

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 2 Sam 11.1-15

A reading from the second book of Samuel

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. 2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. 3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' 4 So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' 6 So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10 When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' 11 Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths;* and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' 12 Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, 13 David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. 14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

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



Great is the Lord and high-ly to be praised

Responsorial Psalm 145.10-19

R: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power, To make known to all peoples your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. **R** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down. **R** The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and fill all things living with plenty. **R** The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works. The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3.14-end

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,* 15 from whom every family* in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel John 6.1-21

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.* 2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages* would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' 10 Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they* sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. 16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17 got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19 When they had rowed about three or four miles,* they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 20 But he said to them, 'It is I;* do not be afraid.' 21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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Welcome—do take this sheet home with you today!

Worship in the Benefice today... **9th after Trinity**

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP
0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion
1100 Felmersham Parish Communion & Baptism
1800 Sharnbrook Taize – LLW JaneT

Monday—Lesser Festival- William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833

Tuesday—Commemoration-Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

Wednesday—feria

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion 1st Wed BCP** followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast
1500 Sharnbrook PCC

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW**
1030 Sharnbrook House Holy Communion
1100 Souldrop Coffee Morning in VH

Friday—feria

Saturday—Commemoration-Jean-Baptist Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859

There is no Morning Prayer on Monday, Thursday & Saturday this week

Next Sunday services—**10th after Trinity**

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS
1100 Radwell Hall Farm Barn Parish Communion—St James
1500 Souldrop Parish Communion
1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – Rector



SUMMER BBQ

Sat 18 August 5pm in the Rectory garden
Tickets £10 to include Barbeque, pudding & wine from Alison 782149 & Judy 781057
In aid of St Peter's

Sunday 12 August 11am Felmersham Patronal Festival

Intercessions

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

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for the CofE work of the CAR WASH App
Pray for the people of Greece in their time of mourning
Pray for our musicians and sidespeople
Pray for the Civil Service as Brexit work continues

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



Charley is having her hair cut off in aid of the **Little Princess Trust** who provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young people up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. *Please sponsor Charley if you can.* She is having 7-12 inches cut off on Wed 8 August....



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 prayer for couples preparing for their weddings this summer

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