

COLLECT

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

FIRST READING Song of Solomon 2.8-13

A reading from the Song of Solomon

8 The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

10 My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

11 for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.

13 The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

Responsorial Psalm 34:15-22



R: Through the greatness of your mercy, I will come into your house.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill? Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right; **R** Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue; Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour; **R** In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, but who honours those who fear the Lord. Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word; **R** Who does not lend money in hope of gain, nor takes a bribe against the innocent; Whoever does these things shall never fall. **R**

SECOND READING James 1.17-end

A reading from the letter of James

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. * 18 In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my beloved: * let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore

rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves* in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Gospel Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

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

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands,* thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it;* and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.*) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do

your disciples not live* according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' 6 He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." 8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' 14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.* 21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**





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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—as we gather to focus on our faith in Jesus Christ

Worship in the Benefice today... 14th after Trinity

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion
1100 Felmersham Parish Communion
1500 Souldrop Parish Communion
1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – Rector

Monday-Lesser Festival- Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604

Tuesday-Commemoration- Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), 650

Wednesday—feria

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 1st Wed BCP**

Thursday -Commemoration-Allen Gardiner, founder of the South American Missionary Society, 1851

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

1030 Sharnbrook House monthly Holy Communion

Friday—feria

1145 Sharnbrook Messy Church

1900 Sharnbrook HOLY HOUR—silent prayer, music & incense

Saturday—Lesser festival-The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

0930-1530 LYCIG Day at Focolare Centre Welyn Garden City

All Day Heritage Open Day & Bike 'n Hike

Next Sunday services— 15th after Trinity

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook All Age Communion

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion (not AAHC)

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – Reader Garry

The Rector is leaving the Church of England ministry to join the Scottish Episcopal Church.



Fr Reuben will finish in the Benefice on Sunday 7 October and will be Licensed on All Saints Day to be Rector of St John's Church, Johnstone & St Margaret's Church, Renfrew. Reuben and Stephen & are buying a home in Renfrew They are planning their wedding next September.

Intercessions

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

The Departed: Richard

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray our PCC members

Pray for all those caring for the elderly and vulnerable

Pray for refugees and migrants looking for a home

Harvest Barn Dance

Sat 29 Sept in the village hall 7.30pm

tickets available soon



Churches Together Harvest Supper



hosted by St Peters in the Methodist building

Tickets £5 from Marion on Wedn 19 Sept 7.30pm

HOLLYWOOD IN SHARNBROOK

Smash Hit Oscar Winning

WEST SIDE STORY

Sharnbrook Village Hall, Sat 15 Sept 2018

Doors open 7pm (film starts 7.30pm) Proceeds to Friends of St Peter's Church Tickets £5 from Ian 781721



Goodbye events—we are saying goodbye to Reuben, Stephen & George on:-

St Peters—Wed 26 Sept 6pm venue tbc

St Mary's—Sat 6 Oct 3-5pm at JaneW's

All Saints—tbc

Reuben's final Sunday will be Sun 7 October

1030 Benefice Communion at St Peters



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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 thanksgiving for two happy girls, Gergia & Jade, on their GCSE results

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