

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 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

A reading from the second book of Samuel

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. 27When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, 12and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. 2The rich man had very many flocks and herds; 3but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. 4Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' 5Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; 6he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' 7 Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; 8I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. 9Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. 11Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. 12For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' 13David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

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

Responsorial Psalm 78:23-29



R: O Lord, how glorious are your works.

So he commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven. He rained down upon them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. So mortals ate the bread of angels; he sent them food in plenty. **R** He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and led out the south wind by his might. He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust and winged fowl like the sand of the sea. **R** He let it fall in the midst of their camp and round about their tents. So they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they desired. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4.1-16

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

Therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. 7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' 9(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended* into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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Gospel John 6.24-35

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

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. 25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' 26Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' 28Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' 29Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' 30So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which* comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 34They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' 35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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**



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Welcome—give this sheet to a neighbour when you go home!

Worship in the Benefice today... **10th after Trinity**

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Radwell Hall Farm Barn Parish Communion—St James

1500 Souldrop Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – Rector

Monday-Festival—**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

1930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion**

followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

Tuesday—Commemoration—John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866

Wednesday—Lesser Festival—Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 2nd Wed CW**

1900 Sharnbrook Wedding rehearsal

Thursday—Lesser Festival—Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1100 Souldrop Coffee Morning in Village Hall

Friday—Lesser Festival—Lawrence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

Saturday—Lesser Festival—Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Order of Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253

1200 Sharnbrook Wedding of Aimee Bowers & Henry Simkin

Next Sunday services—Benefice Communion to

Celebrate Mary patron saint of Felmersham

1100 Felmersham Benefice Sung Communion—Patronal Festival

followed by food and refreshments

(nothing in Sharnbrook or Souldrop in the morning)

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – Lay Reader Garry

LYCIG day on Saturday 8 Sept

 We have 9 places for the benefice—would you like to join the party going?

Have a word with Colin, JaneT, Stephen Hill, Garry Johnson or Fr Reuben

9.30am till 3.30pm at 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL8 6JG *(this is also Bike n Hike day in our churches)*

Intercessions

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

The Departed: Dorothy White

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for our farming industry at this time of dryness

Pray for our cleaners and refreshment makers

Pray for a successful outcome to Brexit

Pray for eyes to discern new LLWs in our Benefice

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



Charley is having her hair cut off in aid of the **Little Princess Trust** who provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young



people up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. *Please sponsor Charley if you can.* She is having 7-12 inches cut off on Wed 8 August....

SUMMER BBQ

Sat 18 August 5pm in the Rectory garden

Tickets £10

to include Barbeque,

pudding & wine

from Alison 782149

& Judy 781057

In aid of St Peter's



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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 Aimee Bowers & Henry Simkin getting married 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)