

CANDLEMAS

Sunday 29 January 2017

when you have finished with this sheet pass it on to someone unable to get to church this week

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Malachi 3.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: 1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. 5 Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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

PSALM 24:7-end

The Lord of hosts: he is the king of glory.

Response: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

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Response

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SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

14 Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST

Candlemas procession





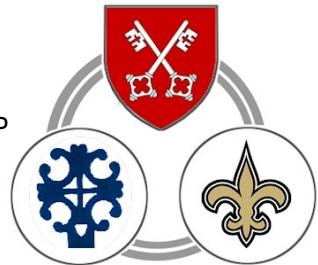
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The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmershaw and Knotting with Souldrop

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

All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

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Welcome to our Candlemas Celebration for 2017

Worship in the Benefice today—**CANDLEMAS**

1030 Sharnbrook Benefice Sung Communion for All Ages with Candlemas ceremonies

1800 Taize Service at Sharnbrook

Monday—Lesser Festival—Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

1145 Messy Church at Sharnbrook

1400 St Peter's Guild in SPR

2000 Christian Meditation Group in SPR

Tuesday—Lesser Festival—John Bosco 1888

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

0930 Holy Communion (CW) at Felmershaw

1300 Funeral & Burial of Late Frances Simms at Souldrop

Wednesday—Lesser Festival—Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

0930 Holy Communion BCP 1st Wed at Sharnbrook

1930 PCC at Felmershaw at JaneR's house

Thursday—THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

Friday—Lesser Festival—Anskar 865

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

Saturday—Lesser Festival—Gilbert of Sempringham 1189

0800 Morning Prayer at Sharnbrook

Next Sunday—**4th Sunday before Lent**

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & R'nS

1100 Felmershaw Parish Communion

1500 Souldrop Parish Communion

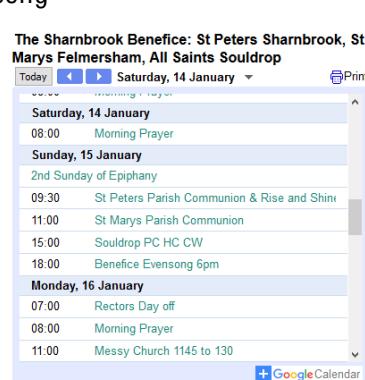
1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong

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

Please look at our parishes websites for the **ONLINE Diary**

Electoral Roll

revisions are now taking place
—to be added or deleted please
see the churches' electoral roll
officer— at St Peter's Enid Salter



Christian Meditation Group meets on Mondays at 8pm in St Peter's Room—all welcome!

Intercessions

The Sick and in need: Neil, Martin, Catherine, Jean, Ann, Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Mary

The Departed: Frances Simms

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

Pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation at this time.

Pray for the work being done in developing a good Pastoral Care system across the benefice.

Pray for one another that we may grow in commitment to Christ and in service to each other

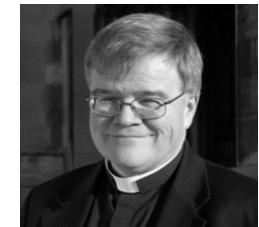


FAIRTRADE

Do stay for refreshments and food after the service this morning in St Peter's Room as we keep the Festival of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple—Candlemas



CONFIRMATION 2017 if you are interested in being confirmed this year please let Fr Reuben or a Church Warden know.



The Very Reverend Dr Jeffrey John is coming to BELIEF to speak on: "All generations shall call her blessed" Mary in the New Testament and in the church. Sat 18th Feb 10am-1pm
see the posters in church for details

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