



## COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Genesis 45.1–15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." 12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him

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

## PSALM Psalm 67 R Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **R** O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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## GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-18

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

21 Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' 24 He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' 26 He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 27 She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' 28 Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

## POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; 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  
All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX  
[www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org](http://www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org)



**Welcome as you come to say your prayers today!**



**Christian Meditation Group**  
meets again on Monday 11 Sept

## Worship in the Benefice today-10th Sun after Trinity

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion  
1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion  
1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion  
1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW Rosemary

**Monday**—feria

**Tuesday**—feria

**Wednesday**—feria

0930 **Holy Communion CW** 4th Wed at Sharnbrook  
1030 **Funeral** of Late Leonard John Taylor at Sharnbrook

**Thursday**—RED LETTER DAY—**St Bartholemew**

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

**Friday**—feria

**Saturday**—feria

## Next Sunday—11th Sun after Trinity

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP  
0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion  
1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion  
1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW JaneT



**Morning Prayer** is Mon to Sat 8am  
in Lady Chapel of St Peter's 20 mins of scripture  
and prayer to start the day



**Fairtrade Communion Wine** is used at  
Sharnbrook—see the notice board for full details.  
Gluten free hosts are available.

### Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Marjorie, Connie, Rex, Betty, Neil, Elizabeth, Audrey, Pam, Molly, Hanne, James

**The Departed:** John Taylor

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

Pray for Rewal & Growth in our Benefice life  
Pray for the preparation for the LYCIG conference in September  
Pray peace & equity in the racial tensions in USA  
Pray youngsters receiving exam results as they plan for their futures

## 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.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL week-end is Sunday 10 September**



**rEFORMATIONS** - study day  
Saturday 28 October 9:30am-4pm—pick up a leaflet in church today



## "HOLLYWOOD IN SHARNBROOK

**Saturday 16 September 2017**  
**Sharnbrook Village Hall**

*Bridge of Spies'*

starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance

Doors open 7pm (film 7.30pm)

Tickets £5 from Ian 01234 781721"

## **LAUNDE Abbey** —let's go to the **ADVENT** Retreat **Tues 21**

**Nov—Fri 24 Nov 2017 £245 plus travel—leaflets in Church for details. Book your own place & Please Add you name to the list in church.**

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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: none this week :(**

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