

COLLECT

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 45.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: 2 I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, 6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. 7 I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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



PSALM Psalm 96:1-9

R: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; tell out his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. **R** For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. For all the gods of the nations are but idols; it is the Lord who made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him; power and splendour are in his sanctuary. **R** Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. **R** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. . **R**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1.1–10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, 3 constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit

and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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GOSPEL Matthew 22.15–22

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

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them.

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice,

said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin

used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' 21 They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

POST COMMUNION

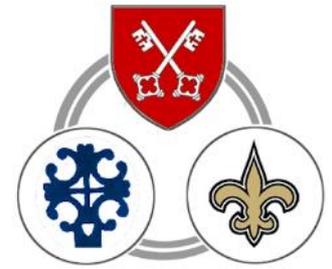
Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





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! One World Week begins today.

Worship in the Benefice today-19th Sun after Trinity

1030 Churches Together **One World Week Service**

hosted at Park Lane Methodist Church

no services in Felmersham or Souldrop

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Parish Communion—Rector

Monday—feria (NO Messy Church today half Term)

1130 Sharnbrook Interment of Ashes

2000 Christian Meditation in SPR

Tuesday—feria

Wednesday—Commemoration-Crispin and Crispinian c.287

0930 Sharnbrook **Holy Communion CW**

Thursday—Lesser Festival- Alfred the Great, 899

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion of pre-sanctified**—LLW Andrea

Friday-feria

Saturday—RED LETTER DAY— **Ss Simon & Jude**

0930 rEFORMATIONS Study Day in SPR & St Peters

Next Sunday—**ALL SAINTS-tide**

1030 **All Saints Souldrop** Benefice Patronal festival Communion followed by refreshments

no services in Felmersham or Sharnbrook this morning

1800 **Sharnbrook** Taize (with incense as usual)

Wear some Tartan in Solidarity with Scottish Episcopalians—see the letter in the porch for details....



Sat 21 Oct 1030-1200

COFFEE MORNING at 16 Townsend

Road.Coffee, Cakes, Raffle - All Welcome - Proceeds to St.Peter's

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Linda, Judy, Marjorie, Connie, Doreen, Bryan, Audrey, Hanne, James, Barbara & Martin

The Departed: none

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

Pray for the word of ONE WORLD WEEK

Pray for the gift of the desire to grow as churches in our Benefice

Thanksgiving for the freedom to worship without fear

Pray for our Bell Ringers in St Peters and St Marys



Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!

rEFORMATIONS - study day starts at 9.30am in

St Peter's Room for those who have booked—bring your donation of at least £10 towards the day with you in cash



HOLLYWOOD COMES TO SHARNBROOK!!

Alfred Hitchcock's classic film

TO CATCH A THIEF starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly

Saturday 18 November, Sharnbrook Village Hall

Doors open 7pm, Film starts 7.30pm

Refreshments available Tickets £5 from Ian 01234 781721

All proceeds to Friend's of St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook



REMEMBRANCE DAY FLOWERS

If you would like to remember a loved one by sponsoring the flowers at St Peter's church, please speak to Gail in church or telephone 781721

Launde Abbey 2018 Retreat Programmes now in church to take

LENT retreat: Be Radiant Mon 5-8 Mar—book

your place and add your name to the list if you

want to go. Looking at Ps34



ADVENT calendar orders are being taken—add your name and numbers to the lists in St Mary's or SPR last orders next week

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Items for inclusion should be sent to

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 thanksgiving for the work of ONE WORLD WEEK

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)