

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 2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. 2 For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. 5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. 9 David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. 10 And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

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

**Responsorial Psalm** 123

R: Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

To you I lift up my eyes, to you that are enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us. **R** Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, and of the contempt of the proud. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians
I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3 And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— 4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep* me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.* 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9 but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power* is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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Gospel Mark 6.1-13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. 2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary* and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence* at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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**



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Welcome today as we seek to acknowledge God in our lives

Worship in the Benefice today... **6th after Trinity**

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP—Fr Mac
0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion (not AAW) - Fr Mac
1100 Felmersham Parish Communion (not AAW) - Fr Mac
1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary

Monday—feria

1145 Messy Church

Tuesday—feria

Wednesday-Lesser Festival— Benedict, abbot c550

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 2nd Wed CW**-Lady Chapel

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**

Friday—Lesser Festival—John Keble, poet, priest, 1866

Saturday—feria

0930-1300 Clapham Fellowship Centre—Reaching New People
Envisioning Workshop

Next Sunday services—**7th after Trinity**

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS
1100 Felmersham Parish Communion & Icon Blessing
1500 Souldrop Parish Communion
1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary



All welcome to a **Summer Ploughman's Lunch** on Thursday 26th July
12.30 St Peter's Room. £5- tickets
from Judy 781057.



This Sunday we shall be blessing the Icon given to Felmersham and installing it into the Lady Chapel at St Mary's

Intercessions

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

The Departed: Christina Stewart, Jean Dunkley

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for the CofE work of the CAR WASH App
Pray for all recovering from hospital surgery & treatments
Pray for our church treasurers: Ed, Roland, Stephen

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



Offering Envelopes



Sharnbrook

Weekly Envelope Scheme

July sees the start of the new year for St. Peter's Weekly Envelope Scheme for Regular Donations. For those already using this scheme, please collect your new box of envelopes from Roland.

New App lets drivers report modern slavery at hand car washes

Drivers are being urged to report signs of modern slavery at cheap hand car washes using a new smartphone app.

Safe Car Wash asks motorists about a series of indicators of forced labour including the use of children, fearful behaviour, a lack of protective clothing and prices lower than £6.70.

It sends the anonymised data and a GPS position to the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) and directs users to the Modern Slavery Helpline.

The app, which is available for download from 4 June, has been launched by The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's campaign against modern slavery, and the Santa Marta Group, the Catholic Church's anti-slavery project.



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Sponsorship: in thanksgiving for a good ordination weekend and those who have supported and taught us the faith

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