

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 1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14

A reading from the first book of Kings

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. 11The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. 12So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. 3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. 4The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. 5At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' 6And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. 13I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. 14If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

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

Responsorial Psalm 78:23-29

R: Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing. Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. **R** Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is there who delights in life and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **R**



SECOND READING Ephesians 4.1-16

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Gospel John 6.51-58

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

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' 53So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of 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

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Welcome—what have you brought to church to pray about today?

Worship in the Benefice today... **12th after Trinity**

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1300 Sharnbrook Baptism of Bailey Hope

1500 Souldrop Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary

Monday-Lesser Festival- Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

1900 Felmersham PCC Nucleus Meeting in Sun

Tuesday—feria

Wednesday—feria

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 4th Wed CW**

1200 Sharnbrook Bp Richard visiting The Rectory

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1900 Felmersham PCC LYCIG group at Rectory

Friday—Red Letter Day—**St Bartholemew the Apostle**

1430 Sharnbrook Wedding Blessing Rehearsal

1930 Sharnbrook Holy Communion for St Bartholemew

followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

Saturday—feria

1500 Sharnbrook Wedding Blessing

Next Sunday services— **13th after Trinity**

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion RnS

1100 Felmersham Choral Matins

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW JaneT



You can still support Charlie's sponsored haircutting for The Princess

Trust using the online link <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/charleyshaircut/472988>

Intercessions

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

The Departed: none

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray the businesses operating in our villages

Pray for Bailey Hope baptised today

Pray for ourselves in the stresses and worries of life at this time

Harvest Barn Dance

Sat 29 Sept in the village hall



in aid of St Peters more details to follow shortly

HOLLYWOOD IN SHARNBROOK

Smash Hit Oscar Winning

WEST SIDE STORY



Sharnbrook Village Hall, Saturday

15 September 2018

Doors open 7pm (film starts 7.30pm)

Refreshments available

All proceeds to Friends of St Peter's Church

Tickets £5 from Ian 781721

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Sponsorship: in thanks giving for William's first year of life

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