

## COLLECT

God of constant mercy,  
 who sent your Son to save us:  
 remind us of your goodness,  
 increase your grace within us,  
 that our thankfulness may grow,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Exodus 3.1–15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' 4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 5 Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' 6 He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' 11 But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' 12 He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' 13 But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' 14 God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' 15 God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.'

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



## PSALM Psalm 138

**R Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.**

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. **R** For your love is before my

eyes; I have walked in your truth. I have not joined the company of the false, nor consorted with the deceitful. **R** I hate the gathering of evildoers and I will not sit down with the wicked. I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go about your altar, **R** To make heard the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all your wonderful deeds. Lord, I love the house of your habitation and the place where your glory abides. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 12.9–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' 20 No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

## GOSPEL Matthew 16:16.21–28

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' 23 But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.' 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.**



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

# 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! It is good to see you :)**

## Worship in the Benefice today-12th Sun after Trinity

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

**Monday**—Commemoration—Birinus, 650

**Tuesday**—feria

**Wednesday**—Commemoration- Allen Gardiner, 1851

0930 **Holy Communion BCP 1st** Wed at Sharnbrook  
1930 Felmersham PCC

**Thursday**—feria

0930 **Holy Communion (CW)** at Felmersham  
1030 Holy Communion **Sharnbrook House**

**Friday**—Festival Day-Birth of the **BV Mary**

Heritage Open Day at Felmersham

**Saturday**—Commemoration-Charles Fuge Lowder, 1880

Heritage Open Day & Bike 'n Hike at Felmersham

**GARAGE SALE Safari** around Sharnbrook

## Next Sunday—Harvest Celebration

0930 **Sharnbrook** Harvest Communion  
1100 **Felmersham** Harvest Community Service  
1800 **Souldrop** Benefice Choral Harvest Evensong-LLW Andrea

**Morning Prayer** is Mon to Sat 8am in Lady Chapel of St Peter's 20 mins of 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, Doreen, Rex, Betty, Elizabeth, Audrey, Pam, Molly, Hanne, James, Barbara & Martin

**The Departed:** none

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

Pray for the preparation for the LYCIG conference in September  
Pray for our schools as they begin a new year  
Pray with thanks giving for our treasurers: Stephen, Ed & Roland  
Pray for our Reps at the Leading Your Church into Growth conference this Sept



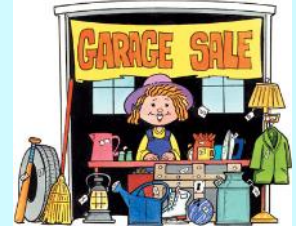
**Christian Meditation Group** meets again on **Monday 11 Sept**

**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—tickets £5 from Marion—St Peter's year to provide puddings

**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"

**Messey Church** restarts on **Mon 11 Sept**

—please sign up to help with lunch in SPR



**ADVENT Retreat Tues 21—24 Nov**

**NOW FULL**

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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 the Harvest Appeal of Bishop Alan "Full of Beans" take a look at the posters**

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)