

17th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 8 October 2017

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COLLECT

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A reading from the book of Exodus.

1 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work. 12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. 18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, 19 and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' 20 Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

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



PSALM Psalm 25.1-8

R: Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You made room around it, and when it had taken root, it filled the land. **R** The hills were covered with its shadow and the cedars of God by its boughs. It stretched out its branches to the Sea and its tendrils to the River. **R** Why then have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, and all the insects of the field devour it. **R** Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and behold; Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made so strong for yourself. Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down, perish at the rebuke of your countenance. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 3.4b-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

4 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, 9 not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL Matthew 21.33-46

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 33 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." 38 But

when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' 41 They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' 42 Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

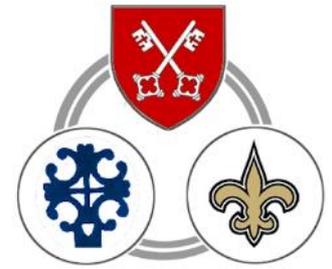
POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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It is good that you have come to church today—welcome!

Worship in the Benefice today—**17th Sun after Trinity**

- 0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP
- 0930 **Sharnbrook** All Age Holy Communion
- 1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion
- 1300 **Sharnbrook** Holy Baptism of baby Frederick Noel Fisher
- 1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong- LLW JaneT

Monday—Commemoration-Denys, Martyr c.250

- 1130 Felmersham Funeral of Late Roy Durston—Rev Lionel
- 1145 Messy Church
- 2000 Christian Meditation in SPR

Tuesday—Lesser Festival-Paulinus, 644

- all day fitting of LED lighting in St Peters**
- 1930 Souldrop PCC meeting

Wednesday—Commemoration-Ethelburga, 675

- 0930 Sharnbrk **Holy Communion CW** —Rector
- 1030 Sharnbrook Interment of Ashes
- 12noon-2pm Deanery Chapter meeting at Clapham

Thursday—Lesser Festival- Wilfrid of Ripon 709

- 0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion**—Rector
- 1030 Sharnbrook House Communion Service (moved from last week)**
- 1430 Mother Union meeting in SPR

Friday—Lesser Festival—Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066

Saturday—feria

- 1100 Felmersham Interment of Ashes

Next Sunday—**18th Sun after Trinity**

- 0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion
- 1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion
- 1500 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP
- 1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong- LLW Rosemary

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 those caught up in the aftermath of the US shootings
- Pray for the gift of the desire to grow as churches in our Benefice
- Pray for our nation in the Brexit negotiations
- Pray for our Young People's work across the Benefice



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

rEFORMATIONS - study day

Saturday 28 October 9:30am-4pm—pick up a leaflet in church today



ADVENT calendar orders are being taken—add your name and numbers to the lists in St Mary's or St Peter's Room

CLARIFICATION and change

Saturday 28 October is the rEFORMATIONS study day so the Communion Service for Ss Simon and Jude is cancelled—we shall remember them in our prayers during the day

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Sponsorship: in prayer for those caught up in the US shootings this week

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