

# 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 2 July 2017

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## COLLECT

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Genesis 22.1–14

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' 2 God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' 8 Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. 9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 12 The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

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



Tru - ly the Lord is our shield.

## PSALM

Psalm  
89:1-4,  
15-18

## R: Truly the Lord is our shield.

My song shall be always of the lovingkindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations. I will declare that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens. **R**

For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant: "Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations."' **R**

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: they walk, O

Lord, in the light of your countenance. In your name they rejoice all the day long and are exalted in your righteousness. **R** For you are the glory of their strength, and in your favour you lift up our heads. Truly the Lord is our shield, the Holy One of Israel is our king. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 6.12–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

12 Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. 20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-end

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

Jesus said to the twelve: 40 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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

## POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN**





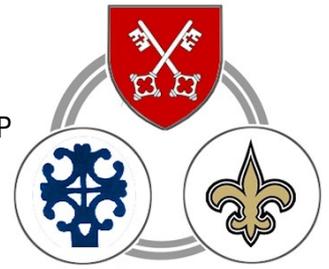
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**Welcome to church today—why not sit somewhere different!**

## Worship in the Benefice today—3rd after Trinity

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion and RnS

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Service of the Word—LLW JaneT

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—LLW Andrea

### **Monday**—RED LETTER DAY—**St Bartholemew**

1145 Messy Church

1400 St Peters Guild

**Tuesday**—feria

**Wednesday**—feria

0930 **Holy Communion BCP** 1st Wed at Sharnbrook—FrMac

**Thursday**—Commemoration—**Thomas More, & John Fisher 1535**

0930 **Holy Communion** (CW) at Felmersham—Rev. Lionel

**Friday**—feria

**Saturday**—feria

## Next Sunday—4th Sunday after Trinity

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP—Fr Mac

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion RnS—Rev Lionel

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion—Rev Lionel

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evenson—LLW Andrea

**Morning Prayer** is Mon to Sat 8am in Lady Chapel of St Peter's

## Living God's Love—**Going Deeper**

As we think about going deeper in our life of faith, what prayer groups, events would you value and support in our Benefice? Please ass your ideas to the ideas' sheets in each church as our PCCs consider how we can go deeper in our faith.



### Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Paul, Martin, Rex, Betty, Elizabeth, Pat, Henry, Neil,

**The Departed:** none

*Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our parish intercessions to the Rector*

Pray for our political leaders in the Brexit negotiations

Pray for the Police and anti-terror agencies as they seek to work for our safety

Pray for the preparations for our Italian visitors

Pray for new parents as they get used to their new role & responsibilities



### **Christian Meditation Group**

meets on Mondays at 8pm in St Peter's Room—all welcome!

The benefice is hosting twelve people from our Link Parish of Calpino and a neighbouring parish in Italy over the weekend 14<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. July.

If you would like to join in with the guests and hosts to any of the following events over that period please advise Colin Scott on 781559 or [colinjscott1@aol.com](mailto:colinjscott1@aol.com)

Sat 15 July: 8.30am Short visit to Ashwell followed by a Tour of St. Alban's Abbey, lunch and free time in the park. (£6 for transport plus lunch)

Sun 16 July 1.30pm 3 Course Carvery lunch with Veg option at John Whites club (£14.50 per head)

Sun 16 July 8.00pm Buffet and quiz at Sharnbrook Playing Field Club (Buffet £ 6/7)

Mon. 17 July 9.30 am Visit to St. Michael's Priory, Willen to include tour, talk, Midday Office and lunch (£15 plus transport per head.)

Tues 18 July 12.30pm Barbeque in Rectory Garden. (Donation around £5)

**Note:** People number limitations may apply, allocated on 'first come first served' basis.

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

**Sponsorship: in thanksgiving for the birth of baby William Wells and Sophie as she recovers**

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