

## COLLECT

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING 1 Samuel 8.4–11, 16–20

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 They said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, 7 and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8 Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. 9 Now then, listen to their voice; only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' 10 So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. 11 He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; 16 He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. 17 He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. 18 And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.' 19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, 20 so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm 130



## R: My soul waits for the Lord.

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared. **R** I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning. **R** O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

## SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe,

and so we speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. 1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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## Gospel Mark 3.20–35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

## GLORY TO YOU O LORD

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' 23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 28 Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – 30 for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' 31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' 33 And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' 34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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

## POST COMMUNION

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# 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 church as we keep the 2nd Sunday of Trinity.....

## Worship in the Benefice today... 2nd after Trinity

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook All Age Holy Communion

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion—Rev Vicky

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW JaneT

**Monday—Red Letter Day—St Barnabas**

1145 Messy Church 1930 NO Holy Communion—Rector away

**Tuesday—feris**

1930 PCC Souldrop at Nick's

**Wednesday—feria**

0930 Sharnbrook Holy Communion 2nd Wed BCP—Lady Chapel— Rev Lionel

**Thursday—Commemoration—Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691**

0930 Felmersham Holy Communion CW

**Friday—Commemoration—Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941**

**Saturday—Lesser Festival—Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253**

## Next Sunday services—3rd after Trinity

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1500 Souldrop Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary

## Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



## HOLLYWOOD IN SHARNBROOK Film showing of Breakfast at Tiffany's



Sharnbrook Village Hall  
Saturday 16 June 2018  
Doors open 7pm (film 7.30pm)  
Refreshments available  
Tickets £5 from Ian 781721  
All proceeds to Friends of St Peter's Church

## We are getting a coach to go to St Albans Cathedral on Sunday 1 July

### for the Ordinations Service

If you would like to go on the coach  
(52 seats) please add your names  
to the lists in St Peter's and St Mary's

Details of departure times will be made available in due course.



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. June 2018** As an opener to St. Peter's Festival weekend, Paul & Alison Monk invite you to  
**Drinks and Nibbles in the garden of 'Pear Tree Cottage'** 97, High St. from 6– 8pm.

Donations for Church funds.

Please contact Alison 782149 or Judy 781057 if you would like to come.

## Benefice Ordination Gift for Andrea:

a collection continues  
to buy the traditional  
ordination gifts of an  
Ordination stole &  
Preaching Scarf, in  
your generosity give  
your donations to the Rector in cash, or cheques  
payable to "R. Preston" or Paypal to  
[rjp@reubenjamespreston.co.uk](mailto:rjp@reubenjamespreston.co.uk)  
or BACS 20-07-82 10181048 Ref 'Andrea'



## St. Peter's Garden Fete, Sat 23rd June 2pm Sharnbrook House.

Items needed: Books: to Mary Farnsworth, 16 Home Close - 782192.  
Cakes: (Judy Lee), Plants: (on the day), Draw prizes. Bric-a- Bac, Tombo-  
la: (bottles etc.), Children's Lucky Dip: (Boxes at rear of Church.)  
Offers of help, suggestions: - Colin on 781559. [colinjscott1@aol.com](mailto:colinjscott1@aol.com)



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Items for inclusion should be sent to  
[sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com) by 0900 on Wednesdays.

## Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Isabela, Fay, Doll, Keri, Maureen,  
Matthew, Barbara, Sally, Pam, Marjorie, Doreen, Conrad &  
Cynthia

**The Departed:** Dorothy Paffard

**Prayer requests for the week:**

Pray for pupils during this continuing examination period  
Pray for the CofE work of the CAR WASH App  
Thanks giving for those who look after our church buildings

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

**Sponsorship: in prayer for the success of the CAR WASH App in fighting Modern Day Slavery**

If you would like to sponsor this sheet please send you £5 donation to The Rectory along with details of the sponsorship (even if anonymous)