

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 1 Samuel 15.34 – 16.13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

34 Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. 35 Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. 1 The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' 2 Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' 4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' 5 He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.' 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' 11 Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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



You, O Lord, shall be ex - al - ted for ev - er more.

Responsorial Psalm 92:1-8

R: You, O Lord, shall be exalted for evermore.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High; To tell of your love early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night-time, Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp, and to the melody of the lyre. **R** For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts, and I sing aloud at the works of

your hands. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. Such as are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. **R** They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be vigorous and in full leaf; That they may show that the Lord is true; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.6–10, 14–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Brothers and sisters, 6 we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. 14 The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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Gospel Mark 4.26–34

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. 26 Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' 30 Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Worship in the Benefice today... 3rd after Trinity

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1500 Souldrop Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary

Monday-Commemoration—Bernard Mizeki, Martyr, 1896

1145 Messy Church

1930 Deanery Synod at Bletsoe Village Hall with speaker Mark Dunwoody "Reading New People" open meeting to all

Tuesday—Commemoration-Sundar Singh of India, Evangelist., 1929

Wednesday-feria

0930 Sharnbrook Holy Communion 3rd Wed BCP-Lady Chapel

1930 Souldrop Nativity meeting at Garry's

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham Holy Communion CW

Friday—Lesser Festival-Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250

1800-2000 Drinks and nibbles at Pear Tree Cottage

Saturday—Lesser Festival-Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678

0930 Sharnbrook Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer followed by Gift Day and open tower, refreshments and organ music

1400 St Peter's Fete in Sharnbrook House Garden

Next Sunday services—

St Peter's Patronal Festival Celebrations

1030 Sharnbrook Benefice

Patronal Festival Communion

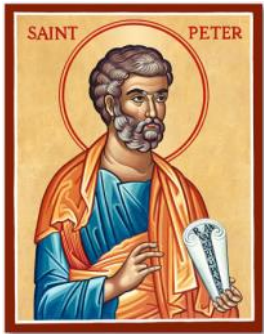
*and saying goodbye to Andrea
as she leaves St Peter's*

no service in Felmersham or Souldrop

1600 Festival Concert

by Sharnbrook Community Choir

followed by 1715 Songs of Praise



Intercessions

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

The Departed: none

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for students finishing their exams

Pray for the CofE work of the CAR WASH App

Pray for the preparations of St Peters weekend

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



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

Depart St Peters 9am and then pick up in Felmersham 910am



Friday 22nd. 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.

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

Items needed: Books: to Mary Farnsworth, 16 Home Close - 782192.

Cakes: (Judy Lee) , Bric-a- Brac: (Alison Monk) , Plants: (on the day), Draw prizes. Bric-a- Bac, Tombola: (bottles etc.), Children's Lucky Dip: (Boxes at rear of Church.)

Offers of help, suggestions: - Colin on 781559. colinjscott1@aol.com

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

Sponsorship: in prayer & thanksgiving for all members of the Armed Forces serving abroad in areas of conflict

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)