

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy
sent the Holy Spirit

upon your Church in the
burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Exodus 16.2-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' 4 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' 8 And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.' 9 Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."' 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11 The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 12 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."' 13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

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



Great is the Lord and high-ly to be praised

PSALM Psalm 145.1-8

R Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out. **R** One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. **R** They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness. They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 1.21-30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. 27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 20.1-16

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

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you

our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through 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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Welcome to worship today—may you meet anew with God today

Worship in the Benefice today—**15th Sun after Trinity**

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP
0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS
1100 **Felmersham** Choral Matins—LLW Rosemary
1300 Sharnbrook Baptism of baby Harry Loi
1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong- LLW JaneT
Monday—Lesser Festival-Lancelot Andrewes, 1626
0930 depart for LYCIG Conference until Thursday afternoon
1145 Messy Church
2000 Christian Meditation in SPR

Tuesday—Comm-Wilson Carlile, Founder of Church Army, 1942

Wednesday—Lesser Festival-Vincent de Paul, 1660
0930 Sharnbrook Holy Comm of the Pre-sanctified—LLW Andrea

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **NO SERVICE THIS WEEK**
1030-12noon **Souldrop Village Hall** Macmillan Cancer relief Coffee morning, with coffee and cake to raise money for Macmillan

Friday—RED LETTER DAY—ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

1930 Rectory House Communion for the Festival followed by nibbles and drinks to keep the feast

Saturday—Lesser Festival-Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, 420

Next Sunday—16th Sun after Trinity

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS
1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion
1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion and Interment of Ashes
1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—Rector

The **Leading Your Church Into Growth Conference** takes place at Hayes Conference Centre DE55 1AU arriving from 11am on Monday

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 our reps attending the LYCIG conference: Colin, Josh, Jane, Stephen & Gary along with Fr Reuben

Pray for the gift of mission zeal in the parish

Pray for people affected by the earthquakes and storms across the world



Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



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 book your place with Josh on 07811 657294 or email jpollard.live@hotmail.co.uk



Ouse Valley Singers &

Four in a bar Saxophone Quartet

Concert 7:30pm Sat 30 Sept in Village Hall tickets £7 incl wine from Colin Scott 01234 781559 Or Alan Brown 01234 823344 all proceeds to St Peter's



Leading Your Church Into Growth

We pray for those attending this conference as part of our Mission Action Plan: Stephen, JaneT, Colin, Josh & Gary along with Fr Reuben.

May they be richly blessed in their time to discover new ways of reaching out to our villages.

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Items for inclusion should be sent to

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To make arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector

Sponsorship: in prayer for our delegates at the LYCIG conference this week: Colin, Josh, Gary, Stephen, JaneT & Fr Reuben

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