

## COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Isaiah 25.1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. 2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. 3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, 5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. 8 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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



## PSALM Psalm 25.1-8

**R: I will dwell in your house for ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R** He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R** You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING Philippians 4.1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with

Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. 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 Matthew 22.1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 2 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

## POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever. **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  
[www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org](http://www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org)



**Welcome— may you be touched by the Holy Spirit at church today**

## **Worship in the Benefice today-18th Sun after Trinity**

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

**Monday**—Comm-Nicholas Ridley Reformation Martyrs, 1555

1145 Messy Church  
1500 Sharnbrook Interment of Ashes  
2000 LYCIG meeting at the Rectory  
2000 Christian Meditation in SPR

**Tuesday**—Lesser Festival-Ignatius, Martyr, c.107

1930 Souldrop PCC meeting moved from last week!

**Wednesday**—RED LETTER DAY-**St Luke's Day**

0930 Sharnbrk **Holy Communion BCP** —followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast  
1930 Sharnbrook PCC meeting

**Thursday**—Lesser Festival- **Henry Martyn, 1812**

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion**—Rector

**Friday**-feria

**Saturday**—feria

**1030-1200 COFFEE MORNING at 16 Townsend Road.** Coffee, Cakes, Raffle - All Welcome - Proceeds to St.Peter's



**Next Sunday**—**19th Sun after Trinity**

1030 **Churches Together One World Week Service**

hosted at Park Lane Methodist Church

**no services in Felmersham or Souldrop**

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Parish Communion—Rector

### **Intercessions**

**The sick and in need:** Linda, Judy, Marjorie, Connie, Doreen, Bryan, Audrey, 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 Church Council meets happening this week  
Pray for the gift of the desire to grow as churches in our Benefice  
Pray for the Episcopal brothers and sisters in Scotland  
Thanksgiving for our young peoples sleep over in St Peters on Friday night



### **Christian Meditation Group**

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



**CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPANTS WE SHALL**

**ONE JESUS?**  
A day with Matthew  
TRY AGAIN NEXT SPRING

### **rEFORMATIONS - study day**

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



### **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

**All Saints Church Patronal Festival Sunday 29 Oct 1030 at Souldrop Church Benefice Communion**



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

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**Sponsorship: none this week :(**

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