

**COLLECT**

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** 2 Sam 6.1-5, 12b-19

A reading from the second book of Samuel  
David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.  
2David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-  
judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the  
name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. 3They  
carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house  
of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio,\* the sons of  
Abinadab, were driving the new cart 4with the ark of God;\* and Ahio\*  
went in front of the ark. 5David and all the house of Israel were danc-  
ing before the Lord with all their might, with songs\* and lyres and  
harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. 12 It was told  
King David, 'The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and  
all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and  
brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of  
David with rejoicing; 13and when those who bore the ark of the Lord  
had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. 14David danced  
before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen  
ephod. 15So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of  
the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. 16 As the  
ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul  
looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing  
before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. 17 They brought  
in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David  
had pitched for it; and David offered burnt- offerings and offerings of  
well-being before the Lord. 18When David had finished offering the  
burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people  
in the name of the Lord of hosts, 19and distributed food among all  
the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to  
each a cake of bread, a portion of meat,\* and a cake of raisins. Then  
all the people went back to their homes.

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

**Responsorial Psalm** 85:8-end

**R: Show us your mercy, O Lord.**

I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace  
to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.  
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory  
may dwell in our land. **R** Mercy and truth are met together, right-  
eousness and peace have kissed each other; Truth shall spring up  
from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. **R** The  
Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its  
increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps  
in the way. **R**



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**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1.3-14

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who  
has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the  
heavenly places, 4just as he chose us in Christ\* before the  
foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him  
in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through  
Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to  
the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us  
in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his  
blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the  
riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom  
and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will,  
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,  
10as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in  
him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we  
have also obtained an inheritance,\* having been destined ac-  
cording to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things  
according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the  
first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his  
glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of  
truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him,  
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;  
14this\* is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption  
as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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**Gospel** Mark 6.14-29

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

*at the end of the reading*

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

**POST COMMUNION**

Lord God,  
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory  
and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**





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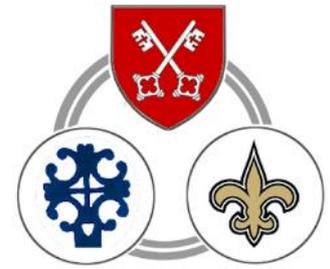
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Welcome today as we come to God in all our needs and desires



## Worship in the Benefice today... 7th after Trinity

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS  
1100 Felmersham Parish Communion & Icon Blessing  
1500 Souldrop Parish Communion  
1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Rosemary  
**Monday-Commemoration- Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099**  
1000 Funeral & Burial of Late Jean Dunkley  
1145 Messy Church

**Tuesday**—feria

**Wednesday-Commemoration– Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883**

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 3rd Wed BCP**– Rev Lionel  
12noon-2pm Deanery Chapter at Clapham  
1930 Sharnbrook PCC in SPR

**Thursday**—Lesser Festival-Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, 394 and 379

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**—Rev Lionel

**Friday**—Commemoration-Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th C

**Saturday**—feria

1430 Sharnbrook Interment of Ashes  
1500 Felmersham Interment of Ashes  
1600 Sharnbrook Thanksgiving for nterment of Ashes

## Next Sunday services—8th after Trinity

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP  
0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion  
1100 Felmersham Choral Matins-LLW Rosemary  
1800 Knotting Benefice Evensong – LLW JaneT



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

### Intercessions

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

### Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for the CofE work of the CAR WASH App  
Pray for our Prime Minister and government as they work on Brexit  
Pray for our church cleaners and polishers

### 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.

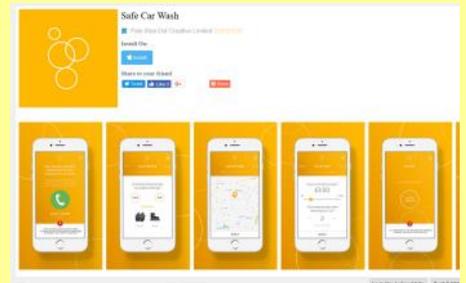
## New App lets drivers report modern slavery at hand car washes

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: none this week :(**

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