Singh of India, 1929

- 1145 Messy Church
- 1400 St Peters Guild

Tuesday— feria

- 0930 **Holy Communion** (CW) at Felmersham
- 1900 Sharnbrook Wedding rehearsal

Wednesday—feria

- 0930 **Holy Communion BCP** 3rd Wed at Sharnbrook
- 1430-1630 Teas in Church at Felmersham
- 1930 Sharnbrook PCC meeting in SPR

Thursday—Lesser Festival—Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250

- 1930 Benefice Churchwardens meeting in Souldrop

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

Saturday—Red Letter Day-The Birth of John the Baptist

- 0930 Sharnbrook GIFT Day envelopes collected in church
- 1300 Sharnbrook Wedding
- 1400-1600 St Peter;s Garden Party in Sharnbrook house
- 1930 House Communion at Rectory to celebrate Birth of John the Baptist & refreshments and party

Next Sunday—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 Peters Close

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

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 and add your name to the lists in church

Connie Askew's Memorial Service is on Mon 26 June at 2pm in St Peter's

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

Sponsorship: in prayer for those who lost their lives and homes in the London Tower Block fire this week

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)



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 those who lost their homes in the tower block fire this week

Pray for those still in hospital after the terror attacks

Pray for our Benefice Wardens' meeting this week



St. Peter's Garden Fete, Sat. 24th. June 2.00 pm Sharnbrook House.

Items needed please:

Books: to Mary Farnsworth, 16 Home Close - 782192. Cakes: (Judy Lee) ,

Plants: (on the day),

Draw prizes. Bric-a- Bac, Tombola: (bottles etc.), Children's Lucky Dip:

(Boxes at rear of Church.)

People help also needed

- see list in St. Peter's Room.

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