

6th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 24 July 2017

when you have finished with this sheet pass it on to someone unable to get to church today

COLLECT

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16–19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

13 There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; 16 For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. 17 For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. 18 Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. 19 Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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

PSALM Psalm 86:11-17

R All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord.



Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name. I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for evermore; R For great is your steadfast love towards me, for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life; they have not set you before their eyes. R But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and full of kindness and truth. Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid. Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me. R

SECOND READING Romans 8.12–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

12 Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for

the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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GOSPEL Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather

them?" 29 But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" 36 Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' 37 He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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Welcome to our services today, it is good you are here!

Worship in the Benefice today—**6th Sun after Trinity**

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion RnS

1100 RADWELL St James Communion in the field

1300 Sharnbrook Baptisms—Rupert & Scarlett

1800 KNOTTING Benefice Evensong—LLW JaneT

Monday—feria

1230 Sharnbrook Funeral of Late Ron Kessell

Tuesday—RED LETTER DAY—St James the Apostle

1500 Review meeting in SPR

Wednesday—Lesser Festival—Anne and Joachim, parents to BVM

0930 Holy Communion CW 4th Wed at Sharnbrook

1930 Felmersham PCC at JaneW

Thursday—Commemoration—Brooke Foss Westcott, 1901

0930 Holy Communion (CW) at Felmersham

Friday—feria

1700 Wedding rehearsal in Felmersham

Saturday—Lesser Festival—Mary, Martha and Lazarus

1430 Wedding at Felmersham—James & Laura

Next Sunday—**7th Sun after Trinity**

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Benediction—Rector

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



Fairtrade Communion Wine is used at Sharnbrook—see the notice board for full details. Gluten free hosts are available.

Intercessions

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

The Departed: Ron Kessell

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 those getting married this month at Felmersham

Pray for people trying to recover after the hate violence in our cities

Pray for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Taize of young people & Bp Michael



Christian Meditation Group

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

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.

also SEEKING THE WAY course leaflets in church—please pick one up and take it home to read



Leading Your Church into Growth—HELP St Peter's has paid for 2

places but unfortunately one of our PCC reps is unable to attend so we have a spare place—would you be able to rep St Peters ? Mon25 –Thurs 28 Sept Residential at Hayes Conference Centre—all inclusive costs paid by the PCC. Please let Fr Reuben know if you are interested.



Next Sunday evening 6pm
Benediction Service of prayers
for healing and wholeness
with music, songs, words
and silence

Invite your friends and neighbours along

The OT Apocrapha books can be found online at <http://bible.oremus.org>

There are 14 books in the OT Apocrapha which the Church of England uses in the lectionary and they are used to edify the people but not derive doctrine.

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Items for inclusion should be sent to

sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

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

Sponsorship: in prayer for those in our hospitals at this time—may healing and wholeness come to them

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