

COLLECT

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55.10–13

Thus says the LORD:

10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

PSALM Psalm 65

R: Be joyful in God, all the earth.



Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid. To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away. R Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there.

We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple. With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. R In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might. You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. R You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. R You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy. May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. R

SECOND READING Romans 8.1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from

the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; **it does not submit to God's law** – indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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GOSPEL Matthew 13.1–9, 18–23

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

1 Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them **many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.**

4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen! 18 Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in **one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'**

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

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through 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 to church for this celebration of St Peter!

Worship in the Benefice today—**3rd after Trinity**

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion and RnS

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion

1500 Souldrop Service of the Word—LLW JaneT

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong—LLW Andrea

Monday—RED LETTER DAY—St Bartholemew

1145 Messy Church

1400 St Peters Guild

Tuesday—feria

Wednesday—feria

0930 Holy Communion BCP 1st Wed at Sharnbrook—FrMac

Thursday—Commemoration—Thomas More, & John Fisher 1535

0930 Holy Communion (CW) at Felmersham—Rev. Lionel

Friday—feria

Saturday—feria

Next Sunday—**4th Sunday after Trinity**

0830 Souldrop NO SERVICE

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion RnS—Rev Lionel

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion—Rev Lionel

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evenson—LLW Andrea

.Morning Prayer is Mon to Sat 8am in Lady Chapel of St Peter's



Living God's Love—**Going Deeper**

As we think about going deeper in our life of faith, what prayer groups, events would you value and support in our Benefice? Please ass your ideas to the ideas' sheets in each church as our PCCs consider how we can go deeper in our faith.



LAUNDE Abbey retreat programmes available—let's go to the ADVENT Retreat Tues 21 Nov—Fri 24 Nov 2017 £245 plus travel—Pick up a leaflet in Church for details.

Book your own place and add your name to the lists in church



Christian Meditation Group

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

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Paul, Martin, Rex, Betty, Elizabeth, Pat, Henry, Neil,

The Departed: Connie Askew, Violet, Janet Barbour

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

Pray for our political leaders in the Brexit negotiations

Pray for those still homeless after the Grenfell Tower fire

Pray for our parish organists & bell ringers

Italian Visitors arrive on Friday 14 July until Tues 18 July

Please look out for notices and posters to sign up for joining in our celebrations and days out together—full details from Colin Scott

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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 prayer for an end to hate violence in our Nation**

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)