

COLLECT

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Exodus 1.8 – 2.10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

8 A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. 15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' 17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' 20 So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' 1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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



PSALM Psalm 138

R Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. **R** In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. **R** They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **R** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me. The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 12.1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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

at the end of the reading

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

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,

we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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Good morning and welcome to church today!

Worship in the Benefice today-11th Sun after Trinity

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Choral Matins

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW JaneT

Monday—Lesser Festival—Augustine, 430

Tuesday—LF-The Beheading of John the Baptist

Wednesday—LF- John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

0930 **Holy Communion BCP** 5th Wed at Sharnbrook

1015 DAC at Felmersham

1000 Archdeacons Inspection at Sharnbrook

Thursday—LF-Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne 651

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

Friday—Commemoration-Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710

Saturday—Commemoration-The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

Next Sunday—12th Sun after Trinity

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—Rector

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: none

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

Pray for Renewal & Growth in our Benefice life

Pray for the preparation for the LYCIG conference in September

Pray for our schools getting ready to start a new term

Pray with thanks giving for our organists: Colin, Pam & Kate



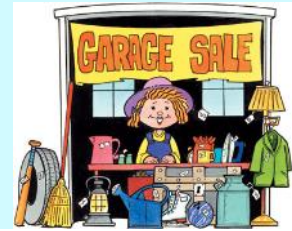
Christian Meditation Group meets again on Monday 11 Sept

HARVEST FESTIVAL weekend is Sunday 10 September—we are supporting the Bishops Harvest Appeal see the posters

Harvest Supper Wed 20 Sept at the Methodists this year—details to be announced

GARAGE SAFARI in Sharnbrook

Sat 9 Sept—booking forms in The Review



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 NOW FULL

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sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

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Sponsorship: in prayer for the reps from the Benefice attending the LYCIG conference in Sept

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