



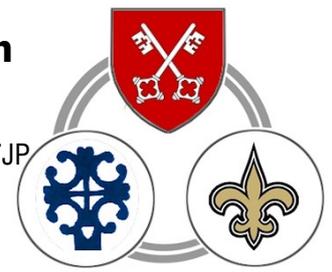
THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook MK44 1HU, St Mary's Church, Felmersham MK43 7JP

All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

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Welcome to Gaudate Sunday....

Please TAKE THIS SHEET HOME with you!

Worship in the Benefice today—ADVENT 3

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook All Age Communion

1100 Felmersham All Age Communion and Rise n Shine

1800 Benefice Evensong at Sharnbrook

Monday—feria

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

1145 Messy Church at Sharnbrook in SPR

2000 Compline by candlelight at Sharnbrook

Tuesday—Lucy 304AD & Samuel Johnson 1784AD

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

0930 Holy Communion (CW) at Felmersham

1030 Felmersham Pinchmill School Christmas production

1900 Souldrop Churchwarden meeting with Rector

2000 Compline by candlelight at Felmersham

Wednesday—John of the Cross 1591AD

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

0930 Holy Communion CW in SPR if no heating

1400 Felmersham Pinchmill School Christmas production

1845 prompt Advent Study Course in St Peters Room

2000 Compline by candlelight at Sharnbrook

Thursday—feria

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

1830 Felmersham Pinchmill School Christmas production

2000 Compline by candlelight at Felmersham

Friday—feria

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

2000 Compline by candlelight at Sharnbrook

Saturday—O Sapientia—O Wisdom

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

1300 Active clergy Christmas celebration at the Rectory

Worship Next Sunday—18 Dec Advent 4

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion and Rise n Shine

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion & Baptism

1600 Felmersham 9 Lessons & Carols

1800 Souldrop 9 Lessons & Carols

Items for inclusion in this sheet should be sent to sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

In this Advent Season to make your confession, or talk about what you can gain from making your confession, please contact the Rector for a chat and discussion.

Please look at our parishes websites for the new **ONLINE Diary of everything that is happening in the Benefice.**



Compline by candlelight for Advent continues throughout Advent



Helping our friends in Calpino—A Christmas Appeal

In a Skype call with our Benefice friends in Italy Andrea reports...“we were speaking to Francesco on skype: He and Don Fabio are working with the Red Cross directly in the regions affected by the earthquakes. *There are many little ones who have lost everything including family all crowded into makeshift shelters and neighbouring community buildings. They are trying to bring some treats for Christmas for them.* Can we help? If we sent money directly to Don Fabio and Francesco they could get some sweets and bits and pieces to take around. It seems a good way to contribute to our twinning with Calpino. They are very grateful for Colin's super contribution so far with another £309 to send over. “ Let's see if we can make it £500 for their Christmas work with the children—can we raise **£191 futher?**



There will be retiring collections at the end of services until Christmas—tell others and let us help in a very direct way our brothers and sisters in Italy. Let's aim for a total of £500 from across our benefice to offer something of goodwill and Christ's generosity

Volunteer post—we need someone to put this sheet together each week using Publisher. It takes about 2 hours on a Wednesday. Please talk to the rector if you are able to do this for the Benefice and for the mission of Christ.



Advent Study Course—Sharnbrook Churches Together. The Advent course is 'Living in the Light' and is an easy to access course for churches. Prompt start at 6:45pm in St Peter's Room each Wednesday in Advent to end with Compline in church.

In the Advent Litany several people have asked what **Maranatha** means. It is generally translated as **Come Lord Jesus**. It appears often in chants and Taize songs to express something of the yearning for Christ's return.

Intercessions

The Sick and in need: Don Gough, Daphne Smith, Neil, Martin

The Departed: Robert Frost

Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our parish intercessions to the Rector

Pray for Andrea's work in establishing the Pastoral Group across the Benefice.

Pray for a good response to our Christmas appeal for our Benefice friends in Italy.

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