

## COLLECT

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Isaiah 6.1–8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

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

## Responsorial Psalm 29



## R: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R** The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R** The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R** The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 8.12–17

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.

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## Gospel John 3.1-17

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

## GLORY TO YOU O LORD

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do

not understand these things? 11 Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



# The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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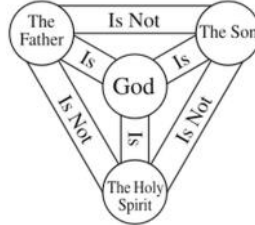
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Welcome as we celebrate the Festival of Trinity Sunday today!



## Worship in the Benefice today... Trinity Sunday

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP  
0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion RnS  
1100 Felmersham Choral Matins – LLW JaneT  
1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Andrea



## Celebrating the Feast of Trinity Sunday

**Monday**—Commemoration—Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbp of Cant, 1089

**Tuesday**—feria

**Wednesday**—Lesser Festival—Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906

0930 Sharnbrook Holy Communion 5th Wed BCP—Lady Chapel

**Thursday**—Festical Day—Corpus Christi

0930 Felmersham Holy Communion CW followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the festival

1600 Sharnbrook Funeral of Late Chris Haydon

**Friday**—Festival—The Visit of the BVM to Elizabeth

1530 Felmersham Funeral of Late Derek Hulston

**Saturday**—feris

## Next Sunday services—1st after Trinity

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1500 Souldrop Afternoon Praise—Reader Garry

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – LLW Andrea



### Benefice Ordination Gift for Andrea:

a collection is started to buy the traditional ordination gifts of an Ordination stole & Preaching Scarf, in your generosity give your donations to the Rector in cash, or cheques payable to "R. Preston" or Paypal to [rjp@reubenjamespreston.co.uk](mailto:rjp@reubenjamespreston.co.uk) or BACS 20-07-82 10181048 Ref 'Andrea'

### Intercessions

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

**The Departed:** Dorothy Pafford, Derek Hulston, Christopher Haydon

### Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for pupils sitting exams at this time

Pray for our vergers and sacristans across the Benefice

Pray for our National leaders during the Brexit negotiations

### Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



### HOLLYWOOD IN SHARNBROOK

Film showing of **Breakfast at Tiffany's**



Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard  
Sharnbrook Village Hall  
Saturday 16 June 2018

Doors open 7pm (film 7.30pm)

Refreshments available

Tickets £5 from Ian 781721

All proceeds to Friends of St Peter's Church

### 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 Peters and St Marys

Details of departure times will be made available in due course.

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Items for inclusion should be sent to [sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com](mailto: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 dedication to the late Lorraine Shrimpton

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)