

COLLECT

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26.1–11

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

1 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, 7 we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

PSALM Psalm 100

R Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

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1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. 4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 4.4–9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 6:25-35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

26 Jesus 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. 27 Do 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.' 28 Then they said to Jesus, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' 29 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' 30 So 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?' 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32 Then 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. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 34 They 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

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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Happy Harvest Celebrations today—welcome to you!

Worship in the Benefice today—**Harvest Celebration**

0930 **Sharnbrook** Harvest Communion— Rev Lionel

1100 **Felmersham** Harvest Community Service—LLW JaneT

1800 **Souldrop** Benefice Choral Harvest Evensong-LLW Andrea

Monday—feria

1145 Messey Church

2000 Christian Meditation in SPR

Tuesday—feria

Wednesday—Lesser Festival- John Chrysostom 407

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

Thursday—RED LETTER DAY—Holy CROSS DAY

0930 **Holy Communion (CW)** at Felmersham followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

1430-1600 **Mothers Union** meeting in SPR

Friday-Lesser Festival- **-Cyprian, Martyr, 258**

Saturday—Lesser Festival-Ninian, c.432

1900ff **Friends of St Peters Film Night** in Village Hall

Next Sunday—**14th Sun after Trinity**

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS—Rev Lionel

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion—Rev Lionel

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion—FrMac

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong- LLW Rosemary

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, Bryan, Betty, Elizabeth, Audrey, Pam, Molly, Hanne, James, Barbara & Martin

The Departed: Roy Durston

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

Pray for the preparations for the LYCIG conference in September

Pray for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal success

Pray with thanks giving for our PCC secretaries: Wendy, Peter & Karen

Pray for Messey Church as it starts again



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

HARVEST Supper Wed 20 Sept at the Methodists this year—tickets £5 from Marion—St Peter's year to provide puddings

rEFORMATIONS - study day

Saturday 28 October 9:30am-

4pm—pick up a leaflet in church today



Messey Church restarts on Mon 11 Sept —please sign up to help with lunch in



"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)



ONE JESUS?

A day with Matthew
A day studying and dwelling with St Matthew's gospel
Date 21st October 2017 0930-1700
Cost £15 bookings 07811 657294 or email jpollard.live@hotmail.co.uk

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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)