

16th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 1 October 2017

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COLLECT

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Exodus 17.1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' 4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' 5 The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

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

PSALM Psalm 25.1-8

**R: Remember, Lord,
your compassion and
love.**



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R** Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. **R** Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. **R** Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' 24 Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" 26 But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the

crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' 27 So they answered Jesus, 'We do not

know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." 29 He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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Welcome!—may you meet God in a new way today

Worship in the Benefice today-16th Sun after Trinity

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion & RnS
1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion
1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion and Interment of Ashes
1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—Rector

Monday—feria

1145 Messy Church
2000 Christian Meditation in SPR

Tuesday—Comm-George Bell, Peacemaker 1958

1930 Pastoral Meeting in SPR—LLW Andrea
1930 Souldrop PCC planning meeting

Wednesday—Lesser Festival-Francis of Assisi, 1226

0930 Sharnbrk Holy Comm of the Pre-sancitified—LLW Andrea

Thursday—feria

0930 Felmersham Holy Communion—Rev Lionel
NO Service at Sharnbrook House whilst the Rector is on Jury duty

Friday-Lesser Festival-William Tyndale, 1536

Saturday—feria

Next Sunday—17th Sun after Trinity

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP
0930 **Sharnbrook** AA Holy Communion
1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion
1300 **Sharnbrook** Holy Baptism of baby Frederick Noel Fisher
1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong- LLW Andrea

Funeral notice - many of you will have known the late Jeff Grounds the first head of the Upper school in the 1970s. His funeral is at All Saints, Risely 2pm on Wed 4 October if you would like to attend and pay your respects.

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Marjorie, Connie, Doreen, Bryan, Betty, Elizabeth, Audrey, Pam, Molly, Hanne, James, Barbara & Martin

The Departed: Roy Durston, Jeff Grounds

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

Pray for Anglican brothers and sisters devastated by the storms
Pray for the gift of the desire to grow as churches in our Benefice
Pray for our Messy Church groups in the Benefice—esp for new leaders to be nurtured



Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



ONE JESUS? A day with Matthew

A day studying and dwelling with St Matthew's gospel

Date 21st October 2017
0930-1700 Cost £15 bookings book your place with Josh on 07811 657294 or email jpollard.live@hotmail.co.uk

rEFORMATIONS - study day

Saturday 28 October 9:30am-4pm—pick up a leaflet in church today



ADVENT calendar orders are being taken—add your name and numbers to the lists in St Mary's or St Peter's Room

GOOD News—LED lighting in being installed in St Peters on Tues 10 October to replace all current fittings. The Friends of St Peters are helping towards the costs involved.



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