

COLLECT

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26.1–11

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

1 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, 7 we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

PSALM Psalm 100

R Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

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1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. 4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 4.4–9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 6:25-35

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

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'
26 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' 28 Then they said to Jesus, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' 29 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' 30 So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32 Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 34 They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' 35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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

POST COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Welcome—we give thanks for those who provide our food for us

Worship in the Benefice today...

Harvest Celebrations

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Harvest Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Harvest Community Celebration

followed by Ploughman's Lunch in aid of Bp Alan's Harvest Appeal

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong – Rector

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Tuesday—Lesser Fest-Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626

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0930 Sharnbrook Holy Communion 4th Wed CW

1800 Goodbye events at Sport and Social Club

Thursday—Lesser Festival-Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660

0930 Felmersham Holy Communion CW

1400 Sharnbrook Funeral of late Maureen Millar

Friday—EMBER DAY

1145 Sharnbrook Messy Church

Saturday—EMBER DAY

1145 Sharnbrook Barn Dance in Village Hall

Next Sunday services—

St Michael and All Angels (trans)

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion & RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1800 Sharnbrook Taize



Intercessions

The sick and in need: Ruth, Marjorie, Jo, Doreen, Isabela, Pam, David, Keri, Maureen, Matthew, Sally, Conrad & Cynthia

The Departed: Maureen Millar

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for people recovering from surgery in hospital & at home

Pray for those leading our young people in Rise n Shine

Pray for our Churchwardens

Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



Harvest Barn Dance

Sat 29 Sept in the village hall 7.30pm

tickets available from Colin & Roland £12



Goodbye events —for Reuben, Stephen & George on:-

St Peters—Wed 26 Sept 6pm venue Sports and Social Club -Bring and Share finger buffet for church folk until 730pm then wider village from 7.30pm

St Mary's—Sat 6 Oct 3-5pm at JaneW's Reuben's final Sunday is 7 Oct

1030 Benefice Communion at St Peters & **1800 Benefice Evensong** at St Peters



The Rector is leaving the Church of England ministry to join the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Fr Reuben finishes on Sun 7 Oct. He's to be Rector of St John's, Johnstone & St Margaret's, Renfrew. Reuben & Stephen are planning their wedding next September. Reuben's Licensing is on Thurs 1 Nov at 7pm at St Margaret's, Renfrew. You are invited to attend— please let Reuben know if you can come for seating numbers. The local congregations are offering accommodation to any staying visitors—please ask.



HELP—we need someone to put together this sheet once Fr Reuben has left—skills needed in Publisher, Paint and Word. To find out more ask Reuben

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Sponsorship: in prayer for a good interregnum and that the right wo/man may offer for this Benefice's ministry

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