

COLLECT

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Proverbs 1.20-33

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. 21 At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 22 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? 23 Give heed to my reproof; will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. 24 Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, 25 and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, 27 when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, 30 would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, 31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. 32 For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; 33 but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

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



Responsorial Psalm 116.1-8

R: Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him. The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held. **R** Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul." Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. **R** The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me. Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you. **R** For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

SECOND READING James 3.1-12

A reading from the letter of James

3Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters,* for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes

no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature,* and is itself set on fire by hell.* 7For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters,* this ought not to be so. 11Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters,* yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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Gospel Mark 8.27-end

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' 28And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' 29He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'* 30And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples,

he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,* will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words* in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

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Welcome—it is lovely to have Bp Richard with us today

Worship in the Benefice today... **16th after Trinity**

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS—Bp Richard

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion—Bp Richard

1300 Sharnbrook Baptisms—Rector

1500 Souldrop Harvestide Praise—Lay Reader Garry

followed by Souldrop goodbye to Reuben, Stephen & George

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary

Monday-Lesser Fest- Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179

Tuesday--feria

1930 Felmersham PCC at JaneW's

Wednesday—Comm-Theodore of Tarsus, Archbp of Cant, 690

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 2nd Wed BCP**

12noon Deanery Chapter Prayers in Lady Chapel

1900 SCT Harvest Supper at Park Lane

Thursday—Lesser Festival-John Coleridge Patteson, 1st Bp
of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

Friday—Red Letter Day-**St Matthew's Day**

1145 Sharnbrook Messy Church

1400 Sharnbrook Funeral of late David Witherick

1900 Sharnbrook Holy Communion

for St Matthew's Day followed by drinks and nibbles

Saturday—feria

Next Sunday services—

Harvest Celebrations

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Harvest Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Harvest Community Celebration

followed by Ploughman's Lunch in aid of Bp Alan's Harvest Appeal

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW JaneT

Intercessions

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

The Departed: Maureen Millar, David Witherick

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray those preparing for funerals at this time

Pray for the Messy Church at the start of this new term

Pray for Evie & Ellis Williams baptised today

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



Harvest Barn Dance

Sat 29 Sept in the village hall 7.30pm

tickets available from Colin & Roland £12



Churches Together Harvest Supper

hosted by St Peters

in the Methodist building on Wedn 19 Sept 7.00pm

Tickets £5 from Marion

Goodbye events

—for Reuben, Stephen & George on:-

St Peters—Wed 26 Sept 6pm venue Sports and Social Club -
Bring and Share finger buffet for church folk until 730pm then
wider village from 7.30pm onwards

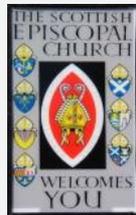
St Mary's—Sat 6 Oct 3-5pm at JaneW's

All Saints—Sun 16 after 3pm Harvest Praise

Reuben's final Sunday will be Sun 7 October

1030 Benefice Communion at St Peters &

1800 Benefice Evensong at St Peters



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

Fr Reuben finishes on Sun 7 Oct. He'll become Rector of St
John's, Johnstone & St Margaret's, Renfrew. Reuben & Stephen
are planning their wedding next September. Reuben's Licens-
ing is on Thurs 1 Nov at 7pm at St Margaret's, Renfrew. You
are invited to attend— please let Reuben know if you can come

for seating numbers. The local congregations are offering accommodation
to any staying visitors—please ask.

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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 that India's Supreme Court has now abolished section 377 of its penal code.

This means the court has decriminalised homosexuality and it affects 18% of the worlds LGBTs—Alleluia!